

Multistate Research Committee Report Fall 2015

Presenter: Clarence Watson

Background:

The Southern MRC is composed of Clarence Watson (Chair), Craig Nessler, Steve Oliver, Jody 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' website.

Multistate Activities' Status

Projects/Activities Terminating 9/30/2015

- **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
– Craig Nessler, TX
- **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
- **SERA042** – “Enhancement of Leadership Capacity to Address Global Issues in the
Food Systems through Coalition Development” – Eric Young, NC
- **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

Terminating Without Replacement 9/30/2015

- **S1049** – “Integrated Management of Pecan Arthropod Pests in the Southern U.S”
– Clarence Watson, AR
- **SERA042** – “Enhancement of Leadership Capacity to Address Global Issues in the
Food Systems through Coalition Development” – Eric Young, NC
- **SERA044** – “Landscapes and Gardens for Better Living” – Jody Jellison, VA
- **SCC83** – “Quantifying the Linkages among Soil Health, Organic Farming, and Food”
– Eric Young, NC

Replacement Projects/Activities Approved

- **S temp3602 (re-write for S-1050)** – “Specialty Crops and Food Systems: Exploring Markets, Supply Chains and Policy Dimensions” – Bob Shulstad, GA
- **S1065 (S-1051)** – “Sustainable Practices. Economic Contributions. Consumer Behavior, and Labor Management in the U.S. Environmental Horticulture Industry” – Craig Nessler, TX
- **S-1066 (New) (re-write for S temp3442)** – “Development of sustainable crop production practices for integrated management of plant-pathogenic nematodes” – Ron Lacewell, TX
- **S temp3662 (New)** – “Industrial Hemp Production, Processing, and Marketing in the U.S.” – Lesley Oliver, KY
- **SERA005 (re-write for S_temp3502/SERA005) (approved for 5 years)** – “Sweet Potato Collaborators Conference” – David Monks, NC
- **SERA015 (re-write for S_temp3642/SERA015) (approved for 4 years)** – “Competitiveness and Sustainability of the Southern Dairy Industry” – Joe West, GA
- **SERA035 (re-write for S_temp3522/SERA035) (approved for 5 years)** – “Delta Region Farm Management and Agricultural Policy Working Group” - Reuben Moore, MS
- **SERA041 (re-write for S_temp3582/SERA041)) (approved for 4 years)** – “Beef Cattle Production Utilizing Forages in the Southeast to Integrate Research and Extension Programs across State Boundaries: Development of replacement heifers” – Steve Oliver, TN
- **SERA043 (re-write for S_temp3542/for SERA043) (approved for 4 years)** – “Southern Region Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee” – Wes Burger, MS
- **SERA045 (re-write for S_temp3643/SERA045)) (approved for 4 years)** – “Crop diversification opportunities to enhance the viability of small farms” – Eric young, NC
- **SCC-033 (re-write for S_temp3482/SCC-033)** – “Cooperative Variety Testing Programs” – Clarence Watson, AR
- **SCC-080 (re-write for S temp3562/SCC-80)** - “Sustaining the Future of Plant Breeding” – Eric Young, NC

Projects/Activities Terminating 9/30/2016

- **S-294** – “Quality and Safety of Fresh-cut Vegetables and Fruits” – Reuben Moore, MS
- **S-1048** – “Assessment of the Carbon Sequestration Potential of Common Agricultural Systems on Benchmark Soils Across the Southern Region Climate Gradient” – George Hopper, MS

Action Requested: For information