

## **Biography for Billy Hughes**

Billy Hughes is a native of Pembroke, Georgia. He graduated from Bryan County High School in 1985. At Bryan County High School, he was an active member of the FFA Chapter. He earned the Greenhand, Chapter, State and American FFA degrees. He also served the Georgia FFA Association as State President in 1984-1985. His advisor was Mr. Floyd Mercer.

Hughes grew up on a diversified crop farm. His family grew corn, soybeans, peanuts, and tobacco. Because of his love for agriculture and FFA, he decided to major in Agricultural Education in college. Hughes received his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Georgia in 1989 and his Masters degree in AgEd from Clemson University in 1990. In 2012, he received his Specialist in Educational Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University.

Hughes began his teaching career in 1990 at Effingham County High School. As a teacher of agriculture, he taught a variety of subjects. As the FFA Advisor, his students participated in CDE's, leadership activities, and many community and state events. In 2001, he began working as Central Region Area teacher in the field of forestry. While the position was a great learning experience, he yearned to return to the Agriculture classroom and to Effingham County. In 2002, he returned and continued to teach agriculture until 2006.

In 2006, Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent of Effingham County Schools, selected Hughes to become the CTAE Supervisor. In this position, Hughes worked with 26 CTAE teachers and advisors to their CTSO's. In 2011, Hughes was chosen to become principal at Effingham County Middle School. In 2016, he was selected to return to Effingham County High School, a place that had become his home, as principal.

Hughes resides in Rincon, Georgia, a community in Effingham County. He has two daughters. Sarah is junior at Georgia Southern University majoring in Rehabilitation Science. Emily is a sophomore at Bryan County High School.

Billy Hughes will be joining the Georgia Department of Education as the Program Manager of Agriculture Education on October 15, 2018.