
***ARS REPORT – Southern Association of Agricultural
Experiment Station Directors – April 2017***

Southeast Area

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- Associate Area Directors:
 - Archie Tucker – 662-686-5266
 - Ellen Harris – 662-686-5266
- ***Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Puerto Rico***
- ***Worksites: Arkansas, Arizona, Tennessee, Michigan, Florida, & St. Croix, VI***

Plains Area

- Area Director: Larry Chandler
USDA-ARS Plains Area
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 - John McMurtry – 970-492-7057
 - Bryan Kaphammer – 970-492-7054
- Montana, North and South Dakota, ***Oklahoma, Texas***, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico.

Midwest Area

- Area Director: Vacancy (J.L. Willett, Acting)

USDA-ARS Midwest Area

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- Associate Area Directors:
 - J.L. Willett – 309-681-6601
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- Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, **Kentucky**, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin
- Six worksites in the 9 state area listed above.

Northeast Area

- Area Director: Dariusz Swietlik
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 - Paul Sebesta – 301-504-5193
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- Washington, DC, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, **Virginia (no ARS facilities in Virginia)**.

BUDGET

FY 2017 Appropriations (Under a Continuing Resolution)

- ARS Salaries and Expenses:
 - \$1.161 billion
- ARS Buildings and Facilities:
 - \$94.5 million funding proposed

FY 2018 President's Proposed Budget for ARS

- The Trump administration is seeking to cut 21 percent (\$4.7 billion) of the Agriculture Department's discretionary spending budget. The vulnerable programs include rural development and research but exclude SNAP (food stamps) and crop subsidies. The USDA will also reduce staff by an unspecified amount at various service center agencies around the country.
 - Eliminates the \$200 million McGovern-Dole International Food for Education program
 - Eliminates the \$500 million Water and Wastewater loan and grant program
 - Cuts Women, Infants and Children nutrition assistance from \$6.4 billion to \$6.2 billion
 - Unspecified staff reductions at USDA service center agencies around the country
 - Cuts \$95 million from the Rural Business and Cooperative Service
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NEW LEADERSHIP, ACTIVITIES, AND VACANCIES

New Associate Area Director, Southeast Area, Stoneville, MS – Ellen Harris

New Center Director at Southern Regional Research Center, New Orleans, LA – Deepak Bhatnagar

Research Leader Vacancies Filled:

- Sally Stetina – Crop Genetics Research Center, Stoneville, MS
- Bob Danka – Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics & Physiology Research Unit, Baton Rouge, LA

Vacancies:

Arkansas

- Little Rock – RL vacancy, Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center

Florida

- Canal Point – RL vacancy, Sugarcane Production Research Unit (Per McCord, Acting)
- Miami – RL vacancy, Subtropical Horticultural Research Unit (Hamed Abbas, Acting)

Georgia

- Athens – RL vacancy, Endemic Poultry Viral Disease Research Unit (Michael Day, Acting)
- Byron – RL vacancy, Fruit and Nut Research Unit, (Ted Cottrell, Acting)
- Dawson – RL vacancy, Peanut Research Unit, (Ronald Sorensen, Acting)
- Griffin – RL vacancy, Plant Genetic Resources Conservation Unit, (Brad Morris, Acting)
- Tifton – RL vacancy, Crop Protection and Management Research Unit (Tim Strickland, Acting)

Louisiana

- New Orleans – RL vacancy, Food & Feed Safety Research Unit, (Kanniah Rajasekaran, Acting)

Michigan

- East Lansing – RL vacancy, Avian Disease and Oncology Laboratory, (John Dunn, Acting)

Mississippi

- Stoneville – RL vacancy, Cotton Ginning Research Unit, (Ruixiu Sui, Acting)

North Carolina

- Raleigh – RL vacancy, Market Quality & Handling Research Unit, (Ondulla Toomer, Acting)

Texas

- Bushland – RL vacancy, Livestock Nutrient Management Research Unit (David Brauer, Acting)
- College Station – RL vacancy, Crop Germplasm Research Unit (Wayne Ivie, Acting)
- College Station – RL vacancy, Insect Control and Cotton Disease Research Unit (Wayne Ivie, Acting)
- Lubbock – Laboratory Director vacancy, Cropping Systems Research Laboratory (David Brauer, Acting)
- Lubbock – RL vacancy, Plant Stress & Germplasm Development Research Unit (Paxton Payton, Acting)
- Temple – RL vacancy, Grassland, Soil & Water Research Laboratory (Doug Smith, Acting)

Southeast Area Capacity

567 – Scientists, Post Docs, Support Scientists

1,651 – Employees

62 – Research Units

27 – Research Locations

\$229,804,850 – Total Budget (2017 Continuing Resolution)

\$15.7 million – Soft Funds

Southeast Area Research Productivity 2016

1,987 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed Journals published

7 – Registrations of Germplasm lines of cotton

1 – Registration of Soybean Germplasm JTN-4307

183 – Material Transfer Agreement's (MTA)

30 – Material Transfer Research Agreement's (MTRA)

13 – Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADAs)

68 – Active Patents

Grants

110 – Competitive Grants Awarded

18 – NIFA Proposals Awarded

\$15.7 million – Soft Funds

Plains Area Capacity

302 – Scientists

929 – Employees

51 – Research Units

22 – Research Locations

Plains Area Research Productivity 2016

4 – Germplasm Releases

20 – Active License Agreements

7 – New Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs)

5 – Patents Awarded

796 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed Journals submitted

Grants

23 – Competitive Grants Awarded

4 – NIFA Proposals Awarded

\$28.8 million – Soft Funds

Midwest Area Capacity

294 – Scientists

1,174 – Employees

39 – Research Units

13 – Research Locations

Midwest Area Research Productivity 2016

691 – Manuscripts in peer reviewed Journals published

178 – Material Transfer Agreements (MTA)

26 – Material Transfer Research Agreements (MTRA)

8 – Cooperative Research Development Agreement (CRADAs)

Grants

59 – Competitive Grants Awarded

17 – NIFA Proposals Awarded

\$20.1 million – Soft Funds

Northeast Area Capacity

No ARS facilities in Virginia to report