

2010 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 University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University are to be commended for incorporating the five NIFA priorities into the Annual Report. The report is clear, and the information provided on return on investment and jobs created is particularly compelling. Commendable high rate of matching funds available.

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, and Virginia Tech.

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, including information on contacts with under-represented groups. Good examples are provided of how stakeholder input was used, particularly in relationship to the economic crisis. The high rate of youth and diverse ethnic groups involved in the assessments and use of information for strategic planning each year demonstrate a high level of institutional commitment to future capacity building for extension and research. A commendable example is the initiation of the Homefront to Heartland program to empower women in agriculture and small business.

Planned Programs Section (Required):

Acceptable		
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 report has improved from last year. Appropriate outputs are provided for each program, and outcomes are provided for most programs, with the exception of the Family Economics program. The University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University have done an excellent job of meeting targets, despite the problems caused by massive flooding and the economic downturn. Commendable 4-H Youth Development program to assist a significant number of young people with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) process skills. Even though climate change is explained more in the context of bioenergy, might there be a role for extension in communicating mitigation and adaptation practices to climate variability.

General Recommendations:

The Annual Report continues to improve and reviewer comments from last year have been addressed. This annual report addresses the five NIFA challenge areas. NIFA encourages goals and targeting within the climate area.

We hereby recommend NIFA acceptance of this Annual Report.

Etta Saltos /s/

08/12/2011

NPL Signature

Date

Greg Crosby /s/

08/12/2011

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