



SAAESD Strategic Roadmap 2021

Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

Mission: The SAAESD amplifies the collective strengths of our academic institutions to expand the vision and enhance their research capacity to collaboratively provide innovative approaches to regional, national, and global challenges in the food, agricultural, environmental, and life sciences.

Vision: Transform agricultural, food, natural resources, and human systems throughout the Southern region for a healthier and more sustainable world through consensus and collaborative discovery, translation, application, and adoption.

Stakeholder Needs

Active and effective advocacy for the Southern regional research system
High priority regional research in food, agriculture, and natural resources
Effective coordination with Extension, academic, governmental, industrial and private entities
Forum for information exchange, training, and communication

Focus Areas leading to **Desired Results** to attain our **Goals**

Collaborative Discovery - Strategic Alliances - Enhancing Reputation
Effective Advocacy - Creating Impact

Desired Result: Accelerate research and innovation by facilitating collaborative discovery

Desired Result: Extend the reach and impact of our research programs through strong alliances

Desired Result: Expand the reputations of member agricultural experiment stations

Desired Result: Serve as an effective advocate for the Southern regional research system

Desired Result: Facilitate cutting-edge, innovative science that matters

Goals

1. Increase scope, diversity and relevance of our collective research portfolios
2. Strengthen collaborative research that has regional relevance
3. Support and develop excellent human capital
4. Showcase our member successes, both internally and externally

Annual Action Plans: A systematic planning and prioritization process to continually identify and update regional research opportunities.