

# Multistate Research Committee Report

## Fall 2014

**Presenter:** Clarence Watson

### **Background:**

The Southern MRC is composed of Clarence Watson (Chair), Craig Nessler, Steve Oliver, Jodi Jellison and Deborah Brennan (ARS Rep).

The following is a current status report, prepared by Donna Pearce, of MRF activities sorted by termination date. This information is also available on the southern directors' web site.

### **Multistate Activities' Status**

#### **Projects/Activities Terminating 9/30/14**

- **S1045** – “Genetic Considerations for Beef Cattle Production in Challenging Environments” – Joe West, GA
- **S1046** – “Improved management of plant-parasitic nematodes through modern diagnostic tools and increased use of host resistance” – Ron Lacewell, TX
- **SDC349** – “The Poultry Food System: A Farm to Table Model” – David Monks, NC
- **SDC358** – “Quantification of best management practice effectiveness for water quality protection at the watershed scale” – Saied Mostaghimi, VA
- **SERA005** – “Sweet Potato Collaborators Conference” – David Monks, NC
- **SERA008** – “Fescue Endophyte Research and Extension” – Jody Jellison, VA
- **SERA015** – “Competitiveness and Sustainability of the Southern Dairy Industry” – Joe West, GA
- **SERA020** – “Southern Conservation Tillage Systems Conference” – Jonathan Pote, MS
- **SERA041** – “Beef Cattle Production Utilizing Forages in the Southeast to Integrate Research and Extension Programs across State Boundaries” – Steve Oliver, TN
- **SERA043** – “Southern Region Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee” – Wes Burger, MS
- **SERA044** – “Landscapes and Gardens for Better Living” – Jody Jellison, VA
- **SCC76** – “Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture and Natural Resources” – Reuben Moore, MS

#### **Terminating Without Replacement 9/30/2014**

- **SDC349** – “The Poultry Food System: A Farm to Table Model” – David Monks, NC
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#### **Replacement Projects/Activities Approved**

- **S\_temp3302 (re-write for S1045)** - “Enhancement of Leadership Capacity to Address Global Issues in the Food Systems through Coalition Development” – Joe West, GA
- **SCC76 (re-write for S\_temp3342/SCC76)** – “Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture and Natural Resources” – Reuben Moore, MS
- **S1063 (re-write for SDC358)** – “Quantification of best management practice effectiveness for water quality protection at the watershed scale” – Saied Mostaghimi, VA
- **SERA005 (approved for 1-year)** – “Sweet Potato Collaborators Conference” – David Monks, NC

- **SERA015 (re-write for S\_temp3402/SERA 015) (approved for 1-year)** – “Competitiveness and Sustainability of the Southern Dairy Industry” – Joe West, GA
- **SERA041(re-write for S\_temp3362/SERA041) (approved for 1-year)** – “Beef Cattle Production Utilizing Forages in the Southeast to Integrate Research and Extension Programs across State Boundaries” – Steve Oliver, TN
- **SERA043 (re-write for S\_temp3422/SERA043) (approved for 1-year)** – “Southern Region Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee” – Wes Burger, MS
- **SERA044 (re-write for S\_temp3382/SERA044) (approved for 1-year)** – “Landscapes and Gardens for Better Living” – Jody Jellison, VA
- **SERA045 (New) (re-write for S\_temp3323)** – “Crop diversification opportunities to enhance the viability of small farms” – Eric young, NC
- **SERA46 (New) (re-write for S\_temp3322)** – “Framework for Nutrient Reduction Strategy Collaboration: the Role for Land Grant Universities” – George Hopper, MS

### **Projects/Activities Terminating 9/30/2015**

- **S1048** – “Assessment of the Carbon Sequestration Potential of Common Agricultural Systems on Benchmark Soils across the Southern Region Climate Gradient” – Steve Workman, KY
- **S1049** – “Integrated Management of Pecan Arthropod Pests in the Southern U.S” – Clarence Watson, AR
- **S1050** – “Assessing the Consumer Behavior, Market Coordination and Performance of the Consumer-Oriented Fruit and Vegetable Sector” – Bob Shulstad, GA
- **S1051** – “Sustainable Practices, Economic Contributions, Consumer Behavior, and Labor
- **SCC33** – “Cooperative Variety Testing Programs” – Clarence Watson, AR
- **SCC80** – “Plant Breeding” – Eric Young, NC
- **SCC83** – “Quantifying the Linkages among Soil Health, Organic Farming, and Food” – Eric Young, NC
- **SERA005** – “Sweet Potato Collaborators Conference” – David Monks, NC
- **SERA015** – “Competitiveness and Sustainability of the Southern Dairy Industry” – Joe West, GA
- **SERA035** – “Delta Region Farm Management and Agricultural Policy Working Group” – Reuben Moore, MS
- **SERA041** – “Beef Cattle Production Utilizing Forages in the Southeast to Integrate Research and Extension Programs across State Boundaries” – Steve Oliver, TN
- **SERA043** – “Southern Region Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee” – Wes Burger, MS
- **SERA044** – “Landscapes and Gardens for Better Living” – Jody Jellison, VA
- **SERA045** – “Crop diversification opportunities to enhance the viability of small farms” – Eric young, NC
- **SERA042** – “Enhancement of Leadership Capacity to Address Global Issues in the Food Systems through Coalition Development” – Eric Young, NC

**Action Requested: For information**