



SRPLN FCS State Report 2012



Reporting Institution: __1862 __x__ 1890 (check one)

Name of Institution: SC State University

Budget Status:

- ✚ SC State University's Research and Extension state budget has been reduced.

How is the Institution Addressing the Situation?

- ✚ The university is addressing the situation through:
 - Reduced program operating costs, non-essential travel, supplies, equipment and contractual services;
 - Requiring senior administrative staff to perform more programmatic assignments and
 - Increasing external grant writing efforts

Staffing Update (field and state office):

- ✚ There have been no new hires at the state level.

Top 3 Program Highlights of Current Year: (program, collaborators, and impacts)

- ✚ Conducted a CYPRESS (Combining Youth, Passion, and Resources for Environmental Science Studies) two-week summer residential camp. Participants visited a sculpture garden, a bird sanctuary, a sod farm, and took a Department of Natural Resources boat tour of the ACE River Basin. Participants learned that farming is not the only agricultural career.
- ✚ Rock 'n Read, an outreach program that incorporates literacy education and the attention-getting curriculum of the OrganWise Guys, was conducted with over 1200 students in a four-county service area. Each student received a book at the end of the sessions and tips on how to practice healthy habits at home.
- ✚ Presented the Wellness Connections curriculum at the 1890 Association of Extension Administrators (AEA) Conference. Wellness Connections is a curriculum that was developed by the AEA Family and Consumer Sciences Program leadership team. The curriculum includes lesson topics such as Family Life and Development, Nutrition and Health, Food Safety and Preservation, and Family Financial Management. The curriculum will be pilot-tested at all 1890 institutions during fall 2012.

New or Unique Collaborations and/or Funding Sources:

- ✚ The 1890 Research and Extension Program was awarded a \$600,000 Capacity Building grant entitled, "CYPRESS - Combining Youth, Passion, and Resources for Environmental

Science Studies". The primary focus of CYPRESS is to introduce middle school students to agricultural careers through workshops, school gardens, food demonstrations, a professional speaker series and a two-week summer residential camp. The CYPRESS grant will also provide professional development opportunities for high school agricultural teachers and provide field experiences for high school agricultural students.

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