



## **Community Based Food Systems**

### **Cross Committee Program Meetings**

**August 24, 2011**

**Facilitators:** Steve Brown, Georgia; Karen Roth Gehrt, Virginia

#### **Action Plan**

**Identified Projects:** Southern Region Extension Directors Appoint Regional Team for purpose of securing SARE funding to assist in leveraging community based food system and local food movement as venue for reinventing and positioning Extension for success. Provide operation funds to team for meetings, planning required to reach stated goals and objectives.

**States/Individuals Participating in discussion and in agreement with recommendations:**

Alabama - Paul Mask  
Arkansas - Martha Ray Sartor  
Georgia – Tony Tyson; Ken Lewis  
Kentucky - PSD/CRD Kim Holmes for Gae Broadwater  
North Carolina – Keith Baldwin; Michelle Eley (CRD)  
South Carolina - Brian Whitacre (CRD)  
Texas - Billy Lawton  
Virginia – Mike Martin; Dan Goerlich  
\_\_\_\_\_ - Ayanna McPhail

**Goal:** Leverage the Community Food System/Local Foods Movement initiative as a venue to reinvent and position Extension for success.

**Objectives:** Identify interdisciplinary venues for Extension program areas and delivery systems to collaborate in order to address grass-roots educational needs from production to consumption. Examples include:

- Food Hubs
- Farmers Markets & EBTs
- GAP Certification
- Home Gardening
- School gardens & WIC Gardens
- Ag Products Marketing

- Consumer Education (production to consumption)
- Food Expos
- CSAs
- Food Deserts
- Community Gardens
- Connecting Military Families to Local Food Producers
- Pepsico Food Stands

**Resources:** CRD, FCS (including FNP paraprofessionals), ANR & 4H agents/specialists and land-grant faculty with non-extension appointments; Master Gardeners; Jr. Master Gardeners; Master Food Volunteers; Master Food Preservers

**Next Steps:** Southern Region Extension Directors appoint an interdisciplinary regional team to secure SARE funding for the following:

- Needs assessment/Gap Analysis
- Develop/design local food program delivery models and best practices
- Organize and develop implementation manual for agents
- Deliver regional agent training