

Department Consolidation and Elimination

Southern Region (as of Feb 2026)

Mississippi State –

- Department of Biochemistry, Nutrition and Health Promotion (BNHP) will encapsulate the current faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BCHMB) and Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion (FSNHP).
- Food Science Innovation Laboratory (FSIL) will be created and serve as an interdisciplinary space with cross-departmental and cross-college opportunities in food science and food safety research, interdisciplinary instruction and outreach.
- Department of Agricultural Science and Plant Protection (ASPP) will encapsulate the current faculty of Entomology and Plant Pathology (EPP) and the Agricultural Science B.S. degree program.

University of Georgia –

- Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering left CAES when the UGA College of Engineering was formed in 2012
- Department of Environmental Health Science left when the UGA College of Public Health was formed in 2005
- CAES has neither lost nor consolidated any departments, but departments have moved under different units as UGA created new colleges to meet needs.

Virginia Tech –

- Agricultural Education in Vocational and Technical Education in College of Education moved to CALS in 1991 and merged with the Extension Program and Development Unit to form the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education. Name changed to Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education in 2014.
- Agricultural Engineering name changed in 1991 to Biological Systems
- Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise, formed in 1996 in the College of Human Resources by combining Department of Human Nutrition & Foods and Exercise Science Program relocated to CALS in 2001 following closure of the College of Human Resources
- School of Animal Sciences, created from consolidation of Animal & Poultry Sciences and Dairy Sciences
- School of Plant and Environmental Sciences, created from consolidation of Horticulture and Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences and Plant Pathology & Weed Science

Clemson –

- Biological Sciences and Genetics & Biochemistry Departments were moved out of the college as part of the creation of a new college, the College of Science.
- Biosystems Engineering was moved to the College of Engineering, Computer, and Applied Sciences.

- Agricultural Sciences – Merger of the departments of Agribusiness, Agricultural Education, and Agricultural Mechanization.
- Plant and Environmental Sciences – Merger of the Horticulture, Plant Physiology, Entomology and Agronomy departments.
- Food, Nutrition and Packaging Science – Merger of the Department of Food and Nutrition with the Department of Packaging Science.
- Forestry and Environmental Conservation – Merger of the Department of Forestry with the Department of Wildlife.

University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture –

- Landscape Architecture program was moved from Bumpers College of Ag., Food, and Life Sciences to Fay Jones School of Architecture - 2010
- Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering was moved from Bumpers College of Ag., Food, and Life Sciences to the College of Engineering - 2011
- Department of Entomology and the Department of Plant Pathology were combined into one: the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology - 2018
- Department of Agricultural Statistics was converted to the Center for Agricultural Data Analytics, which reports to the Agricultural Experiment Station Director- 2022

North Carolina State University –

- Crop and Soil Sciences Departments consolidated into Crop & Soil Sciences Department
- Entomology and Plant Pathology Departments consolidated into Entomology & Plant Pathology Department
- Plant Biology and Microbiology Departments consolidated into Plant & Microbial Biology Department
- Youth, Family, & Community Sciences program and the Agricultural and Extension Education program consolidated into Agricultural and Human Sciences Department