Jeffrey M. Peterson biography

Jeffrey M. Peterson is the Director of the University of Minnesota’s Water Resources Center, a partnership of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences and University of Minnesota Extension. As Director, he provides overall leadership for the center’s outreach, teaching, and research activities involving faculty and students across the university. He also holds a faculty appointment as a professor in the Department of Applied Economics. He earned his Ph.D. from Cornell University in agricultural and resource economics. Prior to coming to Minnesota he held a faculty position in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University for 15 years, where he was Director of Graduate Studies from 2014 to 2015. He is the recipient of national awards for his research on environmental policy analysis, focusing on water use and water quality impacts from agriculture.