

2009 University of Tennessee Research and Extension and Tennessee State University  
Extension Combined Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results Review

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**State:** Tennessee

**Institution(s):**

- University of Tennessee
- Tennessee State University

**Type of Report ( Check all that apply )**

- 1862 Research
- 1862 Extension
- 1890 Research
- 1890 Extension
- Tuskegee Research
- Tuskegee Extension

**NPL Reviewers:**

- Etta Saltos
- Greg Crosby

**Report Overview Section (Required):**

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive summary. (Suggested in Guidance)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total FTEs are included for each appropriate institution of the Report

**Comments:**

The executive summary is clear and concise.

**Merit/Program Review Process Section (Required):**

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	At least one process has been checked (including other) (required)

**Comments:**

The merit review process is clearly described. The University of Tennessee Extension continues to use the external review in collaboration with the University of Maryland.

**Stakeholder Input Process Section (Required):**

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(a) Actions taken to seek stakeholder input that encourages their participation (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(b) Method used to identify groups and individuals (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(c) Method used for collecting stakeholder input (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(d) A statement of how collected input will be considered (Required)

**Comments:**

The report provided a clear description of how stakeholder input is collected. Excellent examples were provided to show how stakeholder input is used in revising program content to make it more relevant.

**Planned Programs Section (Required):**

Acceptable		
YES	NO	

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YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Used Appropriate Logic Model Elements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Input Dollars Expended on Each Planned Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Knowledge Areas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Outputs for each Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Outcomes for each Program

**Comments:**

The University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University are to be commended for organizing the Annual Report around the five NIFA Challenge Areas. Some state-defined outcomes were not in the program that would be the best fit (e.g. some outcomes in the Childhood Obesity program would fit better in Food Safety) and impact statements were not provided for some program areas (Agronomic Crop Systems, Environmental and Water Quality, Health and Safety and Sustainable Energy). Nevertheless the report continues to improve each year.

**General Recommendations:**

The Annual Report has continued to improve from previous years and reviewer comments from last year have been addressed. The introduction uses the phrase "reoccurring and non-reoccurring economic impacts" and then provides a number. A brief context for this number would help the reader understand what is being communicated. It is commendable that this report included information about the five USDA priority areas: although not much was reported around climate change. Tennessee has a number of faculty working in the eXtension Communities of Practice that align with the planned programs, but did not see eXtension mentioned anywhere in the report. Tennessee continues to provide a high quality annual report.

**We hereby recommend NIFA acceptance of this Annual Report.**

Etta Saltos /s/

06/01/2010

NPL Signature

Date

Greg Crosby /s/

06/01/2010

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