

The 2025 annual meeting was held February 2, 2024, at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meeting in Irving. In attendance were Dept Chairs/Heads or representatives from many of the region's ag econ programs: Auburn, Arkansas, Louisiana State University, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee-Knoxville, Texas A&M, and Florida. Also, attending were a few others (university or USDA administrators) as guests. The meeting was chaired (on an interim basis) by Lisa House.

Brief Summary of Minutes

Discussion at the meeting included topics such as:

- Departmental faculty versus professional advising: Experiences, pros, and cons
- Undergraduate and graduate programming within departments. Trends in student numbers at the graduate and undergraduate level, including a discussion about recruiting students at both levels.
- 2023-24 faculty hiring plans/challenges/successes.
- Admissions pathways, in particular transfer students at the undergraduate level and how to get these students involved (in a short time) in departmental and professional activities.
- Minimum stipends for graduate students and challenges recruiting students.

State reports were submitted on undergraduate and graduate student enrollment, faculty numbers (all numbers are estimates). Note that some departments also have non-agricultural-economics degrees, so the numbers are not necessarily comparable.

School	Approximate number of undergraduate students	Approximate number of graduate students	Number of faculty (including current hiring)
Arkansas	395	42	23
Auburn	190	33	18
Clemson	94	8	10
Florida	200	90	40
Georgia	378	87	29
Kentucky	127	16	22
North Carolina State University	600	95	35
Tennessee	141	21	20
Texas A&M	1,572	150	75

