

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

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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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**



