

2011-2012

CED State Report Template

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Please briefly discuss:

1. Staffing changes (levels, new allocation system, staffing patterns, etc.)

Dr. Michael D. Wilcox Jr will begin his new positions as Assistant Program Leader for Economic and Community Development with Purdue Extension and Senior Associate with Purdue University's Center for Regional Development on September 4' 2012.

2. Financial Changes (budget cuts / growth, new funding opportunities, new partners, etc.)

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics budget is unchanged for 2012/13, compared to 2011/12. Similarly, UT Extension's budget is unchanged as the entire five percent increase received from the State was invested in faculty and staff through salary increases.

3. Notable programming successes and their impact

In collaboration with the University of Kentucky's Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK), UT Extension co-hosted the 2012 Ken-Tenn Institute for Sustainable Development at Montgomery Bell State Park in Dickson County, TN. Forty participants, representing six states, covered a wide range of community and economic development topics including:

- Arts and Entertainment
- Sustainable Tourism
- Disaster Resiliency
- Entrepreneurship
- Community Development Practices

Presenters included faculty from the University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee and Mississippi State University; staff from the Southern Rural Development Center; officials from local, regional and state agencies; and representatives from non-governmental organizations. Through the complementary use of social media, field trips, lectures, share sessions and experiential learning activities, participant's content mastery was enhanced through networking, peer-learning and active engagement. This collaboration is a direct result of a partnership forged through the PLN-CED committee. For more information please see: http://www2.ca.uky.edu/CEDIK/Ken-Tenn_2012 .

4. New initiatives proposed

5. Opportunities for collaboration

A new Extension Strategic Plan is in the implementation stage in Tennessee. It will encompass all program areas and incorporates county, regional, and state Extension personnel (please see below).

6. Other

7. General Comments: UT Extension is moving forward with implementation of a new Strategic Plan, *Advancing Tennessee*, which includes the following goals:

- Preparing for future growth
- Advancing Tennessee through innovative programs
- Investing in Extension's human capital
- Maximizing organizational efficiency, and
- Increasing visibility of UT Extension

For more information about *Advancing Tennessee*, please see:

<https://utextension.tennessee.edu/strategicplan/Pages/default.aspx>