## Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

# SAAESD

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   Division of Agriculture
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- Cindy Morley, Program Coordinator



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## **Retirements**

- Robert Houtz (UK)
- David Ragsdale (TAMU)
- Keith Owens (OSU)
- Reuben Moore (MSU)

## **Transfers**

Henry Fadamiro

Auburn to TAMU

Robert Godfrey (UVI)

NIFA Division Director for Animal Systems

## **New COOs**

- Jamie Matthew (UK)
- Scott Senseman (OSU)
- Authur Appel (Auburn)
- Tom Zimmerman (UVI)

# SAAESD Strategic Roadmap Focus Areas

- Promote Collaborative Discovery accelerating innovation
- Create Strategic Alliances extending reach and impact
- Enhance Reputation promote success of individual institutions
- Effective Advocacy Southern regional research system
- Create Impact facilitate cutting edge science that matters

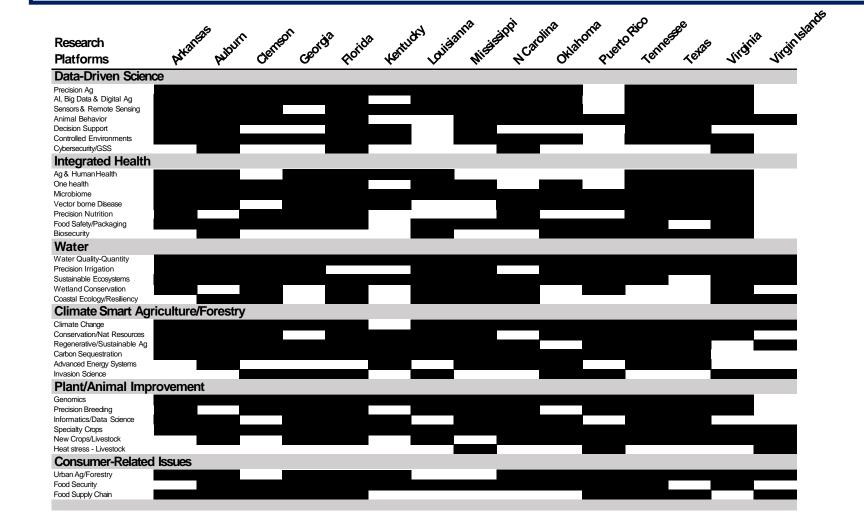
#### **GOALS**

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



# **Collaborative Discovery**





## **Artificial Intelligence**

#### Survey

"AI Activities at SAAESD Institutions"

#### Workshop

"Opportunities for Cross-Institutional Collaborations in Artificial Intelligence"

#### NIFA Conference Grant

"Envisioning 2050 in the Southeast: Aldriven innovations in agriculture"

#### Multistate Research Project

"AI in Agroecosystems: Big Data and Smart Technology-Driven Sustainable Production"

# Effective Advocacy Enhance Reputation



## **Southern Region Communicators Consortium**

#### **Working Group**

Frankie Gould, Chair (LSU)

Lyndall Stout (OSU)

Nick Kordsmeier (U Arkansas) Richard Campbell (NCSU)

Ruth Borger (U Florida) NIFA Liaison - Andy Thigpen

#### **Goal: Showcase member successes**

- Increase the clarity, consistency, and scale of messaging from our research programs
- Speak with a coordinated voice on regional issues that complements, reinforces and elevates messages from our respective universities
- Broaden the scope of our individual communications from member institutions to network and provide substantive and regular information to generate impact

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#### **Communication Liaisons**

Josh Woods (Auburn)

Nick Kordsmeier (U Arkansas)

Chris Vivian (U Florida)

Cassie Ann Kiggen (U Georgia)

Tobie Blanchard (LSU)

Karen Brasher (MSU)

Richard Campbell (NCSU)

Lyndall Stout (OSU)

Yolanda Toro Adorno (UPRM)

Jonathan Velt (Clemson)

Patty McDaniels (U Tennessee)

Gabe Saldana (TAMU)

Zeke Barlow (Virginia Tech)

Marthious Clavier (UVI)