S-065: Multistate Research Coordination, Southern Region

Project No.: S-065

Title: Multistate Research Coordination, Southern Region

DURATION: October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2029

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR: Eric Young

OBJECTIVE:

1. To facilitate the planning and coordination of Multistate Research, Multistate Coordinating Committees, and Multistate Extension/Education and Research Activities.

2. To simplify accounting and disbursement of travel funds and other expenses at each participating State Agricultural Experiment Station (SAES) for multistate planning and coordination.

RELATED CURRENT AND PREVIOUS WORK:

PROCEDURES:

An allotment of Hatch MRF will be made at each participating station to pay the necessary expenses associated with directors serving as administrative advisers and participating members of technical committee, development committees, coordinating committees, integrated research and extension committees, conferences, and other types of multistate work groups authorized by the designated administrative advisers, for the purpose of conferring on, coordinating and furthering research on specific problems of concern to two or more States. Advisers and stations shall be guided by the policies at their own stations regarding travel and other expenses to be authorized. As a policy, the Chair of the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors will serve as chair of this project and may authorize special meetings as required. The Executive Director will serve as Administrative Advisor. A report on the purpose and accomplishment of such meetings shall be included in the annual progress report of the Coordination Project. The chair with the assistance of the Executive Director shall be responsible for assembling this report.

JUSTIFICATION:

Coordination of activities among participating states and between multistate research and integrated research and extension projects requires certain administrative services and support. For example, interstate travel of State Agricultural Experiment Station scientists and administrative advisers is essential for them to attend meetings of ad hoc technical committee, development committees, coordinating committees, integrated research and extension committees, conferences, and other types of multistate work groups. These activities and the associated expenses must be accounted for through some reporting mechanism. This project will facilitate the development and conduct of multistate research, and integrated research and extension activities, and permit the accounting of related expenditures. This project will facilitate better administration of the Hatch Multistate Research Fund and help to facilitate collaboration and cooperative activities on selected priority topics identified through a regional framework of planned activities.

MEASUREMENT OF PROGRESS AND RESULTS:

Outputs:

- Cooperative research studies and integrated research and extension activities targeted to specific agricultural problems of concern to two or more states facilitated.
- Progress of activities monitored and reported annually along with an accounting of related expenditures.

Outcomes or projected Impacts:

- Improved efficiency in the planning and coordinated use of Multi-state Research Funds.
- Better collaboration among states and our partners.

Milestones:

COOPERATING STATIONS:

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Virgin Islands

ORGANIZATION:

Directors of the Southern Association of State Agricultural Experiment Stations will constitute the technical committee. The Chair of the Association will serve as chairman of the Technical Committee. The Executive Director of the Association will serve as Administrative Advisor of the technical committee.

DURATION: 30 years