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After two days on the job, Tuesday new Frenchman Valley Coop Feed Division Manager Derrell Page was already adept at handling problems. He was busy juggling telephones regarding a problem with a feed sacking machine in McCook.

Page, 42, is originally from Texas. He graduated from West Texas A&M in 1996 with a Bachelor's degree in animal science with an option in management.

Having worked in feed yards since he was 11, when he worked at his best friend's father's yard, Page wanted to continue in that field.

By 1997 he was "moving up the ladder" as cattle manager of the Garden City (Kan.) Feed Yard. After four years there he moved over to Brookover, still in Garden City, for three years.

Becoming burned out in the feed yard business, he was in outside sales in animal feed additives for Walco International for six years, moving to Hereford, Texas, with the same company for two more years.

From 2008-11 he built elevators and feed mills for Top of Texas, followed by seven months as a special education teacher in the Lubbock schools.

Replacing Randy Carlholm, who recently accepted a position in Kansas, Page said his duties include overseeing all aspects of feed production in both the Imperial and McCook FVC plants. He will also be working with the Kimball and Chappell FVC warehouses.

Page has two daughters, 19-year old Macy, a student at an Amarillo, Texas, college, and 13-year old Andrea, who lives in Hereford.

He and his fiance Cindy, of Lubbock, will be married in February. She has daughters 18-year old Meggan, at a Loveland, Texas, college; 16-year old Ashley and 15-year-old son Rigger.

He enjoys playing golf, and has traveled extensively watching Andrea play AAU basketball.