

## Multistate Research Committee Report Spring 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' web site.

### **Multistate Activities' Status**

#### **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 – 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**

### **Replacement Projects/Activities Approved**

- **S\_temp3502 (re-write for SERA005)** - "Sweet Potato Collaborators Conference" – David Monks, NC and Joe Zublena, NC
- **S\_temp 3442 (NEW)** – "Development of sustainable crop production practices for integrated management of plant-pathogenic nematodes" – Ron Lacewell, TX
- **S\_temp3482 (SCC-033)** – "Cooperative Variety Testing Programs" – Clarence Watson, AR
- **S\_temp3462 (S-1051)** – "Sustainable Practices, Economic Contributions, Consumer Behavior, and Labor Management in the U.S. Environmental Horticulture Industry" – Craig Nessler, TX
- **S\_temp3522 (SERA35)** – "Delta Region Farm Management and Agricultural Policy Working Group" – Reuben Moore, MS

### **Projects/Activities Terminating 9/30/2016**

- **S-294** – "Quality and Safety of Fresh-cut Vegetables and Fruits" – Reuben Moore, MS

**Action Requested: For information**