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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX., USA..... August, 2012
Doctor of Philosophy or Ph.D. (Agronomy)

Dissertation: Evaluation of flax and other cool-season oilseed crops for yield and adaptation in Texas

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX., USA..... May, 2008
Master of Science (Plant, Soil, and Environmental Science)

Thesis: Evaluation of Cyclone and Baghouse Ashes Produced from Combusting Beef Cattle Manure Used as an Energy Source in an Ethanol Production Facility

Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India..... August, 2005
Bachelor of Science (Horticulture)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NMSU- Agricultural Experiment Station & Science Center, Tucumcari, NM, and Department of Plant and Environmental Science, Las Cruces, NM, USA..... July 2014-Current
Assistant Professor of Semi-Arid Cropping Systems

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX..... 2016- Current
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University of Nebraska, PHREC, Scottsbluff, NE., USA..... January 2013- July 2014
Post-Doctoral Researcher

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX., USA..... May 2008- August 2012
Graduate Research Assistant

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX., USA..... January 2006- May 2008
Graduate Research Assistant

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Systems approach with an emphasis on efficient water saving strategies and sustainable crop production methods, while maintaining the environmental quality in the semi-arid environments. Scope and applications of my research include improving the existing cropping systems by introducing cover crops, leguminous, and biofuel crops to investigate the effects on water use efficiency, nutrient recycling, residue management, and soil quality. Tillage systems, crop rotation, alternate crops/cropping systems, and manure management are some of my research interest areas.

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Darapuneni, M. K., G.D. Morgan, G.D, O.J. Shaffer, and S. Dodla. 2016. Impact of planting date and seeding rate on forage and grain yields of dual-purpose wheat in central Texas. *Crop, Forage, and Turf Grass Management Journal*. 2. doi: 10.2134/cftm2016.0045.

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Darapuneni, M.K., G. Morgan, A. Ibrahim, R. Duncan, B. Bean, J. Grichar, T. Baughman, L. Tarpley, C. Trostle, R. Sutton, and B. Wiedenfeld. 2014. The evaluation of cool-season crops for yield and adaptation in Texas: An approach for selection of efficient biofuel feedstock. *International Journal of Agronomy and Agricultural Research*. 5(3): 62-74.

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Darapuneni, M.K., G. D. Morgan, A. M. H. Ibrahim, and R. W. Duncan. 2014. Effect of vernalization and photoperiod on flax flowering time. *Euphytica*. 195: 279-285. ISSN 0014-2336.

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EXTENSION AND CONFERENCE PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Hergert, G.W., K.H. Jenkins, J. Margheim, A. Pavlista, R. Nielsen, **M. Darapuneni**. 2014. Effect of Irrigation Allocation on Perennial Grass Production and Quality. *Nebraska beef report* MP 99:53-55.

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REPORTS AND NEWS ARTICLES

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Gary W. Hergert, James Margheim, Alexander Pavlista, Karla H. Jenkins, Rex Nielsen, Gary Stone and **Murali Darapuneni**. 2014. Water Use and Crop Productivity of Perennial Grasses under Limited to Full Irrigation in a Semi-Arid Climate. High Plains Ag Lab Meeting-Report. 02/13/2014.

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RECENT ABSTRACTS, POSTERS, CONFERENCE, AND EXTENSION PRESENTATIONS

***PRESENTER**

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Murali K. Darapuneni, Diversity in Dryland Winter Wheat Cropping Systems (320-732). Abstracts, Annual Meetings, Amer. Soc. Agronomy International Conference. Nov. 8, 2016. Phoenix, AZ.

Murali K. Darapuneni, Crop diversity in semi-arid cropping systems (#293-5). Abstracts, Annual Meetings, Amer. Soc. Agronomy International Conference. Nov. 7, 2015. Minneapolis, MN.

Murali K. Darapuneni, Split-Plot Design with Subplot Replications: A Case Study. (#294-1). Abstracts, Annual Meetings, Amer. Soc. Agronomy International Conference. Nov. 7, 2015. Minneapolis, MN.

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Murali Darapuneni*, G.D. Morgan, A. Ibrahim, R.W. Duncan, and D.B. Hays. 2011. The Evaluation of Cool-Season Oil seed Crops for Texas. Texas Plant Protection Conference. Dec.6&7, College Station, TX.

Murali Darapuneni* and G.W. Hergert. 2014. Precipitated Calcium Carbonate In The High Plains. Western Sugar Cooperative Meetings. Loveland, CO- 01/20/2014.

Murali K. Darapuneni, Gary Hergert, Robert Wilson, Robert Harveson, Jeff Bradshaw and Rex Nielsen. 2014. Agronomic Potential and Limitations of Using Precipitated Calcium Carbonate In The High Plains. Extension-Western Sugar Grower Meeting- Gering, NE-01/29/2014.

Murali K. Darapuneni, Gary Hergert, Robert Wilson, Robert Harveson, Jeff Bradshaw and

Rex Nielsen. 2014. Agronomic Potential and Limitations of Using Precipitated Calcium Carbonate In The High Plains. Extension- Western Sugar Grower Meeting- Fort Morgan, CO-01/30/2014.

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Murali K. Darapuneni. 2014. Soil textural classification and its importance in agriculture. NMSU ASC-Tucumcari, Tucumcari, New Mexico. (September 22, 2014).

CERTIFICATIONS

SAS® Certified Base Programmer®

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Invited Member of honorary society, Sigma Xi
- Member of American Chemical Society
- Member of American Society of Agronomy,
- Member of Soil Science Society of America,
- Member of Crop Science Society of America,
- Member of Association of Agricultural Scientists of Indian Origin

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAINING

M.S. Students (3) - Major and Co-Major Advisor

Ph.D. Student (1) - Thesis Committee Member

M.S. Students (2) - External at West Texas A&M University- Thesis Committee Member

PROFESSIONAL ROLES IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Associate Editor: Agronomy Journal