



# 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:** Agricultural, food, natural resources, and human systems throughout the Southern region are being transformed 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.