MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MS Ag & Forestry Experiment Station

MSU Extension Service

and

LA Ag Experiment Station
Louisiana Coop Extension Service





HISTORY OF LA-MS MOU

- 1. Unrest among dairymen in South MS
- 2. Lack of Beef Res. & Ext. activity in SE LA
- 3. Need for forage analysis in MS
- 4. Friendship of dairymen and beef cattle producers on both sides of state line.
- 5. Administrative push.





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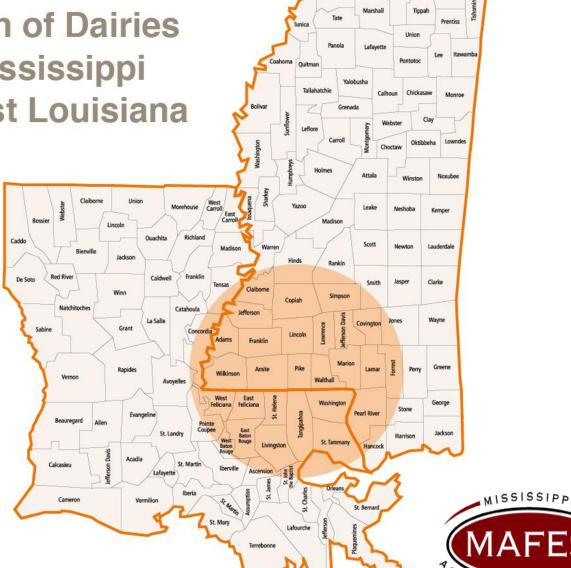
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KEYS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE LA-MS MOU

- 1. Need
- 2. Client Support
- 3. Scientist-Specialist-Agent Support
- 4. Administrative Support





PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

- To expand the cooperation, coordination and working relationship between institutions
- Avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts
- Research and demonstration findings from both states made available to producers in both states





CENTERPIECE OF AGREEMENT

16 member advisory council

- Four producers appointed by MAFES, MSU-ES, LAES, and LCES
- Meets at least annually
- > Identify research needs in dairy, beef and forages
- Identify extension education needs in dairy, beef and forages





RESPONSIBILITIES OF INSTITUTIONS

Mississippi

- Conduct beef/forage research
- Extend dairy research info to MS dairy producers

Louisiana

- Conduct research all phases of dairy production
- Extend beef research info to LA beef producers





WHAT MAKES IT WORK

- MS Assigns an area dairy science specialist in South Mississippi to extend LA-generated dairy research
- LA Assigns a multi-parish beef agent in Southeast Louisiana to extend MS- generated beef research





SUCCESSFUL JOINT ACTIVITIES

- Mississippi/Louisiana Dairy Conference
- Joint planning and execution of station field days in south MS and southeast LA
- Use of Forage Testing Lab in LA
- Joint Publications







Forage Lab—Poplarville, MS



Commodity Storage & Feed Mill White Sands, MS



Feed Mill—White Sands, MS



Feed Mill Under Construction - Franklinton, LA



Multiple Bins for Storing Research Diets





Freestall Barn Under Construction Franklinton, LA





New Dairy Parlor Under Construction Franklinton, LA

