

# ARS REPORT (Eastern)

April 2014

## AREA LEADERSHIP

### South Atlantic Area

- Area Director: Deborah Brennan
- Associate Area Director: Acting Ellen Harris
- *North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, VI*

### Mid South Area

- Area Director: Acting Dan Upchurch
- Assistant Area Director: Archie Tucker
- *Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky*

### Southern Plains Area

- Area Director: Dan Upchurch
- Associate Area Director: John McMurtry
- *Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, (Panama)*

## BUDGET

### FY 2014 Appropriations

- ARS Salaries and Expenses:
  - \$1,122,482,000
  - Represents an increase of \$105 million over the FY 2013 spending level
- ARS Buildings and Facilities:
  - No funding provided

### FY2015 President's Budget for ARS

- ARS Salaries and Expenses:
  - \$1,104,403,000
  - Represents a decrease of \$18 million from the FY 2014 appropriation
  - Increases
    - Pay Cost (1%) \$7,120,000
    - Decentralized GSA Payments 4,670,000
    - Program Increases
      - ✓ Climate Resilient Land Crop, Grazing, and Livestock Production Systems 44,000,000
      - ✓ Crop and Livestock Genetic Improvements and Translational Breeding 25,900,000
      - ✓ Pollinator Health 4,000,000
  - Decreases

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed Redirections</li> <li>▪ Proposed Terminations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>(69,900,000)</p> <p>(33,869,000)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARS Buildings and Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No funding provided</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$197,220,000</li> <li>○ Salaries and Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Integrated Research for Land, Crop, Grazing, and Livestock Production Systems</li> <li>▪ Advance Genetics</li> <li>▪ Earth Sciences</li> <li>▪ Food Safety Alternatives to Antibiotics</li> <li>▪ Other Research Priorities</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Buildings and Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biocontainment and Poultry Research Facility in Athens, Georgia</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>11,000,000</p> <p>11,100,000</p> <p>2,500,000</p> <p>2,620,000</p> <p>15,000,000</p> <p>155,000,000</p>

**FY 2015 House Budget Hearing (ARS) – March 26, 2014**

**FY 2015 Senate Budget Hearing (REE) – April 10, 2014**

## **NEW LEADERSHIP AND VACANCIES**

### **New ARS Administrator- Dr. Chavonda Jacobs Young**

- Vacancy- Associate Administrator for National Programs

### South Carolina

- Florence- RL vacancy. Acting Research Leader Dan Stone

### Georgia

- Athens- Russell Research Center RL Vacancy (June 1) Bacterial Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Resistance Research Unit,
- RL vacancy Poultry Microbiological safety and processing research unit (July 1<sup>st</sup>).

### Florida

- Fort Pierce- U.S. Horticultural Laboratory Director Vacancy (Liz Baldwin Acting )
- Gainesville- RL vacancy- Insect Behavior and Bio control Research Unit (Jesusa Legaspi Acting)
- Miami- RL vacancy- Subtropical Horticultural Research Unit (Nancy Epsky Acting)

### Alabama

- Auburn – RL vacancy. Aquatic Animal Health Research Unit, Dr. Allen Torbert, Acting RL

### Mississippi

- Stoneville – RL Vacancy, Biological Control of Pests Research Unit. Dr. Randy Luttrell, Acting RL

### Oklahoma

- El Reno – Forage and Livestock Production Research Unit, RL vacancy. Acting RL Pat Starks
- Stillwater – Hydraulic Engineering Research Unit, RL vacancy, Acting RL Sherry Hunt, conducting interviews in April

### Texas

- Bushland – Soil and Water Management Research Unit, new RL Dave Brauer
- Bushland – Conservation and Production Research Laboratory, new LD Andy Cole

### **South Atlantic Area Capacity**

- 200 scientists
- 665 permanent employees, 300 term/temporary employees
- 34 Research Units
- 15 Research locations

### **SAA Research Productivity 2013**

- 11 germplasm releases
- 4 license agreements
- 9 CRADAs

- 8 Patents awarded
- 506 manuscripts in peer reviewed journals submitted

#### **Mid South Area Capacity**

- 213 scientists
- 623 permanent employees, 132 term/temporary employees
- 26 Research Units
- 10 Research locations
- 2 Worksites

#### **Mid South Area Research Productivity 2013**

- 50 germplasm releases
- 1 license agreements
- 6 CRADAs
- 6 Patents awarded
- 861 manuscripts in peer reviewed journals submitted

#### **Southern Plains Area Capacity**

- 155 scientists
- 483 permanent employees, 182 term/temporary employees
- 28 Research Units
- 15 Research locations

#### **SPA Research Productivity 2013**

- 5 germplasm releases
- 16 active license agreements
- 10 new CRADAs
- 2 Patents awarded
- 481 manuscripts in peer reviewed journals submitted