



# Report to Association of Research Directors

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# Program Management Teams

- Small-Farm Technical Asst. & Outreach
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- 4-H and Youth Development
- Leadership & Community Development
- Strengthening the Family
- Nutrition, Food Safety & Wellness
- Marketing and Communications
- Technology and Data Management



# Five Themes

- Improving Nutrition, Diet and Health
- Enhancing Agricultural Sustainability
- Enhancing Economic Prosperity and Well Being
- Improving Community and Family Sustainability
- Protecting the Environment and Natural Resources



# Highlights

- AEA summer meeting was held June 15-18, 2009 in Charleston, SC and South Carolina State served as the host institution
- The meeting focused on enhancing participation in Competitive Grant programs
- USDA Agency participating included RMA, RD, CSREES, and SARE Representative
- AEA program teams met with the Extension Administrators to begin drafting competitive proposals to submit for funding.
- Met jointly with ARD executive committee to discuss budget and legislative issues and to outline joint initiatives



## Highlights Cont.

- Participated in ECOP webinar to discuss the restructuring of the BAC and Farm Bill Committee
- Presented Report at the Council of 1890 Presidents/ Chancellors Meeting in Nashville
- Dr. M. Ray McKinnie is the chair-elect of ECOP
- Dr. Gina E. Eubanks will be Extension's nominee for the BAA Policy Board of Directors



# Highlights Cont.

- Participated in 2009 Exhibition on Capitol Hill
- Continue to participate in the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly BAC meetings and conference calls - Henry Brooks Represents Extension
- Need more congressional members completing the appropriate forms asking for 1890 funding
- 2010 budget markups were very favorable in the House and less favorable in the Senate for Extension
  - House \$44.0 M Senate \$41.4 M
- Will advocate for higher number in conference



# Extension Activities and Initiatives Update



# Food, Conservation, and Energy Act 2008

- All 1890 programs were reauthorized with increases in authorization levels
- Represented on the Implementation Team
- Provided Stakeholder Comments
  - Children Youth and Family at Risk (CYFAR)
  - Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program
  - National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
  - 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program
  - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)





# Expanded Food Nutrition Education (EFNEP)

- Prior to 2006, 1890s were not eligible participants
- 1890s received \$400,000 in 2006
- Language was sort and approved in the budget in 2007 to increase the funding to \$100K
- The Farm Bill authorized a minimum of \$100K per year to all 1862 and 1890 institutions and stipulated a 10-15% increase for 1890s for any appropriations above F.Y. 2007 level of (\$63.5M) (FY'2010 68M)
- All 1890s are presently receiving more than \$100K per year



# CYFAR

- Competitive grant program
- First year for the 1890s to participate
- Focuses on outreach and after school programs, including STEM
- Eight proposals submitted from 1890 Universities in 2009
- Four proposals funded- A&T, FAMU, WV, Tusk



# Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program - 2501

- Program focuses on outreach and technical assistance
- Competitive program for 1890s, 1862s, CBOs, 1994s, Hispanic Serving and others

Yr.	Budget	Award	Percent	App.
2007	\$5.6m	\$2.6m	46.1%	11/9
2008	6.1	2.4	39.3	8/8
2009	15.1	TBA	TBD	16



# Rural Development Workshop

- Participated in the USDA Rural Development Agency, Information Exchange for 1890 Universities on July 7-8, 2009, in New Orleans
- **Purpose:**
  - To update the 1890s on rural business development programs within USDA
  - For 1890s to report progress of their Rural Business Initiatives
- Rural Development Agency has cooperative agreements with 15 1890 universities
- Allocated \$1.5M to support the agreements
- The focus is on rural business development
- Served on a panel to discuss strategies for enhancing the partnership between Rural Development and 1890 Extension



# Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

- Focuses on delivering education programs and technical assistance before and after a disaster to assist families and communities
- Ensure that each 1890 institution is a member of EDEN
- Will conduct a workshop to orientate 1890 representatives on roles and responsibilities
- In process of acquiring grant for \$20,000 to support the workshop
- Delaware State University will be the host institution



# National Extension and Research Administrative Officers' Conference

- 1890s were represented at this USDA meeting in April 2009
- Focused on updating the system on rules and regulations pertaining to use and management of federal funds
- 1890s presented a session on acquiring and sustaining matching funds
- It was reported that there would probably be an increase in requests for waivers this year



# Small Farmer Leadership Institute

- Hosted by Southern University Ag Center
- Funded by USDA 2501 Program
- Two-year program for minority and small farmers focusing on enhancing leadership and business management skills
- Second class graduated March 2009 and Secretary of Agriculture was the keynote speaker
- 30 participants representing 14 1890 universities
- Class graduates are assuming leadership role in the community on boards, councils, and USDA committees
- Currently recruiting for the third class that will begin October 2009



# Other Areas of Importance

- Department of Defense Partnerships – addressing issues of military families
- Department of Energy- funding in Farm Bill
- Developing Champions – to support federal budget initiatives
- Articulating our Value to stakeholders – ensuring that decision makers and others know the value of our contributions and impact of our programs





# Future Activities

- AEA, ASRED, and PLN joint meetings will be held in August 25-28, 2009, in Orlando, FL
- AEA Meeting at the Annual APLU meeting on November 16, 2009, Washington, DC
- AEA winter meeting will be held on February 3-5, 2010, in Savannah, GA
  - Invite Cornerstone to present
  - Meet jointly with ARD Executive Committee
- AEA System-Wide Conference June 2011



Thank You