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Message from the Chair

Dr. Moses Kairo

We will soon meet in Guadalajara, Mexico for our 2018 summer business meeting in conjunction with the Joint COPS meeting. We have a substantive agenda replete with a number of issues important to ARD. Among these issues are the 2019 federal budget, equity funding, the 2018 farm bill, the Rural Prosperity report, National C-FAR's strategic visioning process, the Science Breakthroughs 2030 Initiative, the ARD strategic agenda, the 1890 Centers of Excellence, the 2019 Research Symposium, the 2019 southern mini

land-grant conference and communicating effectively the impacts of our work. As I said, a full agenda.

Please come prepared to engage in these important discussions as we continue to chart a path forward to advance the compelling mission and vision of ARD that incorporates the diverse expertise, innovative approaches and technological advances being used at our member institutions. ARD must continue to frame our "innovative agenda" that will provide practical solutions to improve the quality of life of citizens in the 1890 region and beyond. ARD will continue to invest its intellectual and monetary resources in alignment with USDA's strategic goals to ensure agricultural and rural prosperity.

ARD must always keep the voices and needs of our stakeholders at the vanguard of our planning as we develop and implement programs and initiatives. I am excited about the future of the nation's food and agricultural systems and ARD's role in supporting the transformational research and education we need.

It is a privilege for me to work with and challenge the talented 1890 research directors, along with the 1890 Extension administrators, other 1890 colleagues and our many and diverse partners and stakeholders.

With summer approaching, I want to encourage you to take time to spend with your families. Time is a gift that is beyond value and is something you can give that is uniquely from you. Personally, I am going to focus a little harder on spending quality time with my family. It does not necessarily have to be *more* time, but I do need to be present *all* the time I am with them. That's something we all probably need to ponder from time to time.

With very best wishes for a productive spring/summer.

2018 Farm Bill Proceeds

HOUSE

On Thursday, June 7, the House Republican conference met to determine a path forward on immigration. Determining a path forward on immigration is crucial to passage of the 2018 Farm Bill because conservative Republicans in the Freedom Caucus are withholding their vote in support of the farm bill until the House considers immigration legislation. Although reports from the meeting were positive, no announcements were made regarding consideration of either immigration legislation or the 2018 Farm Bill. House leadership needs all Republican votes possible to pass the 2018 Farm Bill because of Democratic opposition to the bill's SNAP changes.

SENATE

In the Senate on Thursday, June 7, Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Ranking Member Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., announced that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry will hold a business meeting to consider the 2018 Senate Farm Bill. Legislative text and summaries of the bill will be available at ag.senate.gov prior to the meeting.

In a joint statement they said, "We are pleased to announce the Senate Agriculture Committee's timely consideration of the 2018 Farm Bill. "It has been more than a year of travelling across the country listening to farmers, ranchers, rural communities and those in need. Now the time has come to put what we've learned into a bipartisan bill that will provide much-needed certainty for agriculture, families and rural America."

The Senate version of the Farm Bill was released on Friday, June 8. Click to see [2018 Farm Bill](#).

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House and Senate FY'19 Appropriations

The **House Appropriations Committee** approved the FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations bill on May 16. The bill, which funds NIFA, other USDA Agencies and the FDA, totals \$23.276 billion in discretionary funding, a \$14 million increase above the FY 2018 enacted level. Five of APLU's six core priority lines received increases (*see top chart*).

In addition, the Capacity Building Grants for the 1890 universities (19.336) and the 1890 Facilities Improvement Fund (19.730) were funded at the FY 2018 levels.

The **Senate Appropriations Committee** approved the FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations bill on May 25. The bill, which funds NIFA, other USDA agencies and the FDA, totals \$23.235 billion in discretionary

funding, a \$225 million increase above the FY 2018 enacted level. McIntire-Stennis and AFRI received increases in funding and APLU's remaining four core priority lines were funded at the same level (*see bottom chart*).

In addition, the 1890 Capacity Building Grants (19.336) and the 1890 Facilities Improvement Fund (19.730) were fund-

ed at the FY 2018 levels.

Relative to "Nutrition Education – Minority Outreach," The Senate Committee is concerned that Extension service resources do not reach minority, socially disadvantaged and tribal communities in proportion to their participation

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in the agricultural sector. All institutions that receive Extension activity funding should seek to ensure that an equitable percentage of their overall Extension work reaches minority, socially disadvantaged and tribal communities. The Committee directs NIFA to evaluate the distribution of Extension resources to these three pop-

ulations and report to the Committee no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act.

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Both the House and Senate versions of the bill are now ready for floor action in their respective bodies. No schedule has been announced yet, but it is possible that action could occur in either or both cham-

bers by August.

Southern Ag Center gets approval to grow medical marijuana

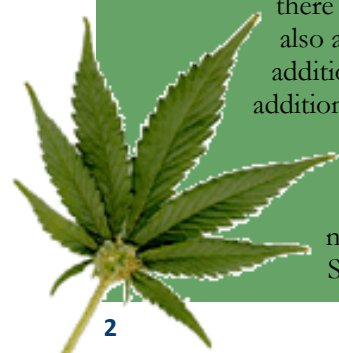
Southern University received the green light on May 25 from the Southern University Board of Supervisors to move forward with its medical marijuana program by approving a contract with Advanced Biomedics, LLC. Under the agreement, the Southern University Ag Center will receive more than \$6 million over five years. The University's contract with Advanced Biomedics will be allowed to automatically renew for two additional five-year periods unless there is cause to terminate. The company has also agreed to provide the Center with an additional \$1 million signing bonus for each additional contract term. Advanced Biomedics will also support research initiatives through the Southern University Ag Center's Southern Institute of Medicinal Plants (SIMP), directed by Dr. Janana Snowden.

"This is a momentous event," said Dr. Bobby Phills, Ag Center chancellor and dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences. "We are extremely excited to be able to provide good quality medicine for the citizens of Louisiana. This groundbreaking research opportunity will also provide revenue for the University and economic development in North Baton Rouge."

The Southern University Ag Center is currently awaiting the completion of background checks from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

After this process is completed, the University plans to construct a facility on a 176-acre plot of land in Baker, La. The operation will employ a staff of more than 40 who will be responsible for growing, manufacturing and distributing pharmaceutical-grade medicines from the cannabis plant.

Products will be available in dispensaries throughout the state in early 2019.



2019 ARD Research Symposium

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.*)

The new symposium website is under construction and will be completed by the end of this month.

Registration forms and symposium details will be available at this website



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. This form will be on the symposium website.

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.

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

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. See the symposium website for more information.

Contact: Dr. Alton Thompson athompson1@ncat.edu for additional information

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APPOINTMENT

DR. GERARD E. D'SOUZA, dean and director of Land-Grant Programs for the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, Prairie View A&M University (effective July 1, 2018).

ARD CALENDAR

JOINT COPS MEETING

July 15-17, 2018

Excursions will be offered Wednesday, July 18 and 19 for an additional \$75 Guadalajara, Mexico.

Hosted by the Universidad de Guadalajara

[The 2018 Joint COPS Meeting](#) will focus on "Collaborations Across Borders" by looking at Cooperative Extension, research, and teaching programs that have shown success in working across the U.S.-Mexican border and beyond. The plan is to host speakers from both sides of the border involved with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), migrant workers, the Binational Border Meeting on Agricultural Extension, teacher exchanges and cultural awareness programs. Time will be given for discussion on the development of additional cross-border collaboration. Finally, individual section committees on organization and policy will hold business meetings.



Experiment Station
Committee on Organization
and Policy (ESCOP)

ARD SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING

July 13-14, 2018

Guadalajara, Mexico. Hosted by the Universidad de Guadalajara

APLU 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

New Orleans, LA, Nov. 11-13.

Register today for APLU's 2018 Annual Meeting, the premier gathering of senior leaders from public research universities, land-grant institutions and state university systems. No other meeting in higher education brings together such a diverse array of public university presidents, chancellors and other senior leaders. Join us as we tackle the challenges facing public universities. The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is *Resilience*. The meeting sessions will explore the capacity of universities, their communities and partners to adapt and thrive no matter what stresses or acute shocks they experience. [Click for more information.](#)



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SAVE THE DATE—OCT. 1-3, 2018

ESS/SAES/ARD Fall Planning Meeting, Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE