

ASRED Report

1. Federal Budget
 - Cooperative Extension's (CE) Smith Lever portion of the Federal Budget is 0.0016%., which is smaller than the Hatch portion
 - The CE budget line in President's Budget is less than the 2012 allocation. So we would like support in advocating for the 2012 federal budget instead of the President's budget. The 2012 Hatch request is the same as the president's budget so advocating for the 2012 budget together is less confusing that if we ask for different things.
2. Program emerging needs in the Southern Region
 - Water Quantity – We have good Water Quality research & extension but there is limited research on quantity. e.g. Water rights & water policy
3. National Association of State Budget Officers & National Association of Co's representatives made several comments at the National Extension Directors meeting last month.
 - Moderate improvement but long way to go on state budgets
 - Budget challenges will exist for a few more years in US but probably a decade more in Europe
 - Concerns were raised about whether the current tax structure can support the future
 - Best states financially were identified -Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alaska, Wyoming (Energy related)
 - Most challenged state budgets were– Arizona, Florida (real estate dependant)
 - Baby Boomer retirements will impact both state & Co. Government - less desirable jobs
 - States have been very federal dependence and the future will have less federal support
4. Battelle Study
 - The Southern Extension Directors are supportive
5. ASRED Meeting
 - April 10-12, 2012

Cooperative Extension, in the Southern Region, has had significant turnover in Director Positions in the past 3 Years. Those who have been in leadership positions for longer probably need to keep this in mind many are still learning the plethora of acronyms, agencies and relationships we have with federal programs.

Pending vacancies: Texas and Florida

Recently filled (1-3 yrs) VA, AL, MS, NC, PR, SC, AK