

ARD Updates

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Message from the Chair

I express my sincere appreciation to Deb Hamernik (ESCOPE chair and associate dean, Agricultural Research and associate director, Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station) and her planning committee for an outstanding and professionally rewarding 2018 ESS/SAES/ARD Fall Meeting. The meeting's theme, "Pursuing Partnerships" was timely and the three workshops were well planned and delivered by panels of experts. The ARD mem-

bers were inspired to have some of these topics and/or sessions incorporated into our upcoming ARD Research Symposium in the spring. In addition, the tours of the Nebraska Innovation Campus and the Field Phenotyping Facility were awe-inspiring. The visits presented participants with many ideas to bring back to their respective campuses and partner with the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources on a number of important issues or challenges impacting the food and agricultural sector.

Relative to the ARD business meeting, the New Seeds Initiative and the ARD Strategic Agenda were two important agenda items that need our immediate attention.

As discussed, the New Seeds Initiative is a collective effort to innovatively advance ARD's priorities and goals with an emphasis on making critical contributions to solutions to help achieve agricultural and rural prosperity in the U.S. As such, these one-time, two-year innovation grants will be awarded to support the development and enhancement of projects ideas that will enhance the 1890 multi-state capacity and competitiveness to provide solutions to improve the quality of life of the people we serve. The original signed copy of your proposals should be emailed to [Dr. Alton Thompson](#), ARD executive director on or before Nov. 5.

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'18 Farm Bill appropriations undecided; CR in effect

The current Farm Bill expired on Sept. 30 but this will have minimal impact on research and Cooperative Extension programs for now. If an agreement is not reached before the new Congress convenes on Jan. 3, 2019, both the House and the Senate will have to introduce new legislation and revote.

The key issues to be resolved between the versions of the Farm Bill passed by the House and the Senate are commodities, conservation, and nutrition.

The SNAP reforms/changes are by far the biggest issue facing the conferees (47 conferees for the House and nine conferees for the Senate). While not directly related to the changes in SNAP, the increased role for Extension in delivering the SNAP-Ed pro-

FY 2019 – Where we are now | BAC Priorities (\$ millions)

Account	FY '18 Enacted	FY '19 PBR	FY '19 APLU Request	FY '19 House	FY '19 Senate
McIntire-Stennis	33.96	28.867	40.572	36.000	36.000
1890 Extension	45.62	45.310	54.500	45.620	48.620
Evans-Allen	54.19	53.817	64.732	55.000	57.185
Hatch Act	243.70	243.238	291.138	259.000	243.701
Smith-Lever	300.00	299.430	358.396	315.000	300.000
AFRI	400.00	375.000	418.129	415.000	405.000

gram, which was included in the House version of the bill, also remains unresolved by conferees.

Research, Education and Extension priorities identified by the Committee on Legislative Policy, such as the Challenge of Change recommendations and deferred maintenance were addressed in one or both bills. Also, both bills make changes to the 1890 capacity formulas to benefit Central State University.

Both the House (May 16) and the Senate (May 24) Appropriations committees have approved their respective versions of the FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The bill funds NIFA and other USDA agencies and the Food and Drug Administration. The House and Senate included increases for McIntire-Stennis and AFRI. The Senate also included increases for 1890 Capacity Programs.

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2018 4TH ANNUAL 1890 LAND-GRANT COMMUNICATIONS SUMMIT

Virginia State University
VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion,
4415 River Road, Petersburg, VA 23806



OPTIONAL TOUR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 11AM–5PM

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2018

Monday 9AM–5PM | Tuesday 8AM–3PM

“Solving The Diversity Dilemma”

Developing Messaging and Delivery Methods for Diverse Audiences

AGENDA ITEMS

Developing an 1890s Communications Plan of Work

Dr. Alton Thompson, Executive Director, Association of 1890 Research Directors

Panel Discussion: Communicating with Hispanic & Other Targeted Audiences

Pitching Extension Stories to the Media

Wayne Covil, Senior Reporter, CBS-6

Creating Section 508-Compliant Digital Messages for People With Disabilities

Anitra Fenderson, Sr. Manager, Digital Messaging Design, Development and Innovation, Capital One

Tour of VSU's Randolph Farm And More

OPTIONAL SUNDAY TOUR

Agenda is still under development. Stops currently under consideration include:

Business Success Story: Ellwood Thompson's Local Market,
Richmond's largest natural/local grocery store

Extension Success Story: Hardywood Brewery,
where you'll meet the ginger farmer, who with VSU's assistance, helped launch
Hardywood's Gingerbread Stout into a national phenomenon ([https://
www.foodandwine.com/beer/hardywood-gingerbread-stout-story](https://www.foodandwine.com/beer/hardywood-gingerbread-stout-story))

Urban Agriculture Success Story: Visit with one of Richmond's newest and most
successful urban farms

No Registration Fees

Discounted lodging rates are available at:

Comfort Suites Southpark

931 South Ave., Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Call (623) 748-7092

\$93/night with group “VSU Summit”

Lunches are pay-as-you-go and eaten as a group at local restaurants.

Dinner(s) are pay-as-you-go either on your own or with the group.

Nearby Airports

Richmond International Airport (RIC)

Norfolk (ORF), Regan National (DCA) and Washington Dulles (IAD)

Transportation to and from RIC airport and to and from the hotel to VSU may be available with prior notice.

For more information, contact Michelle Olgers at molgers@vsu.edu.

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The draft ARD Strategic Agenda, with a focus on people, programs, partnerships, platforms and places, will be framed to elevate the research and education mission areas in the food and agricultural sciences at the 1890s. As discussed, this Strategic Agenda will be based, in large part, on the USDA Secretary Perdue's Rural Prosperity report, but will also extract elements from the National Academies' Science Breakthroughs 2030, APLU's Challenge of Change, NI-FA's Strategic Plan and ESCOP's revised Science Roadmap. To assist with collating your comments on our Strategic Agenda, a template was developed and distributed. Please submit the templates to [Dr. Alton Thompson](#), ARD executive director on or before Nov. 5.

As you are aware, over the past several months, the National Impacts Database Committee has been working on a redesign of the website along with procedural changes to administration, submission and review of Impact Statements for participating institutions. These changes are designed to improve the public-facing and navigation aspects of the website along with the implementation of a review process to improve the quality of system's impact statements. Moving forward, impact statements will be submitted by individuals that have been approved by your institution and trained by the National Impacts Database Committee. Once submitted, impact statements will be reviewed by a member of the National Impacts Database Review Team.

Dr. Thompson circulated an email to all ARD Directors requesting:

- Institutional Representatives – From each institution, name/contact information for the following:
 - Two (2) institution research administrators
 - Two (2) institution research contacts. These individuals will have input rights to the database.
 - (Three (3) impact research editors: These individuals will have input rights to add impact statements to the database.
- Impact Statement Reviewers – each research director is requested to provide name/contact information for possible reviewers of impact statements from their institution. Please submit this information to [Dr. Thompson](#) as soon as possible.

The Impacts Database Committee will beta test this new system this fall. The target launch will be in January 2019.

Thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the APLU annual meeting.

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:

Early registration begins soon and is **\$500** per participant.

Early registration ends Nov. 9.

Regular 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:

Deadline for abstracts for posters and oral presentations will be Nov. 21. Instructions for formatting and electronic submission will be on the symposium website. Also on the website is the evaluation instrument that will be used to judge the competitive poster and oral presentations. The information is helpful in developing the presentation content and should be used to prepare students for their presentations. Abstracts guidelines must be strictly followed and if not followed, the submission will be rejected. For each campus, abstract guideline adherence is the responsibility of the research director or his/her designee.

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.](#)

Special Sessions and Workshop Deadline

The application deadline for the Special Sessions and Workshops on selected topics deemed appropriate to the 1890 community is Dec. 7. Please submit a one-page abstract to Dr. Alton Thompson, ARD executive director, at athompson1@ncat.edu. These abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the Symposium Steering Committee to judge the merits of the proposed sessions. A decision will be communicated to you by Dec. 17.

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.



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NIFA announces FY 2019 RFP

The FY 2019 Agricultural Research at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions has been posted to ezFeds Grants.

Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-10205-1445XXXX-19-0001.

Open Date: Oct. 5

Close Date: Nov. 7 – 5 p.m. Eastern Time

This RFA is being released prior to the passage of FY 2019 appropriations bill. Enactment of Continuing Resolution (CR) or an appropriations act may affect the availability or level of funding for this program. Subject to any FY 2019 CR, NIFA will distribute funds to the institutions quarterly and according to the amounts allocated in FY 2018. NIFA will make adjustments to the allocations for FY 2018 once the FY 2019 appropriations are finalized.

Farm Bill ... From Page 1

APLU's remaining priority lines were funded at the 2018 level. The Senate passed the Agricultural Appropriations Bill as part of a four-bill "mini-bus" on Aug. 1. The House passed a "mini-bus" appropriations package on Sept. 26 that included a Continuing Resolution (CR) through Dec. 7 for any appropriations bill that was not enacted. It is possible that a final appropriations bill for USDA will be completed during the lame duck session of Congress in November and December, but that likely depends on the outcome of the November elections.

ARD CALENDAR



NIFA LISTENS: INVESTING IN SCIENCE TO TRANSFORM LIVES

- **Thursday, Oct. 18, New Orleans, LA** (RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 11).
- **Thursday, Oct. 25, Minneapolis, MN** (RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 18).
- **Thursday, Nov. 1, Albuquerque, NM** (RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 25).

Each session is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. A live webcast will be available for each session, transcribed and made available for playback.

Session attendees must register via [NIFA Listens websites](#). In addition, written comments may be provided electronically through the stakeholder input form on the website or emailed by NIFAlistens@nifa.usda.gov until **Friday, Nov. 30**.

76TH PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CONFERENCE (PAWC)

December 2–4, 2018

Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel & Conference Center at Grand National

[Click for additional information](#), agenda and [call for papers](#). Registration to open soon.

2019 JOINT AEA/ARD WINTER MEETING.

Jan. 22- 25, 2019

Westin Georgetown Hotel, 2350 M St., NW, Washington, DC.

Reservation Process: A block of rooms has been reserved under the name of "AEA/ARD Joint Winter Meeting, 2019". To make reservations, call 1-888-627-8406. The rate is \$184 per night plus a 14.95 percent tax per night. The rate is available two days prior and two days after the meeting, subject to availability. The cut-off date for the established room rate is Friday, Jan. 4, 2019. If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact [Mrs. Alice Pennix](#) to receive the registration form.

2019 SOUTHERN REGION MINI LAND-GRANT MEETING

March 18-21, 2019 | Coral Springs, FL

Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Spring Hotel

Theme: "Working Together for Impact"

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 the land-grant functions as a whole.

[Click for more information.](#)