
ARS REPORT - April 2016

Southeast Area

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- ***Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Puerto Rico***
- ***Worksites: Arkansas, Arizona, Tennessee, Michigan, Florida, & St. Croix, VI***

Plains Area

- Area Director: Larry Chandler
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 - John McMurtry – 970-492-7057
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- Montana, North and South Dakota, ***Oklahoma, Texas***, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico.

Midwest Area

- Area Director: Robert Matteri
USDA-ARS Midwest Area

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- Associate Area Directors:
 - J.L. Willett – 309-681-6601
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- Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, **Kentucky**, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin
- Six worksites in the 9 state area listed above.

Northeast Area

- Area Director: Dariusz Swietlik
USDA-ARS Northeast Area
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- Associate Area Directors:
 - (Acting) Paul Sebesta – 301-504-5193
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- Washington, DC, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, **Virginia (no ARS facilities in Virginia)**.

BUDGET

FY 2016 Appropriations

- ARS Salaries and Expenses:
 - \$1.192 billion
 - Represents an increase of \$58.9 million over the FY 2015 spending level

- ARS Buildings and Facilities:
 - \$205.9 million funding provided
 - \$47.4 million proposed research increases

FY 2017 President's Proposed Budget for ARS

- ARS Salaries and Expenses:
 - \$1.161 billion
 - Represents an increase of \$17.5 million from the FY 2016 appropriation
 - Increases
 - Pay Cost \$11.2 million
 - Program Increases \$63.3 million
 - Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria \$22.3 million
 - Climate Change \$19.0 million
 - Safe and Abundant Water Supplies \$15.0 million
 - Foreign Animal Diseases \$7 million
 - Avian Influenza \$3 million
 - Decreases
 - Proposed Redirections (\$12.4 million)
 - Proposed Terminations of Projects (\$47.6 million)
 - ARS Buildings and Facilities \$94.5 million
 - Fort Detrick, MD: Foreign Disease-Weed Science Lab \$64.3 million
 - Salinas, CA: Agricultural Research Technology Center \$30.2 million

NEW LEADERSHIP, ACTIVITIES, AND VACANCIES

New Associate Area Directors, Southeast Area, Stoneville, MS – Archie Tucker & Jeff Silverstein

New Center Director, U.S. National Poultry Research Center, Athens, GA – Eileen Thacker

New Lab Director, National Sedimentation Laboratory, Oxford, MS – Martin Locke

Recruit for New Center Director at Southern Regional Research Center – New Orleans, LA

Research Leader Vacancies Filled:

- Phillip Owens – Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center, Booneville, AR
- Ben Beck – Aquatic Animal Health Research Unit, Auburn AL
- John Beck – Chemistry Research Unit, Gainesville, GA
- Paul Shirk – Insect Behavior and Biocontrol Research Unit, Gainesville, GA
- Mike Grodowitz – Biological Control of Pests Research Unit, Stoneville, MS
- Kim Cook – Bacterial Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Resistance Research Unit, Athens, GA
- Arthur Hinton – Poultry Microbiological Safety & Processing Research Unit, Athens, GA
- Ariel Szogi – Coastal Plain Soil, Water, and Plant Conservation Research Unit, Florence, SC
- Prasanna Gowda – Forage and Livestock Production Research Unit, El Reno, OK

Vacancies:

Arkansas

- Little Rock – RL vacancy, Arkansas Children’s Nutrition Center

Florida

- Miami – RL vacancy, Subtropical Horticultural Research Unit (Hamed Abbas, Acting)

Georgia

- Tifton – RL vacancy, Crop Protection and Management Research Unit (Tim Strickland, Acting)

Mississippi

- Stoneville – RL vacancy, Crop Genetics Research Unit (Rusty Smith, Acting)

Louisiana

- Baton Rouge – RL vacancy, Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics & Physiology Research Unit (Bob Danka, Acting)

Texas

- Bushland – RL vacancy, Livestock Nutrient Management Research Unit (David Brauer, Acting)

Southeast Area Capacity

565 – Scientists, Post Docs, Support Scientists

1,710 – Employees

62 – Research Units

27 – Research Locations

\$211,210,153 – Total Budget

\$22.3 million – Soft Funds

Southeast Area Research Productivity 2015

1,768 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed Journals published

11 – Plant Releases; 1 – Germplasm Release:

- Boca – Amaryllis
- Jax – Amaryllis

- Miami – Amaryllis
- Orlando – Amaryllis
- Tampa – Amaryllis
- AZ 35 – Azalea
- AZ 47 – Azalea
- AZ 16 – Azalea
- AZ 56 – Azalea
- Ramata – Ginger
- Gulfsnow – Peach Tree
- Glycine US8002 – Soybean

56 – Material Transfer Agreement's (MTA)

9 – Material Transfer Research Agreement's (MTRA)

8 – Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADAs)

4 – Patents Awarded

Grants

125 – Competitive Grants Awarded

12 – NIFA Proposals Awarded

\$22.3 million – Soft Funds

Plains Area Capacity

302 – Scientists

1,288 – Employees

51 – Research Units

22 – Research Locations

Plains Area Research Productivity 2015

4 – Germplasm Releases

20 – Active License Agreements

7 – New Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs)

5 – Patents Awarded

796 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed Journals submitted

Grants

23 – Competitive Grants Awarded

4 – NIFA Proposals Awarded

\$28.8 million – Soft Funds

Midwest Area Capacity

331 – Scientists

1,517 – Employees

39 – Research Units

13 – Research Locations

Midwest Area Research Productivity 2015

819 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed Journals published

192 – Material Transfer Agreements (MTA)

24 – Material Transfer Research Agreements (MTRA)

38 – Cooperative Research Development Agreement (CRADAs)

Grants

27 – Competitive Grants Awarded

3 – NIFA Proposals Awarded

\$16.3 million – Soft Funds

Northeast Area Capacity

No ARS facilities in Virginia to report