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Dr. Vernon Jones

Message from the Chair

I want to wish you, your family and your staff a happy and safe new year. May each new day bring you joy, unmeasurable prosperity and a plethora of impactful programs and successful initiatives.

During 2019, ARD will celebrate its 40th Anniversary as a regional research association committed to preparing tomorrow leaders, investing in our communities and addressing

regional, national and local challenges in the food and agricultural sector. As the ARD tradition acclaims, the research directors will continue to strengthen the research capacity within the 1890 system to conduct and support research that builds knowledge in ways that respect and benefit the people and sustain the communities in the 1890 region. For the next 40 years and beyond, ARD will remain committed to working to ensure a region and a world with a safe and plentiful supply of food, fiber and water for all, where natural resources and businesses are managed in ways that are sustainable, serve the public good and provide innovative solutions to global challenges.

Today more than ever, the words of George Washington Carver continue to serve as our call to arms. "Since new developments are the products of a creative mind, we must therefore stimulate and encourage that type of mind in every way possible," Carver said.

We are blessed to serve all people in society, but in particular, those who are socio-economically deprived and to work with talented colleagues. As we continue to strive for excellence, please know of my gratitude for the vital role each of you play in achieving ARD's mission and vision.

In 2019, in support of ARD's Strategic Agenda, we will focus on (1) developing and sustaining the centers of excellence; (2) being aggressive in seeking funding increas-

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Farm Bill includes wins for 1890 land-grant universities

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The farm bill is a boon for historically black land-grant universities, which will see millions in new funding and some policy tweaks they've long sought. Below are some of the highlights:

Carryover Disparity: The 2018 Farm Bill stripped a decades-old provision mandating that 1890 land-grant universities could only carry over 20 percent of federal funding if it wasn't used in a calendar year. The rule didn't apply to predominantly white land-grants (1862 land-grant universities). [Provision championed by Rep. Alma Adams](#) and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

State Matching Report: States are required to match federal funding for land-grant universities, but many HBCUs have not been getting that money. A 2013 report by the APLU found that from 2010-12, 61 percent (11 of 18, Central State was not a land grant at the time) of 1890 land-grant institutions did not receive 100 percent of the one-to-one matching funds from their respective states. The bill requires states to report to Congress how much funding they're providing both historically black land-grants and their predominantly white peers. Provision championed by Rep. Adams and APLU.

Centers of Excellence: The bill provides \$10 million a year to establish research centers on at least three HBCU campuses with specific focuses, such as food security. The secretary of Agriculture is tasked with picking the campuses. Provision championed by Rep. Adams.

1890s Scholarship Program: The bill includes about \$40 million in mandatory funding and \$40 million in discretionary funding for new scholarships at each of the 1890 land-grant universities, meaning each will have at least \$2 million in new funding for scholarships to lure students over the next five years. Provision championed by Rep.

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David Scott.

Additional CBC Wins

Civil Rights Analyses: The Farm Bill protects the Civil Rights Department at the USDA from reorganization and political interference. Specifically, this language prohibits implementation of actions, policies, or decision documents until a civil rights analysis is conducted by the agency. In addition, this section requires a study and report on the USDA's processing and resolving of civil rights complaints. Such a study is necessary to protect the civil rights of USDA employees, contractors and beneficiaries.

Heirs Property: In order to have access to USDA assistance programs, farmers must have a farm number, which requires documentation verifying ownership or possession of the land to secure. As heirs' property is often passed down without a will or transfer of title, this leaves many minority farmers without access to USDA programs.

- The 2018 Farm Bill allows heir-property farmers to apply for USDA programs.
- The provision also makes loans available to qualified intermediaries to resolve heirs' property issues.
- Lastly, the provision provides for data collection and a report on trends in farmland ownership and operation.

The study will improve understanding on the impact of unresolved land tenure on the ability of producers to operate farms and pass them along to new generations. Some estimates show that 60 percent of land owned by African-Americans in the United States is heirs' property. Rep. Marcia Fudge introduced the Fair Access for Farmers and Ranchers Act of 2018 in the House. Senators Doug Jones and Tim Scott introduced a companion measure in the Senate.

Farm Credit System Report: GAO will conduct a study regarding the lending situation for socially disadvantaged farmers with the Farm Credit System and all other commercial lenders and recommendations for improvement.

Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach Program (FOTO): This provision merges the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) and the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged

Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers (OASDVFR also called 2501) Program. The OASDVFR program provides grants to organizations that work with farmers of color and veterans and assists them in operating farms and participating in USDA programs. The combined program will receive a boost in funding from \$30 million to \$50 million dollars.

Office for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production:

Provides for the creation of the USDA Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. The new office would encourage and promote indoor agriculture and other emerging practices, help farmers collaborate with new partners, navigate complex programs and ensure they are employing best practices. The office will receive \$25 million per year for the length of the Farm Bill (2019 through 2023).

ESCOPE Seeking Nominations for Research Station Diversity and Inclusion Awards

ESCOPE is seeking nominations for the National Experiment Station Section Diversity and Inclusion Award. The award recognizes experiment station research initiatives that support the creation of diverse and inclusive efforts and is dedicated to individuals, teams or organizations that go beyond meeting EEO/AA program requirements. [CLICK HERE](#) to view/download nomination detail. The award comes with paid travel to the Annual ESS/SAES/ARD meeting, recognition with a commemorative plaque and a \$1,000 cash award. Questions about the nomination should be forwarded to [Rick Rhodes](#), executive vice chair, ESCOP Diversity Catalyst Committee, 401-874-2468. Rhodes is accepting nominations until 8 p.m. EDT on March 29, at the email address provided.



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es for our capacity, capacity-building and facilities programs as well as supporting our faculty as they compete for funding in other programs; (3) expanding our integrated and multi-state activities; (4) communicating our impacts, accomplishments and activities of the 1890 research enterprise more effectively; (5) continue to 'brand' ARD; and (6) strengthening our collaboration with 1890 Cooperative Extension.

By now, you should have completed your arrangements for the 2019 Joint Meeting of AEA and ARD that will be held on Jan. 22–25, at the Westin Georgetown Hotel, 2350 M St., NW, Washington, DC. The agenda (forthcoming) will provide an op-

portunity for AEA, ARD, and the deans to meet jointly, to have separate business meetings, to hold joint meetings with representatives from NIFA, other federal agencies and invited presenters, to discuss funding and program opportunities, the farm bill, the federal budget, strategic realignment of NIFA lines, centers of excellence, examples of successful research/Extension collaborations, the 2019 ARD Research Symposium (see page 3) and related issues.

I'm looking forward to serving ARD and our communities with a great deal of passion and commitment in the new year.

2019 ARD Research Symposium

The 1890 Research Agenda: Making Critical Contributions to Rural Prosperity and Challenges in Food and Agriculture

March 31- April 3, 2019 | Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL

Registration:

Registration—Nov. 10, 2018-Feb. 24, 2019, \$525.

Late registration—Feb. 25-March 24, 2019, \$575.

On-site registration—\$600.

[Registration](#) can be paid by purchase order, check or credit card.

No refunds. (Note: Credit cards users need to pay an additional fee to cover the bank charges.)

[Hotel Registration](#)—Hotel Guest Room Rates:

Single and Double Occupancy: \$159 |

Triple Occupancy: \$184 | Quadruple Occupancy: \$209

[Tax and Surcharges](#): 7% State of Florida Sales Tax; 6%

Transient Sales, and 1% City Surcharge (subject to change). Cut off March 8, 2019.



Abstracts and Posters:

Judges for posters and oral competitions and session moderators will be needed and each director is asked to submit names and contact information electronically for those willing to serve in these capacities. [Access the form here.](#)

Morrison-Evans and Mayberry Awards

The application deadline for the Morrison-Evans Outstanding Scientist Award and the B.D. Mayberry Young Scientist Award is Jan. 18, 2019. External reviewers, i.e., NIFA national program leaders will evaluate the applications. Access the [application here.](#)

Displays| Exhibitors

Each 1890 campus is invited to display a university display at no cost. Additional exhibits and non-1890 exhibits must pay the **fee of \$2,000 by Feb. 8, 2019.** All exhibitors, including the 1890s, must submit the Exhibit Registration Form by the deadline of Feb. 8. To become an exhibitor, [click here.](#)

To become a sponsor, [click here.](#)

For additional information contact: [Dr. Alton Thompson](#), (336) 285-2955, [Dr. Orlando McMeans](#), (304) 204-4300 or Dr. [Dyremple Marsh](#), (302) 851-6400.

ESCOP-ESS seeks nominations for leadership and multi-state excellence awards

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

This award recognizes those who have served the Regional Associations, ESCOP—ESS and/or the national land-grant system with exemplary distinction.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals eligible for this award are former or current State Agricultural Experiment/Research Station (SAES or ARD) leaders who have provided service as assistant director, associate director, director, administrator or as chief operating officers with equivalent, but variant titles (e.g. vice chancellor, associate vice chancellor, associate vice president, dean for research) and/or as a regional executive director. This award is distinctive in its expectations and not necessarily coincident with retirement, election to a specific office or any other specific professional benchmark.



Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP)

SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

Nominations for the recognition in the 1890 region should be submitted to Dr. Alton Thompson by Feb. 1, 2019. The ARD Executive Committee will review the nominations and email to the ARD members in good standing to select the winner. The nominee with the most votes will be submitted to the ESS chair and the executive vice-chair and the executive vice-chair of the Science the Technology Committee. [Click here to view the call for nominations.](#)

EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH

The purpose of this award program is to annually recognize those station scientists who are conducting exemplary

multistate activities and enhance the visibility of the multistate program. A recipient multistate project will be selected from the pool of nominees submitted by the five regional research associations and judged by the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee to exhibit sustained, meritorious and exceptional multistate research activities. The ESCOP Executive Committee will provide final approval.

ELIGIBILITY

Any current multistate project (research, ERA, CC) listed in NIMSS (www.nimss.org) is eligible for consideration. The nomination is predominantly based upon the five-year project period. The multistate research authority allows other non-SAES partners to join in these project-based collaborations. Thus, many multistate projects include Extension specialists and ARS or Forest Service research scientists. Many projects have private sector and non-land-grant participants and a majority of multistate projects have participants from more than a single region.

BASIS FOR NOMINATION

Each of the five regions may nominate one multistate project. An individual project should document collaborative activities. Nominations shall be made to the chair of the respective regional Multistate Research Committee (MRC) or Multistate Activities Committee (MAC) via the regional executive director's office. Nominations are due in the Office in the Executive Directors on or before Feb. 28, 2019. [Click here to view the call for nominations.](#)

NNF Grants Program offers graduate student funding

This grant program supports: (1) training students for masters and doctoral degrees in food, agricultural and natural resource sciences; and (2) special international study or thesis/dissertation research travel allowances (IRTA) for eligible USDA NNF beneficiaries.

Awards are specifically intended to support traineeship programs that engage outstanding students to pursue and complete their degrees in USDA mission areas. Applicants should provide clarity about the philosophy of their graduate training and relevance to

USDA mission sciences, NIFA priorities and national science education policies and statistics.

Applications are being solicited from institutions that con-

fer a graduate degree in at least one of the following targeted expertise shortage areas: 1) animal and plant production; 2) forest resources; 3) agricultural educators and communicators; 4) agricultural management and economics; 5) food science and human nutrition; 6) sciences for agricultural biosecurity; and 7) training in integrative biosciences for sustainable food and agricultural systems.

Who is eligible to apply: 1862, 1980 and 1994 land-grant institutions, Hispanic-serving institutions, private institutions of higher education and state-controlled institutions.

[Click here to request an Applications.](#) [Click here to apply for a Grant.](#)

Posted Date: Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Closing Date: Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019

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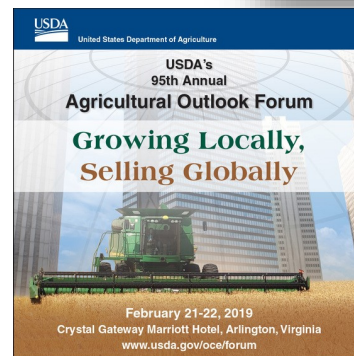
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ARD CALENDAR

USDA AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM

Feb. 21-22, Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, VA
The 2019 forum is themed "Growing Locally, Selling Globally." The opening plenary session will feature keynote remarks from U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, welcoming comments from Deputy Secretary Steve Censky, and "The 2019 Economic Outlook for Agriculture" presented by USDA Chief Economist Robert Johansson. Visit the [Agricultural Outlook Forum website](#) to register, reserve discounted room rates, or join the pre-forum field trip. Follow the conversation at #AgOutlook on USDA's [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



JOINT CARET/AHS MEETING – "The Land-Grant Reach: Impacts and Innovations"

Mar 3 – Mar 6, Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202
This meeting will bring together CARET and AHS members to carry the Fiscal Year 2020 budget recommendations of the Board on Agriculture Assembly to the Second Session of the 116th Congress. [Click here to register.](#)



2019 SOUTHERN REGION MINI-LANDGRAND MEETING

"Working Together for Impact," March 18-21, Coral Springs, FL, Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel

The U.S. Southern Region has abundant opportunity and some enduring challenges in ensuring a safe and profitable food system, community and individual economic vitality and a healthy citizenry. The 2019 Southern Region Mini Land-Grant Meeting brings together leaders from seven groups from both 1862 and 1890 land-grant universities to explore avenues for improving the roles of each group and land-grant functions as a whole. These seven groups, including university administrators and their stakeholder representatives, are:

- Administrative Heads Section - Southern Region (S-AHS)
- Academic Programs Section – Southern Region (S-APS)
- Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (SAAESD)
- Association of 1890 Research Directors (ARD)
- Association of Southern Region Extension Directors (ASRED)
- 1890 Association of Extension Administrators (AEA)
- Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching – Southern Region (S-CARET)

The primary purpose for this meeting is to foster interactive discussions, planning and actions across all participating administrative units to enhance effectiveness of land-grant agricultural colleges' programs, processes and impacts through greater integration and collaboration throughout the Southern U.S. This will be an opportunity to jointly examine common issues, explore best practices and initiate new partnerships with colleagues and key stakeholders, both within your state and across the region. There will also be time for each organization to meet separately or jointly with another one, to conduct business and discuss issues specific to your group and time for informal social interaction between all participants. [Register here.](#)

JOINT COPS MEETING

July 19-24, 2019, Park City, UT, Westgate Park City Resort and Spa, 3000 Canyons Resorts Dr., Park City, UT
Saturday, July 20 – ARD Meeting; Sunday, July 21 - ARD Meeting; Monday, July 22 – ECOP, ESCOP (1 -5 pm MT), and BOHS Meetings
Tuesday, July 23 – Joint COPS in the morning and COP meetings in the afternoon
Wednesday, July 24 – Joint COPS in the morning and PBD in the afternoon