

North Central Farm Management Extension Committee: Executive Summary-

October 3-4, 2005

Kansas City, MO

Attending: Dwight Aakre, Don Breece, Dale Nordquist, Damona Doye, William Edwards, Steve Harsh, Ray Massey, Steve Isaacs, Rodney Jones, Doug Jose, George Patrick, Burton Pflueger, Gary Schnitkey, Dave Goeller

Steve Isaacs, Chairman, opened the meeting at 1pm. Mark Bailey, CSREES National Program Leader, was not able to join the meeting, however indicated: "the latest info I have received as of Tuesday, September 27th, was that the Administrator of CSREES has noted that we may be working with a reduced budget of 20% less than FY 2005.

Working Group Reports:

Facilitating Communications (Pfleuger, Chair) and response to May '05 action to move NCFMEC website to CFFM. Dale Nordquist demonstrated a mock-up of a site, including the National Ag Risk Library Publications link.

The *Regional Collaboration* (Edwards, Chair) report featured a discussion of transition planning efforts, potential for regional collaboration and the sharing of materials, lead by Dave Goeller. Each state reported on programming efforts.

Continuing Education (Patrick, Chair) committee report featured the 2007 Triennial Conference with NAFBAS and NFRBMEA by Gary Schnitkey. The conference is June 11-14, 2007 in Rochester, MN, at the Kahler Hotel.

Doug Jose reported on the NC RME activities (provided a glossy, four page 2005 report and a power point presentation) to include last years successful grant recipients, results of focus groups, and indicated that pre-proposals for 2006 would be due 15 December.

Dave Goeller provided information about the Trade Adjustment Assistance act (TAA) and reported on activities thus far. Concord grapes in NY, PA and OH became eligible last year. A web site for further information is www.taaforfarmers.org.

Via telephone, Rick Klemme provided the advisors report. He asked that we provide input on the development of multi-state program outcomes and indicators. There are three areas: 1) Federally funded programs, 2) Stakeholder Driven, and 3) Emerging Issues. He also discussed eXtension and recommended that farm management should consider a Community of Practice. It was suggested that our Fall 2006 meeting overlap, at the same location, with the AD meeting.

William Edwards provided a Midwest Plans Service update. MWPS continues to lose money, but is being supported for the time being by the Ag and Biosystems Engineering Department at ISU.

Positive news:

- MWPS received four Blue Ribbon awards for educational aids from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE).
- Seven schools with equine management curricula have adopted the MWPS Horse Facilities Handbook as a textbook. Five more are considering it.
- Direct sales revenue for May through August of 2005 was up \$14,418 over the same period in 2004.

William Edwards volunteered to host the **next committee meeting at Ames, Iowa on 9-11 May 2006**. He should be able to arrange for airport pick-up at Des Moines for attendees.

William Edwards reported on the AAEA Extension Section. A call for proposals has gone out via the e-mail newsletter for next years meeting in Long Beach, CA, and are due 1 November. A new award was given for less than ten years Extension service. Williams is President-Elect of the AAEA Extension Section.

Topical issues were discussed:

Damona shared Regional Livestock Leasing materials.

The Farm Management Committee response to eXtension discussion lead to a suggestion that when the next proposal comes out, the group should submit joint proposals for Machinery Economics and for Farm Records.

Damona said that on November 1st a call for proposals would be released for the National Women in Agriculture Conference, held 6-7 April 2006.

Fuel prices and its impact were discussed. Missouri is looking at manure value in light of fertilizer prices and trucking costs, in a partial budget form. Gary will compile a list of resources and references on the subject.

Steve Isaacs showed the information about the Cooperative Extension Curriculum Project, sponsored by the Southern Region, a web based training program for Extension Agents: <http://cecp-online.org>.

Submitted by Don Breece, Secretary