

Multistate Research Committee Report

April 2014

Presenter: Steve Workman

Background:

The Southern MRC is composed of ARS Rep(vacant), Steve Workman (Chair), Craig Nessler, Clarence Watson, Steve Oliver, and Eric Young.

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

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

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

Management in the U.S. Environmental Horticulture Industry” – Craig Nessler, VA
SERA035 – “Delta Region Farm Management and Agricultural Policy Working Group” – Reuben Moore, MS
SERA042 – “Enhancement of Leadership Capacity to Address Global Issues in the Food Systems through Coalition Development” – Eric Young, NC
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

Action Requested: For information