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Bruce Gray Jones, the son and only child of Clarence William and Dale Carter Jones, was born on December 31, 1973 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was raised on the family tobacco farm in Appomattox County and graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1991 as valedictorian. He enrolled at Virginia Tech in September 1991 and graduated Summa Cum Laude in May, 1995 receiving a B.S. in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences and a minor in Agricultural Economics. Immediately after graduation, he began work as a Philip Morris Extension Apprentice at the Virginia Tech Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Blackstone, Virginia. In September of 1995, he enrolled in the graduate school of Virginia Tech to pursue a M.S. degree in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences under the direction of Dr. T. David Reed, Extension Tobacco Agronomist. In November of 1996, Bruce was awarded one of five CORESTA study grants and given the opportunity to attend the CORESTA Congress in Yokohama, Japan. Following the completion of field aspects of his M.S. research, Bruce accepted the position of Extension Agent, ANR/Crop and Soil Science for Lunenburg County in January, 1998. Bruce is a member of the Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents, the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and the Virginia Extension Service Association.