

**Bridging the Gap between 1890 and 1862 Land-Grant
Institutions Agricultural Economics Programs**

A Workshop for Leaders in Agricultural Economics

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Theme: *Bridging the gap between Agricultural Economics programs at 1890 and 1862 Land-Grant Institutions and collaboration with USDA*

Purpose: *To build alliances and collaborative linkages to more effectively bridge the institutional, funding, and operational gap between the 1890 and 1862 land-grants, and other institutions in agricultural economics research, teaching, and extension*

AGENDA
Monday, June 13, 2005

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome, Introduction and Charge**
Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote Address: Widening the Base of the Triangle: What Land-Grant Institutions Must Continue to Do**
Ralph Christy, J. Thomas Clark Professor of Entrepreneurship & Personal Enterprise, Cornell University
Discussion, Q&A
- 9:45 a.m. Morning Break**
- 10:00 a.m. General Session: Opportunities for Collaboration**
Handy Williamson, Vice Provost, International Programs and Faculty Development, University of Missouri: *What the Future Holds*
Debby Sheely, Integrated Programs Director, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service: *Collaboration on Grants*
Jon Brandt, Department Head, Agricultural and Resource Economics, North Carolina State University, *Collaboration on Teaching*
Richard Wootton, Director of Extension and Outreach, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges: *Collaboration on Extension*
George Othere, Vice President, Scientific Application International Corporation: *Opportunities for Industry Collaboration* (Invited)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (catered)**
- 1:00 p.m. General Session: Success Stories in Collaboration**
Abebayehu Tegene, Senior Economist, Economic Research Service: *Research*
C.S. Prakash, Director, Tuskegee University Center of Plant Biotechnology Research: *Research*
Clint Turner, Virginia State University, Interim Dean and Extension Administrator: *Extension* (invited)
Verian Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Engineering Sciences, Technology & Agriculture, Florida A&M University: *Student Recruitment*
Alfred L. Parks, Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research, College of Agriculture, Prairie View A&M University: *Teaching*
- 2:15 p.m. Afternoon Break**
- 2:30 p.m. Facilitated Breakout Sessions**
Opportunities for Action in Teaching
Facilitators: Jay Akridge, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

Dovi Alipoe, Professor of Economics/Agribusiness, Alcorn State University

Opportunities for Action in Extension

Facilitators: Ray McKinnie, Associate Dean for Extension, North Carolina A&T University

Deacue Fields III, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology, Auburn University

Opportunities for Action in Research

Facilitators: Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

Fisseha Tegegne, Associate Professor, Tennessee State University

4:00 p.m. Reconvene: Feedback from Breakout Sessions

7:00 p.m. Reception at Sizzling Express Restaurant

1150 Connecticut Ave, NW (across the street from ERS)

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

8:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast

8:30 A.M. General Session: Capacity Building at 1890's – Recent Progress and Future Opportunities

Richard Hood, National Program Leader, Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service: *CSREES Perspective*

Betsy Kuhn, Director, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service: *ERS Perspective*

Mary Marchant, Director of Undergraduate Studies for Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky: *University Perspectives*

9:45 A.M. Morning Break

10:00 A.M. Panel: Bridging the Gap between 1890's, 1862's, and USDA

Kenrett Jefferson-Moore, Assistant Professor of Agribusiness

North Carolina A&T State University Department of Agribusiness, Applied Economics, and Agriscience Education

Andrew Muhammad, Assistant Professor, Division of Agricultural Sciences, Southern University

Daniel Whitley, Deputy Manager, Black Emphasis Program, Foreign Agricultural Service

Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

11:45 A.M. Lunch (catered)

1:00 P.M. Facilitated Breakout Sessions

Teaching Akridge & Alipoe

Extension McKinnie & Fields

Research Weatherspoon & Tegegne

2:30 P.M. Reconvene: Presentation of Recommendations and Future Plans
Breakout Facilitators

Response and Comments

Joseph Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA

3:15 P.M. Afternoon Break

3:30 P.M. Closure: Next Steps

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Christopher Davis, Economic Research Service, Chair, Committee on
Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics

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Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education,
and Extension Service

Evaluation