Interim Actions

- Appointed Matt Fannin, LA, to the Southern Rural Development Center Technical & Operational Advisory Committee as a representative of the Southern Region Experiment Station Directors.
- Appointed Wayne Miller, AR, to the Southern Rural Development Center Technical & Operational Advisory Committee as a representative of the Southern Region Experiment Station Directors.
- Appointed David Ragsdale, TX, to US Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative Steering Committee as a representative of the Southern Region Experiment Station Directors effective January 1, 2021
- Appointed and charged a Strategic Planning Working Group to develop a new Strategic Plan for the SAAESD. Committee members are: David White, TN, Susan Duncan, VA, John Davis, FL, Michael Toews, GA, and Bob Godfrey, VI.
- Convened the Executive Committee December 20, January 19<sup>th</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- SAAESD signed on to letter to Secretary Vilsack with an urgent call to substantially increase support for public investment in food and agricultural research and science.