
ARS REPORT - March 2015

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- **Kentucky**

BUDGET

FY 2015 Appropriations

- ARS Salaries and Expenses:
 - \$1,132,625,000
 - Represents an increase of \$10.1 million over the FY 2014 spending level
- ARS Buildings and Facilities:
 - \$45 million funding provided – for the Southeast Poultry Laboratory, Athens, GA

FY 2016 President's Proposed Budget for ARS

- ARS Salaries and Expenses:
 - \$1,191,540,000
 - Represents an increase of \$59 million from the FY 2015 appropriation
 - Increases
 - Pay Cost \$9 million
 - Program Increases \$77.3 million
 - Climate Resilient Crop \$11 million
 - Translational Crop/Livestock Genetics \$11.1 million
 - Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria \$10 million
 - Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change \$8 million
 - Pollinator Health \$7 million
 - Improving Agricultural Sustainability \$8 million
 - Sustainable Small Farms \$7.5 million
 - Antimicrobial Resistance \$7 million
 - Vertical Farming \$5 million
 - Big Data \$2.5 million
 - Decreases
 - Proposed Redirections (\$26 million)
 - Proposed Terminations (\$21.4 million)

○ ARS Buildings and Facilities	\$206 million
▪ Biocontainment Laboratory and Consolidated Poultry Research Facility, Athens, GA	\$113.7 million
▪ Children’s Nutrition Research Center, Houston, TX	\$29.2 million
▪ Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD	\$37.1 million
▪ Southwest Watershed Research Center, Tucson, AZ	\$12.4 million
▪ National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment, Ames, Iowa	\$13.5 million

NEW LEADERSHIP, ACTIVITIES, AND VACANCIES

New ARS Associate Administrator for Research Operations – Simon Liu

Newly Created Research Center: U.S. National Poultry Research Center – Athens, GA

Recruit for New Senior Scientific Technical Service Director Vacancy – Athens, GA

Retirements: Caird Rexroad, Joe Spence, Dan Upchurch

Vacancies:

Alabama

- Auburn – RL vacancy, Aquatic Animal Health Research Unit (Allen Torbert, Acting)

Arkansas

- Booneville – RL vacancy, Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center (Ann Donoghue, Acting)
- Little Rock – RL vacancy, Arkansas Children’s Nutrition Center

Florida

- Gainesville – RL vacancy, Chemistry Research Unit (Hans Alborn, Acting)
- Miami – RL vacancy, Subtropical Horticultural Research Unit (Ricardo Goenaga, Acting)

Georgia

- Athens – Russell Research Center RL Vacancy, Poultry Microbiological Safety Research Unit (Arthur Hinton, Acting)
- Athens – Russell Research Center RL Vacancy, Bacterial Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Resistance Research Unit (Richard Meinersmann, Acting)

- Athens – U. S. Poultry Research Center, Center Director Vacancy.
- Tifton – RL vacancy, Crop Protection and Management Research Unit (Jim Carpenter, Acting)

Mississippi

- Stoneville – RL vacancy, Biological Control of Pests Research Unit (Selection made)
- Stoneville – RL vacancy, Crop Genetics Research Unit
- Oxford – Lab Director vacancy, National Sedimentation Laboratory (Seth Dabney, Acting)

North Carolina

- Raleigh – RL vacancy, Market Quality and Handling Research Unit (Lisa Dean, Acting)

South Carolina

- Florence – RL vacancy, Coastal Plain Soil, Water, and Plant Conservation Research Unit (Thomas Ducey, Acting)

Southeast Area Capacity

486 – Scientists

1,241 – Permanent employees, 435 term/temporary employees

62 – Research Units

27 – Research Locations

\$222,890,186 – Total Budget

\$32,060,121 – Soft Funds

Southeast Area Research Productivity 2014

1,377 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed Journals published

4 – Germplasm releases

- Ebony & Ivory – Crapemyrtle
- Ebony Fire – Crapemyrtle
- Ebony Embers – Crapemyrtle
- US Furr and US Furr-ST Mandarin

174 – Material Transfer Agreement's (MTA)

27 – Material Transfer Research Agreement's (MTRA)

5 – Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADAs)

26 – Patents awarded

Grants

143 – Competitive Grants Awarded

17 – NIFA Proposals Awarded

\$32.1 million – Soft Funds

Plains Area Capacity

305 – Scientists

901 – Permanent employees, 354 term/temporary employees

51 – Research Units

22 – Research locations

Plains Area Research Productivity 2014

2 – Germplasm releases

22 – Active license agreements

5 – New CRADAs

5 – Patents awarded

874 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed journals submitted