



Ag. & Natural Resources Committee Officers and Key Contacts September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

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Annual Plan of Work September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

Item to Accomplish	Responsibility (Names of people assigned to item)	Key Contact (Person who will serve as a key contact for item)	Goal Date (Anticipated completion date)	Completion Date (to be filled in when completed)
Work with North Central ANR Program Leaders to organize a 2017 ANR Program Leaders meeting. Focus on grant opportunities and extension programming.	Grisso, Stewart, Mukhtar	Grisso	June 2017	June 27, 2017 Met, minutes on file. Planning joint meeting with NC ANR in 2019
FCS, CRD and ANR Committees will assist in ANR educational programs to increase the access to affordable healthy foods to all.	Grisso, Stewart, Mukhtar, Miller, Westbrook	Grisso	Aug 2017	August 2017 SERA-47 formally established, met several times, and developed and disseminated survey tools.

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Pending Financial Crisis in Agriculture Developing publications and educational materials across the southern region to address loss of equity in farms and ranches.	Smith, Miller, Martin	Smith	June 2017	February 2017 Held symposium "Helping Southern Farmers Manage Through the Financial Crisis;" 30 authors produced 18 white papers.
Program and Staff Development Provide priorities for ANR core competency trainings.	R Burns, M Burns, Main, Lawton	R Burns	June 2017	June 2017 Discussed online training and other strategies used by ANR-SRPLN institutions for professional development; reviewed NC Academy ANR subject matter training and discussed possible joint collaboration. Planning ANR retreat in 2018.