

# 2014 Florida A&M University Research Plan of Work

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## I. Plan Overview

### 1. Brief Summary about Plan Of Work

This POW covers the research program at Florida A&M University (FAMU). As in recent years, the Plan of Work (POW) for FAMU's extension program has been prepared jointly with the University of Florida, and is presented separately. However, because of the integrated nature of the FAMU program, it is inevitable that some extension activities are also included in this research POW. Furthermore, implementation of certain key activities such as the conduct of surveys will be coordinated to avoid redundancy. Florida is one of the fastest growing states, currently ranking fourth in population growth after California, New York and Texas. Most of this growth has been taking place in major urban areas, but agriculture continues to play a significant role in Florida's economy. Florida's agriculture is both diverse and unique in terms of: farm size, crops grown or livestock maintained, and economic investments. It represents a complex group of industries that produce a wide variety of food crops, livestock, vegetables, fruits, ornamental horticulture, forestry, aquaculture, and related agricultural commodities. The changing demographics of the state and the consequent needs of our stakeholders dictate that we develop appropriate research programs which would address the key challenges to sustainable development. Small to medium scale farmers in Florida are experiencing difficulties because of the rising cost of inputs, marginal profits, land costs and the loss of land to development. FAMU's research programs have a particular focus to the needs of small to medium scale, part-time, or limited resource farmers. Sixty percent of Florida's farms fit the definition of a "small farm," which makes FAMU's mission particularly crucial in enhancing the overall economy of the state. Against this background, special attention has been paid to the needs of small farmers in FAMU's proposed POW for the period 2013-2017.

The Plan of Work was prepared after receiving inputs from various sources through surveys, interviews, and direct contacts with stakeholders. The identified needs were matched with the scientific expertise available at FAMU, research plans were developed, and the available resources were then appropriated accordingly. The major areas of need are captured in the following seven planned programs: 1) Global Food Security and Hunger - Viticulture and Small Fruits Research, 2) Climate Change - Preserving Water Quality of North Florida Watersheds, 3) Global Food Security and Hunger - Strategic Research for the Management of Invasive Pest Species, 4) Global Food Security and Hunger - Small Farm Production, Marketing, and Rural Economic Development - Research, 5) Childhood Obesity- Research and 6) Food Safety and Security - Research. A summary of the planned activities in each of these programs is provided below.

**Global Food Security and Hunger - Viticulture and Small Fruits Research:** The viticulture and small fruit program continues to provide leadership in the development of the grape and wine industry in Florida through quality research and state-wide extension and outreach activities that address the needs and concerns of stakeholders. The Center recently released a fresh fruit muscadine cultivar and is working to release several wine grape cultivars in the near future that will greatly impact the marketability of Florida wines. In the area of plant biotechnology program researchers are working to identify molecular markers that will facilitate the breeding program, and best management practices to enhance productivity and reduce cost. In the food biotechnology researchers are working to develop high efficiency technology in the production of phytochemicals and nutraceuticals from grapes to address childhood obesity, food safety and food security issues. As a member of the USDA National Clean Plant Network, the Center will continue to improve on phytosanitary techniques in pathogen testing and disease elimination therapy and

the production of clean vines. The Center will evaluate IPM techniques for vegetables and non-traditional small fruits, including blackberries for North Florida farmers to assist them in identifying alternative enterprises. The viticulture program attracts and supports many students who have chosen to do their research in grapes and small fruits. The faculty shares their

expertise, knowledge and experience with the rest of the college by teaching graduate courses and participating in scholarly and professional activities.

**Climate Change - Preserving Water Quality of North Florida Watersheds:** The planned program in water quality is administered through the Center for Water and Air Quality within the newly reorganized College of Agriculture and Food Sciences at Florida A&M University. The Center continues to work with undergraduate and graduate students, conduct need-based research and work with Cooperative Extension Program, as well as a number of diverse stakeholders. Its programs are focused on water quality and quantity issues in Florida Panhandle. This focus will continue during the FY 2013. Current research in the center include: Soil erosion, nutrient movement, and study of aquatic fauna under irrigated and non-irrigated conditions in the Apalachicola River Basin, funded through the Evans-Allen Program; Hydrology of isolated wetlands in the Apalachicola National Forest, funded through the Forest Service; three capacity Building Grants projects on water quality which will continue through the FY 2013; and, a NASA-funded project on developing a Best Management Practices model in the Suwannee River Basin in

Florida to reduce N and P runoff to the Gulf of Mexico. Through the planned programs, the Center will continue to provide experiential learning opportunities for students in soils, water and natural resources areas. Currently, there are 4 graduate and 5 undergraduate students working in the Center. Research information will be shared with the Cooperative Extension Program through joint projects and workshops.

Major collaborations have been established with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Additional collaborations will be sought in 2013. We plan to implement the newly established graduate program in Soil and Water Science during the next fiscal year.

**Global Food Security and Hunger - Strategic Research for the Management of Invasive Pest Species:** The planned program 'Strategic Research for the Management of Invasive Pest Species' is implemented by the Center for Biological Control. The problems posed by invasive alien species (IAS) are

broad, with impacts at the local, state, national and global levels. IAS are major threats to agriculture and

the environment. In order to mitigate the threats, concerted action along with the continuum from prevention of imminent threats to management of established species is required. This program takes a multipronged approach with activities across the spectrum from prevention to management and restoration. The specific areas of focus during 2012 will include: offshore pest mitigation, onshore development of ecologically based management of invasive insect pests and weeds, development of electronic diagnostic tools and resources for insect identification, assessment of the economic impact of

IAS and improving the safety of biological control. The work of the Center integrates projects funded through other agencies which are all broadly focused on development of biologically based techniques for

the management of pests. The program of work involves strong collaboration with USDA APHIS and USDA ARS, several state agencies and international cooperators, especially in the context of offshore work on IAS. An integral component of the research program is the training of undergraduate and graduate students and this emphasis will be continued.

**Global Food Security and Hunger - Small Farm Production, Marketing and Rural Economic Development - Research:** The Small Farm Production, Marketing and Rural Economic Development

Research projects will be conducted by FAMU Extension and research personnel in the college. The program provides science based research information as well as economic and marketing information to limited resource farmers, rural citizens and urban communities to promote their economic and physical wellbeing. The program works collaboratively with horticulturists, social scientists, agricultural economists, rural development specialists and extension to generate relevant socioeconomic data and to provide relevant outreach support to targeted clientele. The program also works closely with community based as well as faith based organizations. The research findings will be used by extension personnel to provide community relevant programs and services. During 2013, the program priorities are community development, asset building, hunger, homelessness and small farm production and marketing.

**Childhood obesity - Research:** Childhood obesity rates in Florida are among the highest in the nation and the most recent data indicate that the rate has been increasing annually in the last decade. Faculty research projects under this program will seek to determine how the rates of childhood obesity are influenced by food availability, food access, and food quality. Faculty will conduct research in three Florida counties, Leon, Jefferson and Wakulla, each having different socio-economic demographics but sharing common borders in North Florida. The researchers will characterize and measure the impact of availability, access and quality of food on the childhood obesity in communities in these counties. The studies will also seek to determine what level of correlation exists between childhood obesity, food availability, access and quality and the availability, access, and quality of health and physical activity resources in the counties.

**Food Safety - Research:** Faculty research projects will focus on finding ways to mitigate the occurrence of food borne illnesses along the continuum from farm to the table. This will include integrated research and extension projects targeting small to medium farms/enterprises in Florida. According to data from the Centers for disease Control and Prevention, about 1 in 6 Americans get sick every year, 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die each year from food borne diseases. At FAMU, the food safety research program will be focused on organic fresh fruits and vegetables produced by small scale farmers. The consumption of organic produce has increased significantly as have foodborne disease outbreaks derived from fresh produce. Many organic farmers are generally small operations and they do not typically have the resources to develop Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) or Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). These farmers use manure, composts and several others practices such as using rain harvested water for irrigation and/or washing. The emphasis of the research at FAMU will be on evaluation of food safety issues during production and handling, development of food safety education modules and development of innovative approaches to enhancing produce safety during post-harvest processing.

**Estimated Number of Professional FTEs/SYs total in the State.**

Year	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
2014	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.5
2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0
2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0
2018	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0

## **II. Merit Review Process**

### **1. The Merit Review Process that will be Employed during the 5-Year POW Cycle**

- Internal University Panel
- Combined External and Internal University Panel
- Combined External and Internal University External Non-University Panel
- Expert Peer Review
- Other (Review by Stakeholders )

### **2. Brief Explanation**

In order to ensure maintenance of a high quality and accountability of its research program, FAMU has implemented a revised process for the review and monitoring of research projects funded under the Evans-Allen program. Project ideas are developed from the bottom up, with ideas being generated by individual or groups of faculty in response to stakeholder needs. Center Advisory Councils play an important role in identifying priorities. Project ideas will fall within the priority areas identified in the university's strategic plans. Additionally, the project ideas will also link to priority areas for USDA and/or the state of Florida. Full proposals are developed by faculty/unit leader teams and once completed these are subjected to a peer review process. The main objective of the process is to assure quality, scientific merit, feasibility and impact of the proposed research. The review process proceeds through a series of steps. First, a preliminary review of the proposed research is made by the Research Director and discussions are held with the Principal Investigators regarding the relevance and the impact of the research on stakeholders. This is followed by a comprehensive review by three or more subject matter specialists including at least one external reviewer. The internal reviewers will be drawn from among CAFS faculty while external reviewers may be drawn from among 1890 and 1862 scientists, CARET representatives, commodity associations, extension workers and other stakeholders. Comments or suggestions made for improvement of the proposal are then incorporated into the revised proposal. Planned programs will be monitored through annual evaluation which will include review by Center Advisory Councils as appropriate.

## **III. Evaluation of Multis & Joint Activities**

### **1. How will the planned programs address the critical issues of strategic importance, including those identified by the stakeholders?**

Florida basically has three distinct agro-climatic regions. The Southern part of Florida produces ornamentals, nursery crops, vegetables, tropical fruits and aquaculture commodities; the Central part has extensive citrus crops, animals, row crops and small enterprises; the Northwest Panhandle area, where Florida A&M University is located, has farmers involved in a mix of enterprises including: cattle, goats, tomatoes, peppers, grapes, sugarcane, peanuts and other specialty crops. Therefore, the needs of stakeholders are different for these three regions. Since most of the farmers in the Panhandle area are small producers, FAMU concentrates on their needs and through the proposed plan will try to address their concerns. The main issue is to enhance the economic returns for producers in this area. Research on this aspect will include: Grape production, meat goats, tomato and peppers, bioenergy crops and other alternate crops. The quality of life for rural residents, water quality and other

environmental issues such as invasive and biting insects are major concerns. Hence, planned research programs address these issues.

Viticulture and Small Fruits Research, addresses the critical issues identified by the stakeholders by conducting appropriate basic and applied research in grape breeding genetics, grape biotechnology, value-added product biotechnology, vineyard management and cultural practices, and non-traditional small fruit evaluation, as well as provide technical services to grape growers, processors, small farmers and investors. Diseased and contaminated planting materials is a major constraint and the production of disease free grape vines will have a significant impact on the growth and development of Florida's grape and wine industry. Research based extension information are shared with grape growers, small farmers, processors and the public through workshops, farm visits, seminars, field days, annual meetings, and the grape harvest festival. This program of work addresses critical issues in global food security.

The Center for Water and Air Quality's program on preserving water quality of North Florida watersheds addresses a high priority area at the state as well as the national levels. The study of soil erosion, nutrient movement and the determination of water quality indicators in the Apalachicola River watershed in North Florida will preserve the quality of surface water and will help in sustaining the ground water resources.

The Center for Biological Control's program on Strategic Research for the Management of Invasive Pest Species focuses on an issue of state and national importance. Invasive alien species are recognized nationally as a serious threat to both natural and managed systems.

The Global Food Security and Hunger research projects in small farm production, marketing and rural economic development addresses issues that have been identified as critical to the sustainable development of small farmers and resource limited communities in North Florida and adjacent areas.

The percentage of children overweight or obese in the United States in 2007 was 31.6% but in the state of Florida 33.1%. Overweight and obese children cost the nation more than 100 billion dollars more in healthcare costs and as such it is in the best economic interest of the State of Florida and the nation to find ways to reduce the incidence of obesity in children by identifying and developing value added products high in antioxidants and phytochemicals that promote good and healthy living. Growing concerns about the safety of the nation's food supply has propelled this issue high on the national agenda. In the area of food safety and food security, research and extension will address some of the health issues that affect consumers and their families through workshops, seminars and other extension tools to make informed decisions on healthy choices.

## **2. How will the planned programs address the needs of under-served and under-represented populations of the State(s)?**

Florida A&M University, an 1890 Land-Grant university, has traditionally worked with the under-served and under-represented groups involved in agriculture and rural development. FAMU's Research Programs are developed in close association with its extension component. The planned programs are geared toward meeting the identified needs of small/limited resource farmers. Research is proposed for developing information on niche crops, alternate enterprises and value-added products, which would enhance the economic returns for small producers. This is apparent in the individual planned programs.

Thus, the Viticulture and Small Fruits Research Program addresses the needs of

underserved and under-represented populations in the state by providing technical advice and hands-on experiential learning in vineyard and orchard management. The viticulture faculty works with the stakeholders/growers from site identification to production. The information generated through the proposed research program on 'Preserving Water Quality of North Florida Watersheds' will be helpful in developing sustainable soil and water management initiatives. The Best Management Practices developed through the planned programs will help the under-served and under-represented populations in North Florida in mitigation of non-point source pollution. The problems of invasive species cut across all sectors and including underserved and underrepresented populations. The planned program seeks to prevent introduction of IAS on the one hand and management of established species through development of ecologically based management strategies which will be equitably available to all sectors including underserved and underrepresented communities. The planned program of research on rural issues will help in identifying the needs of underserved, elderly and other rural residents and the ways in which local and state agencies are meeting such needs. Childhood obesity rates among African Americans and Hispanic children are approximately 50% greater than the rates in White American children. This program will thus have a greater impact on the needs of underserved and underrepresented populations since these populations are predominantly African American and Hispanic in the state of Florida. The problems associated with food safety cut across all sectors and include underserved and under-represented populations.

### **3. How will the planned programs describe the expected outcomes and impacts?**

A wide range of expected outcomes and impacts are envisaged and while some of these are can be generalized, others will be specific to individual planned programs. The outcomes and impacts will also be measurable either in qualitative or quantitative terms. Expected outcomes of the planned programs include: production and evaluation of new grape hybrids annually, identification and release of new grape cultivars, production and distribution of clean vines, greater profitability and productivity for North Florida agricultural producers, better crop production and management information, enhanced information on changing land-use patterns, soil erosion and management practices and their possible effects on water quality, better animal production and management information, reduced costs, enhanced environmental stewardship, reduced use of chemicals (fertilizers and pesticides), more effective safeguarding against invasive alien species, detailed characterization of the influence of availability, access, and quality of food on childhood obesity and its interaction with the healthcare and physical activity resources, and further integration of research, teaching and extension programs.

Potential Impacts include: growth of the Florida grape industry growth in relation to acreage, yield, wine production and sales, better informed grape and vegetable growers, more acreage of grapes and vegetables, implementation of more sustainable crop production practices, reduction in non-point source pollution and protection of surface and ground water, production of healthy animals and reduced cost of production, adoption of "Best Management Practices", availability of new niche crops, novel biological control agents, better environmental conditions, improved bioenergy conversion processes, provision of scientific data to develop childhood prevention programs, and well trained undergraduate and graduate students.

### **4. How will the planned programs result in improved program effectiveness and/or**

The planned program will be reviewed annually to redirect and realign the efforts to ensure that it remains effective and efficient. Available resources (federal, state, private), will be allocated based on the identified needs and priorities. By incorporating the stakeholder

issues and implementing the recommendations made by the program advisory council, it is evident that the resources will be used where they are needed. Also, the three research centers - Center for Biological Control, Center for Viticulture and Small Fruit Research and Center for Water and Air Quality - within the Agricultural Research Program (at FAMU) bring a number of scientists together to address critical issues through greater synergy. This tends to be more effective in solving problems.

#### **IV. Stakeholder Input**

##### **1. Actions taken to seek stakeholder input that encourages their participation**

- Use of media to announce public meetings and listening sessions
- Targeted invitation to traditional stakeholder groups
- Targeted invitation to non-traditional stakeholder groups
- Targeted invitation to traditional stakeholder individuals
- Targeted invitation to non-traditional stakeholder individuals
- Targeted invitation to selected individuals from general public
- Survey of traditional stakeholder groups
- Survey of traditional stakeholder individuals
- Survey of the general public
- Survey specifically with non-traditional groups
- Other (Contact traditional under -served clientele)

##### **Brief explanation.**

Input from stakeholders will be sought from multiple sources and at different levels. Various stakeholder groups such as: Florida Grape Growers Association, Florida Meat Producers, Florida Farm Bureau, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Florida Nursery Growers Association, CARET representatives, Florida Water Management District representatives, Florida Mosquito Control Association are represented in the different research program/center Advisory Councils. Through participation in these Councils as well as in other forums, follow-up discussions will be held concerning the existing research program priorities and how Florida A&M University's research programs are and will be addressing stakeholder's needs. A show-and-tell event (Research Forum) will be held periodically on the campus to encourage stakeholder participation and facilitate interaction with researchers. The College will also hold several other public events during the year to gather information from stakeholders. Whenever it is feasible, efforts will be made to coordinate relevant activities with extension to avoid duplication. Specific actions relevant to individual programs are discussed below. Viticulture and Small Fruits Research: Stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input into all viticulture programs especially at annual conferences and meetings where special sessions are provided to discuss issues and problems. This is the primary source of input from the stakeholders and valuable information and suggestions have been obtained at these meetings. A grower survey will be conducted to collect specific information, if considered necessary. The Florida Viticulture Advisory Council meets quarterly and provides a continuous flow of information and critique to the viticulture program. The Center also works closely with the Florida Department of Agriculture to identify and address any special industry needs. Preserving Water Quality of North Florida Watersheds: The Center for Water and Air Quality will encourage participation of both traditional and nontraditional stakeholders in the development of the program plan through the Center Newsletter, biennial meetings of the stakeholder group, information disseminated at the field days and direct contact either through the mail, email or telephone.

Strategic Research for the Management of Invasive Pest Species: The Center for Biological Control will continue to expand its Advisory Council to include both traditional and non-traditional stakeholders. This is the primary avenue through which stakeholder inputs are solicited. Additionally, ad hoc surveys to address specific issues may be carried out as necessary. Center faculty also participate in activities organized by stakeholders, and solicit feedback on the research program.

**2(A). A brief statement of the process that will be used by the recipient institution to identify individuals and groups stakeholders and to collect input from them**

**1. Method to identify individuals and groups**

- Use Advisory Committees
- Open Listening Sessions
- Needs Assessments
- Use Surveys

**Brief explanation.**

Attempts will be made to include as many diverse groups as possible. This activity will be coordinated with the extension program in order to avoid duplication of effort. Special attention will be paid to the under-served clientele such as low income farmers, minority groups and small-scale producers. Field days will be very useful in identifying the stakeholder groups. Input will also be sought from the extension workers in identifying the stakeholders. Listening sessions at commodity group meetings will be helpful in formulating needs assessments.

**2(B). A brief statement of the process that will be used by the recipient institution to identify individuals and groups who are stakeholders and to collect input from them**

**1. Methods for collecting Stakeholder Input**

- Meeting with traditional Stakeholder groups
- Survey of traditional Stakeholder groups
- Meeting with the general public (open meeting advertised to all)
- Meeting specifically with non-traditional groups
- Survey specifically with non-traditional groups
- Other (Through county extension agents)

**Brief explanation.**

Stakeholder input will be collected throughout the year in informal and formal meetings. The research Center Advisory Councils are critical since they include representatives from different stakeholder groups. Regular meetings of these Councils will be held on the campus where research results will be presented and stakeholders' input will be requested. Input will also be collected from other stakeholders identified through churches, schools, recreation centers, food-banks, and healthcare providers. Additionally and as appropriate, researchers from the university will make presentations at meetings/conferences organized by different stakeholder groups. As appropriate, specific efforts will be made to coordinate these activities with the extension program in order to avoid duplication of effort and redundancy.



### **3. A statement of how the input will be considered**

- In the Budget Process
- To Identify Emerging Issues
- Redirect Research Programs
- In the Staff Hiring Process
- In the Action Plans
- To Set Priorities
- Other (College -wide strategic plan)

#### **Brief explanation.**

Input received from stakeholder groups will be incorporated into individual planned programs as well as the overall Plan of Work. Research priorities and specific recommendations/action items will be developed from the proceedings of the college advisory council. Planned programs will be designed to address the identified needs and the budgets will be prepared accordingly. Seed money will be provided for the identified emerging issues as appropriate, following development of proposals.

## V. Planned Program Table of Content

S. No.	PROGRAM NAME
1	Global Food Security and Hunger
2	Climate Change - Preserving Water Quality of North Florida Watersheds
3	Global Food Security and Hunger - Strategic Research for the Management of Invasive Pest
4	Childhood Obesity - Research
5	Food Safety - Research
6	Global Food Security and Hunger - Small Farm Production, Marketing, and Rural Economic

## **V(A). Planned Program (Summary)**

### **Program # 1**

#### **1. Name of the Planned Program**

Global Food Security and Hunger

#### **2. Brief summary about Planned Program**

The Viticulture and Small Fruit Program was established by Florida State Legislature in 1978 under the Viticulture Policy Act (Section 599.001-599.0013, Florida Statute) in the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences at Florida A&M University. The primary mission of the Center was to conduct research and provide service that will enable the Florida grape and wine industry to become a viable industry. This mission was later expanded to include serving the needs of small and limited resource farmers in North Florida. The program was initially housed on the campus of Florida A&M University but later moved to its present location on Mahan Drive in 2001. Currently, the program covers the following areas:

- Grape breeding and genetics
- Vineyard management and cultural practices
- Biotechnology
- Small fruit development and evaluation
- Extension and outreach, and public service
- Graduate student training

The Center will continue to focus on biotechnology and genetic enhancement of such traits that will lead to further development of Florida grapes (muscadine and Florida hybrid bunch grapes) with superior characteristics for fresh fruit, wine and value-added products and phytochemicals from grapes. Biochemical and molecular markers/agents that will enhance disease resistance/tolerance for major diseases, vineyard management practices that will increase production efficiency and fruit quality for grapes and small fruits will be evaluated. Greater linkage and coordination with extension will be sought in order to enhance public outreach. The viticulture faculty will also continue to make graduate student training a major component of their research programs by providing financial and scholarly support to them.

**3. Program existence :** Mature (More than five years)

**4. Program duration :** Long-Term (More than five years)

**5. Expending formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**6. Expending other than formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)**

## 1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

KA Code	Knowledge Area	%1862 Extension	%1890 Extension	%1862 Research	%1890 Research
201	Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms				25%
203	Plant Biological Efficiency and Abiotic Stresses Affecting Plants				20%
205	Plant Management Systems				25%
216	Integrated Pest Management Systems				10%
701	Nutrient Composition of Food				10%
711	Ensure Food Products Free of Harmful Chemicals, Including Residues from Agricultural and Other Sources				5%
803	Sociological and Technological Change Affecting Individuals, Families, and Communities				5%
	<b>Total</b>				100%

**V(C). Planned Program (Situation and Scope)**

## 1. Situation and priorities

Florida has the 2nd highest wine consuming population in the country and consumed about 57.5 million gallons but produced about 350,000 gallons of wine annually. This situation offers great economic potential and opportunities for the state to develop a viticulture industry. Because of Pierce's disease caused by the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa*, it is not economically feasible to grow the European grapes (*Vitis vinifera*) such as Merlot, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon that flourish in California and other major wine growing areas. Only those grape species such as muscadines (*Vitis rotundifolia*) and Florida hybrid bunch grapes (Subgenus *Euvitis*) that are tolerant to the disease are able to thrive in the hot and humid conditions of Florida and the southeastern region. The Florida grapes (muscadines and Florida hybrids) and wines are unique with their own taste, flavor and aroma that are different from the traditional European grapes. Over the years, breeding and research have resulted in new cultivars with improved fruit and wine quality that has helped the industry grow. However, in spite of these improvements, the industry still faces major challenges that need to be addressed to sustain growth and development. Industry/stakeholder needs to be addressed are as follows:

- Development of muscadine cultivars with superior characteristics - size, improved taste, color and shelf-life for fresh fruit and wine.
- Development of Florida hybrid bunch cultivars for red wine with improved taste color, and shelf-life.
- Enhancement of nutraceutical properties and utilization of value-added products from muscadine grapes.
- Identification of suitable small fruits as alternative crops for small farmers in North Florida.
- Identification of best management practices for grapes and small fruits that will help to improve production efficiency and fruit quality.

## 2. Scope of the Program

- In-State Extension
- In-State Research
- Integrated Research and Extension

**V(D). Planned Program (Assumptions and Goals)**

**1. Assumptions made for the Program**

Requested funds for faculty and support staff appointments to fill vacant positions to strengthen areas of desired expertise will be favorably considered. There will be no further reduction in faculty strength and support staff at the Center. Operating budgets for the Center will not be reduced but increased to meet needs of planned program. Facilities such as land, building, equipment and machinery needed to facilitate and enhance the planned program will be favorably considered.

**2. Ultimate goal(s) of this Program**

The ultimate goals of this program are:

- Development of new cultivars, management practices and value-added products that will contribute to a viable and sustainable viticulture industry in Florida.
- Production and distribution of disease free grapevines for grape growers and processors.
- Increased cultivation of small fruits and vegetables by small and limited resource farmers in North Florida.
- The Center for Viticulture and Small Fruit Research becomes a Center of Excellence for research, extension and student training in warm climate grapes and non-traditional small fruits.

**V(E). Planned Program (Inputs)**

**1. Estimated Number of professional FTE/SYs to be budgeted for this Program**

Year	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
2014	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
2018	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

**V(F). Planned Program (Activity)**

**1. Activity for the Program**

Research to be conducted:

- Conventional breeding, evaluation and selection of hybrid vines for fresh fruit and wine.
- Embryo rescue, molecular, and mutagenic transformation to develop seedless muscadines.

- Identification, isolation, screening, characterization, and validation of genetic markers of viticulturally important genes.
- Identification, isolation, screening and validation of metabolites and proteins relating to growth function, fruit and wine quality, and disease tolerance.
- Stressed induced biochemical and molecular changes in grapes.
- Evaluation and understanding of antioxidant capacities of phytochemicals in grapes.
- Understanding the effects of grape phytochemicals in preventing diseases and obesity.
- Functional expression of flavonoid nutraceuticals in grapes.
- Identification of management practices for grapes and small fruits.
- Evaluation of non-traditional small fruits, including blackberries and raspberries.
- Evaluation, screening and production of 'clean vines' for industry.

Extension and outreach to be conducted:

- Vineyard visits and inspections.
- Workshops, field days, and seminars for grape growers, small farmers, processors and general public.
- Harvest festival for general public.
- Special presentations to high school and middle school students.
- Lab and field tours for farmers, students, public, and government officials.
- Promotional displays to promote program.

Student training and development:

- Graduate student training.
- Undergraduate experiential learning in viticulture and small fruit.
- Student recruitment.

Professional development:

- Faculty will be encouraged to be active in professional associations.
- Conduct quality and innovative research for new discoveries.
- Professional collaboration with research institutions/universities will be encouraged.

**2. Type(s) of methods to be used to reach direct and indirect contacts**

**Extension**

Direct Methods	Indirect Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Class</li> <li>• Workshop</li> <li>• Group Discussion</li> <li>• One-on-One Intervention</li> <li>• Demonstrations</li> <li>• Other 1 (Field Days)</li> <li>• Other 2 (Harvest Festivals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Service Announcement</li> <li>• Newsletters</li> <li>• Web sites other than eXtension</li> <li>• Other 1 (Newspapers)</li> </ul>

**3. Description of targeted audience**

The target audience will be all grape growers, processors (wineries), hobbyists and persons who are interested in grapes, wines, and non-traditional small fruits. Small farmers, particularly, minorities and limited resource farmers will also be targeted to promote grape growing as an alternative crop.

### **V(G). Planned Program (Outputs)**

NIFA no longer requires you to report target numbers for standard output measures in the Plan of Work. However, all institutions will report actual numbers for standard output measures in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results. The standard outputs for which you must continue to collect data are:

- Number of contacts
  - Direct Adult Contacts
  - Indirect Adult Contacts
  - Direct Youth Contacts
  - Indirect Youth Contact
- Number of patents submitted
- Number of peer reviewed publications

Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

### **V(H). State Defined Outputs**

#### **1. Output Measure**

- Hybrid seedlings from breeding program.
- Advanced hybrid selection.
- Genetic markers identified and cloned
- Conventional crosses from breeding program

Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(I). State Defined Outcome**

O. No	Outcome Name
1	Continued industry growth - increased in new vineyards and wine production in the state.
2	Release of new cultivars (change in knowledge).
3	Release of new cultivars (change in action).
4	Release of new cultivars (change in condition).
5	Public and stakeholder participation at workshops, field days, seminars and harvest festival (change in action).
6	Public and stakeholder participation at workshops, field days, seminars and harvest festival (change in condition).
7	Increased cultivation of fruits and vegetables



**Outcome # 1**

**1. Outcome Target**

Continued industry growth - increased in new vineyards and wine production in the state.

**2. Outcome Type : Change in Condition Outcome Measure**

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 201 - Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms
- 203 - Plant Biological Efficiency and Abiotic Stresses Affecting Plants
- 205 - Plant Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 2**

**1. Outcome Target**

Release of new cultivars (change in knowledge).

**2. Outcome Type : Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure**

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 201 - Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms
- 203 - Plant Biological Efficiency and Abiotic Stresses Affecting Plants
- 205 - Plant Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 3**

**1. Outcome Target**

Release of new cultivars (change in action).

**2. Outcome Type : Change in Action Outcome Measure**

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 201 - Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms

- 203 - Plant Biological Efficiency and Abiotic Stresses Affecting Plants
- 205 - Plant Management Systems

#### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

### **Outcome # 4**

#### **1. Outcome Target**

Release of new cultivars (change in condition).

#### **2. Outcome Type : Change in Condition Outcome Measure**

#### **3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 201 - Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms
- 203 - Plant Biological Efficiency and Abiotic Stresses Affecting Plants
- 205 - Plant Management Systems

#### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

### **Outcome # 5**

#### **1. Outcome Target**

Public and stakeholder participation at workshops, field days, seminars and harvest festival (change in action).

#### **2. Outcome Type : Change in Action Outcome Measure**

#### **3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 201 - Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms
- 203 - Plant Biological Efficiency and Abiotic Stresses Affecting Plants
- 205 - Plant Management Systems

#### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

### **Outcome # 6**

#### **1. Outcome Target**

Public and stakeholder participation at workshops, field days, seminars and harvest festival (change in condition).

#### **2. Outcome Type : Change in Condition Outcome Measure**

#### **3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 201 - Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms
- 203 - Plant Biological Efficiency and Abiotic Stresses Affecting Plants
- 205 - Plant Management Systems

#### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

### **Outcome # 7**

#### **1. Outcome Target**

Increased cultivation of fruits and vegetables

#### **2. Outcome Type : Change in Condition Outcome Measure**

#### **3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 201 - Plant Genome, Genetics, and Genetic Mechanisms

#### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

### **V(J). Planned Program (External Factors)**

#### **1. External Factors which may affect Outcomes**

- Natural Disasters (drought, weather extremes, etc.)
- Economy
- Appropriations changes
- Public Policy changes
- Government Regulations
- Competing Public priorities
- Competing Programmatic Challenges

**Description**

The evaluation studies will be conducted during and after the implementation of planned program. Progress made on each of the goals will be determined annually and appropriate modifications in the plan will be made to achieve proposed goals at the end of the plan.

**V(K). Planned Program - Planned Evaluation Studies**

**Description of Planned Evaluation Studies**

The evaluation studies will be conducted during and after the implementation of planned program. Progress made on each of the goals will be determined annually and appropriate modifications in the plan will be made to achieve proposed goals at the end of the plan.

**V(A). Planned Program (Summary)**

**Program # 2**

**1. Name of the Planned Program**

Climate Change - Preserving Water Quality of North Florida Watersheds

**2. Brief summary about Planned Program**

The major watershed in the northwest part of Florida is the Apalachicola River Basin. This watershed is confronted with several water quality and water quantity issues. Major among them are: land-clearing, changes in land-use/ land cover, urban and agricultural growth, prolonged droughts or intense rains and point and non-point sources of pollution. Accelerated human activities in the region have caused increase in soil erosion, nutrient loss from cultivated fields and decline of aquatic ecosystems. Furthermore, the Apalachicola River Basin is vulnerable due to diminishing in-stream flow, resulting from rapid urban growth in its headwaters area in North Georgia. Hence there is a need to develop a plan to mitigate such water quality and quantity problems and understand the long-term consequences of any further deterioration of the agricultural landscapes in the watershed. The plan is to study changes in the land-use patterns within the watershed, quantify rain-and irrigation-induced soil erosion and determine nutrient loss in the selected experimental sites under varying soil and crop management practices. In addition, two major streams within the watershed will be monitored for water quality assessment by collecting data on aquatic insects. The results of this research will provide valuable information for decision makers to minimize soil erosion and nutrient loss and help in establishing guidelines for the best management practice in the watershed.

**3. Program existence :** Intermediate (One to five years)

**4. Program duration :** Long-Term (More than five years)

**5. Expending formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**6. Expending other than formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)**

1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

KA Code	Knowledge Area	%1862 Extension	%1890 Extension	%1862 Research	%1890 Research
102	Soil, Plant, Water, Nutrient Relationships				35%
111	Conservation and Efficient Use of Water				35%
133	Pollution Prevention and Mitigation				30%
	<b>Total</b>				100%

**V(C). Planned Program (Situation and Scope)**

**1. Situation and priorities**

The Apalachicola River Basin in northwest Florida covers approximately 9,000 square miles. The region predominantly comprises of upland forests and farmland. There are several fresh water streams in

the area; however, most of the irrigation water is withdrawn from the low lying Florida Aquifer. The soils in the watershed are mostly sandy loam with little organic matter and therefore, susceptible to erosion and nutrient loss under natural rain conditions as well as irrigation. Changing climate conditions, rapid urban growth and changing land-use patterns have direct impact on water quality in the basin. For sustainable agriculture and preserving the quality of water, it is necessary to minimize the effects of soil erosion, nutrient loss and changing land use. There is a need to generate quality field data and develop prediction models to enhance efficient soil, water and nutrient management.

**2. Scope of the Program**

- In-State Research

**V(D). Planned Program (Assumptions and Goals)**

**1. Assumptions made for the Program**

The assumptions made for the program include: study of the watershed will lead to better management practices for agricultural landscapes, enhance soil and water conservation, reduce nutrient loss and preserve biodiversity of the region.

**2. Ultimate goal(s) of this Program**

The ultimate goal of the program is to conduct a comprehensive watershed study of the Apalachicola River that would assist in developing better soil and water management practices for agricultural landscapes within the basin.

**V(E). Planned Program (Inputs)**

**1. Estimated Number of professional FTE/SYs to be budgeted for this Program**

Year	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
2014	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
2018	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0

**V(F). Planned Program (Activity)**

**1. Activity for the Program**

The activities in the planned program include: Selection of a suitable study site representing typical soil type, cropping system and management; Quantifying historic and current land-use patterns; Collection of field data on soil erosion and nutrient loss; and, recording of aquatic biota information.

**2. Type(s) of methods to be used to reach direct and indirect contacts**

**Extension**

Direct Methods	Indirect Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Workshop</li> <li>● One-on-One Intervention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Newsletters</li> <li>● Web sites other than eXtension</li> </ul>

**3. Description of targeted audience**

The target audience for the planned program include: crop producers in the Apalachicola River Basin, small and limited resource farmers, extension personnel, environmental personnel and local, state and federal agencies.

**V(G). Planned Program (Outputs)**

NIFA no longer requires you to report target numbers for standard output measures in the Plan of Work. However, all institutions will report actual numbers for standard output measures in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results. The standard outputs for which you must continue to collect data are:

- Number of contacts
  - Direct Adult Contacts
  - Indirect Adult Contacts
  - Direct Youth Contacts
  - Indirect Youth Contact
- Number of patents submitted
- Number of peer reviewed publications

Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(H). State Defined Outputs**

**1. Output Measure**

- Inventory of land use/land cover patterns in the Apalachicola River Basin.
- Data on soil erosion and nutrient loss under irrigated and non irrigated conditions.
- Baseline aquatic insects data on two major water streams in the basin.

Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(I). State Defined Outcome**

O. No	Outcome Name
1	Information on changing land-use patterns in the Apalachicola River Watershed.
2	Comparison of soil erosion measurements by the Mesh-bag method and the simulation results of <u>RUSLE (the Universal Soil Loss Equation)</u> .
3	Identification of best management practices for efficient management of soil, water and nutrients.
4	Improvements of stream ecosystems.



**Outcome # 1**

**1. Outcome Target**

Information on changing land-use patterns in the Apalachicola River Watershed.

**2. Outcome Type :** Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 111 - Conservation and Efficient Use of Water

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 2**

**1. Outcome Target**

Comparison of soil erosion measurements by the Mesh-bag method and the simulation results of RUSLE (the Universal Soil Loss Equation).

**2. Outcome Type :** Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 102 - Soil, Plant, Water, Nutrient Relationships

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 3**

**1. Outcome Target**

Identification of best management practices for efficient management of soil, water and nutrients.

**2. Outcome Type :** Change in Action Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 133 - Pollution Prevention and Mitigation

#### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

#### **Outcome # 4**

##### **1. Outcome Target**

Improvements of stream ecosystems.

##### **2. Outcome Type : Change in Condition Outcome Measure**

##### **3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 111 - Conservation and Efficient Use of Water

##### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

#### **V(J). Planned Program (External Factors)**

##### **1. External Factors which may affect Outcomes**

- Natural Disasters (drought, weather extremes, etc.)
- Public Policy changes
- Government Regulations
- Other (Suitable study site)

##### **Description**

The programmed plan will be carried out on the farmer's field, where it may be subjected to possible weather extremes. External factors such as continued access to the study site, changing climate patterns and the choice of crops may affect the outcomes.

#### **V(K). Planned Program - Planned Evaluation Studies**

##### **Description of Planned Evaluation Studies**

The planned program will be evaluated on an annual basis during the project period and then at the end of the program. The evaluation milestones will include: completion of maps showing changes in land-use patterns in the Apalachicola River Basin; Inventory of cropping practices; Collection of field data on soil erosion and nutrients; Baseline data on aquatic fauna and publication of research results.

**V(A). Planned Program (Summary)**

**Program # 3**

**1. Name of the Planned Program**

Global Food Security and Hunger - Strategic Research for the Management of Invasive Pest Species

**2. Brief summary about Planned Program**

Invasive alien species (IAS) are a major threat to agriculture and the environment, in Florida and across the nation. In order to mitigate the threats, concerted action along the continuum from prevention of imminent threats to management of established species is required. This project takes a multipronged approach focusing on the one hand on development of relevant tools and technologies, and the other generating data that will enhance our knowledge of biological control and invasions in general. Specific targets include both insect pests and weeds that affect both natural and managed ecosystems. Research on pest threats will be carried out offshore, mainly in the Caribbean which is a major pathway for the entry of IAS into Florida. Onshore research to mitigate the impacts of established IAS will focus mainly on invasive weeds.

**3. Program existence :** Intermediate (One to five years)

**4. Program duration :** Long-Term (More than five years)

**5. Expending formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**6. Expending other than formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)**

1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

KA Code	Knowledge Area	%1862 Extension	%1890 Extension	%1862 Research	%1890 Research
135	Aquatic and Terrestrial Wildlife				40%
211	Insects, Mites, and Other Arthropods Affecting Plants				20%
215	Biological Control of Pests Affecting Plants				20%
216	Integrated Pest Management Systems				20%
	<b>Total</b>				100%

**V(C). Planned Program (Situation and Scope)**

**1. Situation and priorities**

Invasive alien species (IAS) are a major threat to agriculture and the environment (GAO, 2006; Pimentel et al. 2005). In recent years, at least 10 alien arthropod species have become established in Florida annually. In order to mitigate the threats, concerted action along the continuum from prevention of

imminent threats to management of established species is required. This five-year research project takes a multipronged approach focusing on the one hand, development of relevant tools and technologies, and the other, generating data that will enhance our knowledge of biological control and the invasion process in general. This work will be implemented by the Center for Biological Control at Florida A&M University which was established in 1998 as a unique partnership between FAMU, USDA ARS and USDA APHIS. The main priorities for the proposed work include: development of expert information systems, offshore research on high risk IAS, research on invasion patterns, and assessment of the benefits and risks of biological control agents and development of ecologically based management of insect pests and weeds including hydrilla.

**2. Scope of the Program**

- In-State Research
- Multistate Research

**V(D). Planned Program (Assumptions and Goals)**

**1. Assumptions made for the Program**

Invasive species will continue to pose a major threat to agriculture and the environment and tools developed through the project will be utilized by the relevant stakeholders. The Center for Biological Control will continue to receive support from ARS and APHIS, in addition to funding through the Evans-Allen Program. ARS has placed three entomologists on the campus to work closely with the University scientists.

**2. Ultimate goal(s) of this Program**

The goal of the project is to mitigate the impact of invasive species through the development of relevant tools and technologies, and generation of data that will enhance prevention or management efforts, especially biological control.

**V(E). Planned Program (Inputs)**

**1. Estimated Number of professional FTE/SYs to be budgeted for this Program**

Year	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
2014	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
2018	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0

**V(F). Planned Program (Activity)**

**1. Activity for the Program**

**Expert information systems:** Lucid software will be used to develop and deploy electronic identification tools and resources for selected taxa and commodities. **Offshore research:** We will conduct

offshore research on selected high risk species to generate data on biology, ecology, and control.

**Invasive Patterns:** Together with empirical data generated from the offshore research, we will utilize existing databases on interceptions and establishments to test various hypotheses about invasions.

**Benefits and risks of biological control agents:** We will work with cooperators to assess the benefits and risks of fungal and arthropod biological control agents. A database containing data on host range of different natural enemy taxa will be developed. **Onshore research:** We will conduct research to develop ecologically based strategies for the management of invasive insect pests and weeds that have become established in Florida.

**2. Type(s) of methods to be used to reach direct and indirect contacts**

**Extension**

Direct Methods	Indirect Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Education Class</li> <li>● Workshop</li> <li>● Group Discussion</li> <li>● One-on-One Intervention</li> <li>● Demonstrations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public Service Announcement</li> <li>● Newsletters</li> <li>● Web sites other than eXtension</li> </ul>

**3. Description of targeted audience**

The target audience include: federal and state biosecurity agencies, small-scale farmers, extension workers, and biological control scientists/entomologists.

**V(G). Planned Program (Outputs)**

NIFA no longer requires you to report target numbers for standard output measures in the Plan of Work. However, all institutions will report actual numbers for standard output measures in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results. The standard outputs for which you must continue to collect data are:

- Number of contacts
  - Direct Adult Contacts
  - Indirect Adult Contacts
  - Direct Youth Contacts
  - Indirect Youth Contact
- Number of patents submitted
- Number of peer reviewed publications

Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

## **V(H). State Defined Outputs**

### **1. Output Measure**

- Electronic identification keys/tools/resources developed.
- Knowledge generated on specific target pests and used for the development of contingency plans.
- Analyses conducted on key issues regarding safety and specific target biological control agents studied to determine safety.
- Target biological control agents introduced and established against specific insect pest or weed targets.
- Undergraduate and graduate students trained through mentorship and involvement in research programs.
- Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(I). State Defined Outcome**

O. No	Outcome Name
1	Digital identification keys/tools/resources for the identification of invasive species utilized.
2	More effective strategies for the identification, prevention or management of invasive species.
3	Integrated pest management approaches adopted by farmers leading to greater profitability.
4	The introduction and spread of IAS minimized.
5	More effective management of aquatic weeds in first order springs.
6	Trade between the US and partners is safer through implementation of strategies to mitigate the introduction of invasive insect pests and weeds.
7	Well trained undergraduates and graduates contribute to the effective management of native and non-native pests

**Outcome # 1**

**1. Outcome Target**

Digital identification keys/tools/resources for the identification of invasive species utilized.

**2. Outcome Type :** Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 211 - Insects, Mites, and Other Arthropods Affecting Plants
- 215 - Biological Control of Pests Affecting Plants
- 216 - Integrated Pest Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 2**

**1. Outcome Target**

More effective strategies for the identification, prevention or management of invasive species.

**2. Outcome Type :** Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 211 - Insects, Mites, and Other Arthropods Affecting Plants
- 215 - Biological Control of Pests Affecting Plants
- 216 - Integrated Pest Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 3**

**1. Outcome Target**

Integrated pest management approaches adopted by farmers leading to greater profitability.

**2. Outcome Type :** Change in Action Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 211 - Insects, Mites, and Other Arthropods Affecting Plants



- 215 - Biological Control of Pests Affecting Plants
- 216 - Integrated Pest Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 4**

**1. Outcome Target**

The introduction and spread of IAS minimized.

**2. Outcome Type : Change in Condition Outcome Measure**

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 135 - Aquatic and Terrestrial Wildlife
- 211 - Insects, Mites, and Other Arthropods Affecting Plants
- 215 - Biological Control of Pests Affecting Plants

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 5**

**1. Outcome Target**

More effective management of aquatic weeds in first order springs.

**2. Outcome Type : Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure**

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 135 - Aquatic and Terrestrial Wildlife
- 216 - Integrated Pest Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 6**

**1. Outcome Target**

Trade between the US and partners is safer through implementation of strategies to mitigate the introduction of invasive insect pests and weeds.

**2. Outcome Type** : Change in Condition Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 211 - Insects, Mites, and Other Arthropods Affecting Plants
- 215 - Biological Control of Pests Affecting Plants
- 216 - Integrated Pest Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 7**

**1. Outcome Target**

Well trained undergraduates and graduates contribute to the effective management of native and non-native pests

**2. Outcome Type** : Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 135 - Aquatic and Terrestrial Wildlife
- 211 - Insects, Mites, and Other Arthropods Affecting Plants
- 215 - Biological Control of Pests Affecting Plants
- 216 - Integrated Pest Management Systems

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**V(J). Planned Program (External Factors)**

**1. External Factors which may affect Outcomes**

- Natural Disasters (drought, weather extremes, etc.)
- Economy
- Appropriations changes
- Public Policy changes

- Government Regulations
- Competing Programmatic Challenges

**Description**

The major external factors which may affect the outcomes of the planned program include: unfavorable weather conditions, lack of cooperation from offshore country agencies, lack of effective biological control agents, sagging economy, reduction in funding of current and planned research studies.

**V(K). Planned Program - Planned Evaluation Studies**

**Description of Planned Evaluation Studies**

Feedback will be sought from stakeholders regarding use and effectiveness of knowledge generated by the center including impact of published material and electronic tools. A research timetable along with measureable outcomes will help guide field and lab studies. The Center Advisory Council will evaluate the outcomes of research on an annual basis.

**V(A). Planned Program (Summary)**

**Program # 4**

**1. Name of the Planned Program**

Childhood Obesity - Research

**2. Brief summary about Planned Program**

Faculty research projects in the tri-county childhood obesity research program will identify and categorize the number and type of food providers in designated communities, distance between consumers and food centers; the variety of the food supply, presence of home gardens. They will also engage with food providers to understand their selection of food and evaluate the quality of products available to the consumers. The program will also seek to characterize the interactions between healthcare and physical activity centers and the community of children identified as overweight or obese.

**3. Program existence :** New (One year or less)

**4. Program duration :** Medium Term (One to five years)

**5. Expending formula funds or state-matching funds :**Yes

**6. Expending other than formula funds or state-matching funds :** No

**V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)**

1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

KA Code	Knowledge Area	%1862 Extension	%1890 Extension	%1862 Research	%1890 Research
701	Nutrient Composition of Food				40%
703	Nutrition Education and Behavior				40%
704	Nutrition and Hunger in the Population				20%
	<b>Total</b>				100%

**V(C). Planned Program (Situation and Scope)**

**1. Situation and priorities**

Nearly 17% of children aged 2-19 years of age are obese. According to the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health, over 33% of Florida's children were overweight or obese. The economic consequences of this increasing problem are immense. According to Finkelstein (2009), the medical care costs of dealing with obesity in 2008 dollars was \$147 billion. According to National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) data cited by Ogden and Carroll (2010) the prevalence of obesity has increased disproportionately among Hispanic and black children and adolescents. The current problem with childhood obesity is the result of many factors and requires an integrated multi-action approach.

**2. Scope of the Program**

- In-State Extension
- In-State Research
- Integrated Research and Extension

**V(D). Planned Program (Assumptions and Goals)**

**1. Assumptions made for the Program**

Childhood obesity is best addressed through an integrated multipronged approach. Audiences will be willing to adopt healthier food choices.

**2. Ultimate goal(s) of this Program**

Our program will have specific emphasis on low and moderate income communities. The ultimate goals of the program will be improve community food security and availability of healthy food choices and prevention of childhood obesity and reduction of long-term risks for chronic diseases.

**V(E). Planned Program (Inputs)**

**1. Estimated Number of professional FTE/SYs to be budgeted for this Program**

Year	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
2014	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2018	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0

**V(F). Planned Program (Activity)**

**1. Activity for the Program**

Faculty research projects will focus on finding ways to prevent or reduce incidence of childhood obesity through: development of diverse choice of health food, food product development, community engagement, nutrition and hunger and nutrition education and behavior.

**2. Type(s) of methods to be used to reach direct and indirect contacts**

Extension	
Direct Methods	Indirect Methods

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Education Class</li><li>● Workshop</li><li>● Group Discussion</li><li>● Demonstrations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Newsletters</li></ul>
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### 3. Description of targeted audience

Target audience will include: low to moderate income families, school, nutrition and health professionals, community leaders and local and state level agencies.

### V(G). Planned Program (Outputs)

NIFA no longer requires you to report target numbers for standard output measures in the Plan of Work. However, all institutions will report actual numbers for standard output measures in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results. The standard outputs for which you must continue to collect data are:

- Number of contacts
  - Direct Adult Contacts
  - Indirect Adult Contacts
  - Direct Youth Contacts
  - Indirect Youth Contact
- Number of patents submitted
- Number of peer reviewed publications

Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

### V(H). State Defined Outputs

#### 1. Output Measure

- Number of program participants reached to improve their food resource management
- Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(I). State Defined Outcome**

O. No	Outcome Name
1	Number of youth and adolescents documented to have adopted healthy eating or more active lifestyles.
2	Number of children, adolescent and adult participants documented to have reduced chronic disease indicators associated with obesity

**Outcome # 1**

**1. Outcome Target**

Number of youth and adolescents documented to have adopted healthy eating or more active lifestyles.

**2. Outcome Type** : Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 701 - Nutrient Composition of Food
- 704 - Nutrition and Hunger in the Population

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 2**

**1. Outcome Target**

Number of children, adolescent and adult participants documented to have reduced chronic disease indicators associated with obesity

**2. Outcome Type** : Change in Condition Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 701 - Nutrient Composition of Food
- 704 - Nutrition and Hunger in the Population

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**V(J). Planned Program (External Factors)**

**1. External Factors which may affect Outcomes**

- Natural Disasters (drought, weather extremes, etc.)
- Economy
- Appropriations changes
- Public Policy changes
- Government Regulations
- Competing Public priorities
- Competing Programmatic Challenges



- Populations changes (immigration, new cultural groupings, etc.)

### **Description**

The most significant factor is the economy which has the capacity to influence appropriation changes and public policies and regulations. If there are fewer dollars the competition from other priorities and programs will become stronger and can affect the outcome of the program.

## **V(K). Planned Program - Planned Evaluation Studies**

### **Description of Planned Evaluation Studies**

The evaluation of this program will be done jointly with cooperative extension program. The evaluation studies will combine routine monitoring and documentation together with before and after evaluations between the various groups involved with the program.

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**V(A). Planned Program (Summary)**

**Program # 5**

**1. Name of the Planned Program**

Food Safety - Research

**2. Brief summary about Planned Program**

FAMU program will focus on three areas:

- 1) Gather and analyze data on small organic farmers to capture their fruit and vegetable growing practices and post-harvest handling.
- 2) Formulate food safety education modules that will be tailored towards reaching the organic small farm growers. These research based modules will be used by extension personnel.
- 3) Develop protective washes for fruits and vegetables specifically for use on tomatoes, cantaloupes and green leafy vegetables focusing on gram negative bacteria.

**3. Program existence :** New (One year or less)

**4. Program duration :** Medium Term (One to five years)

**5. Expending formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**6. Expending other than formula funds or state-matching funds :** No

**V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)**

1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

KA Code	Knowledge Area	%1862 Extension	%1890 Extension	%1862 Research	%1890 Research
711	Ensure Food Products Free of Harmful Chemicals, Including Residues from Agricultural and Other Sources				50%
712	Protect Food from Contamination by Pathogenic Microorganisms, Parasites, and Naturally Occurring Toxins				50%
	<b>Total</b>				100%

**V(C). Planned Program (Situation and Scope)**

**1. Situation and priorities**

Food safety challenges faced by the United States continue to grow. For instance each year, 1 in 6 Americans gets sick from food borne diseases, and 3,000 die as a result. These challenges arise in unpredictable ways but several factors have contributed to the current trends. For instance, there have been significant changes in food production, supply and consumption. Thus recent years have seen a tremendous growth in consumption of raw or minimally processed food that are often associated with food borne illness. At the same time there has been an increase in new or emerging germs, toxins, and incidences of antibiotic resistance. On the other hand, imported food continues to make up a growing share of the food supply. USDA estimates for instance show that between 2003 and 2007, the dollar value

of agricultural imports to the U.S. increased by about 53%, from \$46-70 billion. Against this background it is critical to develop measures to mitigate problems along the continuum from the farm to the table.

The US organic food industry is rapidly growing, it was reported that 73% of conventional grocery stores and nearly 20,000 natural food stores carry organic products which accounts for approximately 2.5 of the total food sales. Florida ranks 31st among states in organic farm acreage and generates 0.2% total sales from organic production and growth is predicted. To ensure a safe growth, food safety practices such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) must be followed and these include safe irrigation methods, natural fertilizers, worker health and hygiene and proper post harvest handling and storage. This new program will focus on the safety of the organic produce from the small farmers.

**2. Scope of the Program**

- In-State Extension
- In-State Research

**V(D). Planned Program (Assumptions and Goals)**

**1. Assumptions made for the Program**

Improvement of pre- and post-harvest practices would lead to increased food safety.

**2. Ultimate goal(s) of this Program**

Reduce incidence of food borne diseases through improved pre- and post-harvest handling practices and processes.

**V(E). Planned Program (Inputs)**

**1. Estimated Number of professional FTE/SYs to be budgeted for this Program**

Year	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
2014	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2018	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0

**V(F). Planned Program (Activity)**

**1. Activity for the Program**

The FAMU food safety program will gather and analyze data on small organic farmers to capture their fruit and vegetable growing practices and post-harvest handling. It will also formulate food safety education modules that will be tailored towards reaching the small organic growers. These research based

modules will be used by extension personnel. The program will also develop protective washes for fruits and vegetables specifically for use on tomatoes, cantaloupes and green leafy vegetables focusing on gram negative bacteria.

**2. Type(s) of methods to be used to reach direct and indirect contacts**

<b>Extension</b>	
<b>Direct Methods</b>	<b>Indirect Methods</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Education Class</li> <li>● Workshop</li> <li>● Group Discussion</li> <li>● One-on-One Intervention</li> <li>● Demonstrations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Newsletters</li> </ul>

**3. Description of targeted audience**

Target audiences will include, small to medium sized limited resource producers, processors, retailers and consumers.

**V(G). Planned Program (Outputs)**

NIFA no longer requires you to report target numbers for standard output measures in the Plan of Work. However, all institutions will report actual numbers for standard output measures in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results. The standard outputs for which you must continue to collect data are:

- Number of contacts
  - Direct Adult Contacts
  - Indirect Adult Contacts
  - Direct Youth Contacts
  - Indirect Youth Contact
- Number of patents submitted
- Number of peer reviewed publications

Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(H). State Defined Outputs**

**1. Output Measure**

- Specific food chains assessed to identify sources of contamination
- Number of producers/processors adopting new practices/processes

- Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(I). State Defined Outcome**

O. No	Outcome Name
1	Reduction in the incidences of food borne illnesses

**Outcome # 1**

**1. Outcome Target**

Reduction in the incidences of food borne illnesses

**2. Outcome Type : Change in Condition Outcome Measure**

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 711 - Ensure Food Products Free of Harmful Chemicals, Including Residues from Agricultural and Other Sources
- 712 - Protect Food from Contamination by Pathogenic Microorganisms, Parasites, and Naturally Occurring Toxins

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**V(J). Planned Program (External Factors)**

**1. External Factors which may affect Outcomes**

- Economy
- Appropriations changes
- Public Policy changes
- Government Regulations
- Competing Public priorities
- Competing Programmatic Challenges

**Description**

The most significant factor is funding especially given the current uncertainties in state/federal support for programs.

**V(K). Planned Program - Planned Evaluation Studies**

**Description of Planned Evaluation Studies**

A combination of routine program monitoring and documentation will be implemented.

**V(A). Planned Program (Summary)**

**Program # 6**

**1. Name of the Planned Program**

Global Food Security and Hunger - Small Farm Production, Marketing, and Rural Economic Development R

**2. Brief summary about Planned Program**

The Small Farm Production, Marketing and Rural Economic Development research program provides science based research information as well as economic and marketing information to limited resource farmers, rural citizens and urban communities to promote their economic and physical wellbeing. The program works with community based as well as faith based organizations to provide scientific findings of current issues to these communities. The research findings will be used by extension personnel to provide community relevant programs and services. The program focuses on community development, asset building, hunger, homelessness and small farm production and marketing.

**3. Program existence :** Intermediate (One to five years)

**4. Program duration :** Medium Term (One to five years)

**5. Expending formula funds or state-matching funds :** Yes

**6. Expending other than formula funds or state-matching funds :** No

**V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)**

1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

KA Code	Knowledge Area	%1862 Extension	%1890 Extension	%1862 Research	%1890 Research
205	Plant Management Systems				25%
307	Animal Management Systems				25%
601	Economics of Agricultural Production and Farm Management				15%
604	Marketing and Distribution Practices				10%
608	Community Resource Planning and Development				10%
803	Sociological and Technological Change Affecting Individuals, Families, and Communities				15%
	<b>Total</b>				100%

**V(C). Planned Program (Situation and Scope)**

**1. Situation and priorities**

Florida's rapid growth in the central and southern part of the state has caused migration to and from small rural communities of North Florida. Some communities are facing a deterioration of wages, loss of



jobs,

and a growing income gap when compared to urban areas and the national average. This results in a smaller work force, and less capacity for community wide economic growth. The rural areas have a much higher population of older people and their needs are unique in terms of assistance programs. At the same time, federal as well as state agencies have identified declining farm population, especially, limited resource farmers as a major area of concern for the nation. This project will help the targeted communities to become much more sustainable while also taking advantage of production and marketing information and assistance to improve their economic situation.

**2. Scope of the Program**

- In-State Extension
- In-State Research
- Integrated Research and Extension

**V(D). Planned Program (Assumptions and Goals)**

**1. Assumptions made for the Program**

Florida will continue to grow, creating unique problems and challenges which will need to be addressed by the state land grant universities especially in terms of meeting the demand for food and fiber.

**2. Ultimate goal(s) of this Program**

The ultimate goal of the program is to reduce food insecurity, increase sustainability of limited income farm families and improve quality of life for Florida citizens while mitigating the challenges posed by economic challenges in production and marketing.

**V(E). Planned Program (Inputs)**

**1. Estimated Number of professional FTE/SYs to be budgeted for this Program**

Year	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
2014	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
2018	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5

**V(F). Planned Program (Activity)**

**1. Activity for the Program**

The small production, marketing and rural economic development project is an integrated effort. The asset building and research projects with other state and local agencies will enhance the economic base of the community while incorporating environmental procedures that will result in high productivity. The following activities will be undertaken during the implementation of the planned program: Research and demonstration studies and needs surveys and focus groups, experimental studies, training of students, workshops and conferences.

**2. Type(s) of methods to be used to reach direct and indirect contacts**

**Extension**

Direct Methods	Indirect Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Education Class</li> <li>● Workshop</li> <li>● Group Discussion</li> <li>● One-on-One Intervention</li> <li>● Demonstrations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public Service Announcement</li> <li>● Newsletters</li> <li>● Web sites other than eXtension</li> </ul>

**3. Description of targeted audience**

The target audience for this program includes small/limited resource farmers, extension workers, rural residents, families and community groups.

**V(G). Planned Program (Outputs)**

NIFA no longer requires you to report target numbers for standard output measures in the Plan of Work. However, all institutions will report actual numbers for standard output measures in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results. The standard outputs for which you must continue to collect data are:

- Number of contacts
  - Direct Adult Contacts
  - Indirect Adult Contacts
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- Number of patents submitted
- Number of peer reviewed publications

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## **V(H). State Defined Outputs**

### **1. Output Measure**

- Improve economic and marketing competitiveness for small and limited resource farmers
- A functional network mobilizing and supporting organizations and coalitions focused on asset building for people in rural and farming communities
- Improved procedures and techniques of farming operations that will sustain small farm operations
- Clicking this box affirms you will continue to collect data on these items and report the data in the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.

**V(I). State Defined Outcome**

O. No	Outcome Name
1	Improved economic and marketing competitiveness for small and limited resource farmers
2	A functional network mobilizing and supporting organizations and coalitions focused on asset building for people in rural and farming communities
3	Improved procedures and techniques of marketing operations that will sustain small farm operations

**Outcome # 1**

**1. Outcome Target**

Improved economic and marketing competitiveness for small and limited resource farmers

**2. Outcome Type** : Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 205 - Plant Management Systems
- 307 - Animal Management Systems
- 601 - Economics of Agricultural Production and Farm Management

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 2**

**1. Outcome Target**

A functional network mobilizing and supporting organizations and coalitions focused on asset building for people in rural and farming communities

**2. Outcome Type** : Change in Action Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 608 - Community Resource Planning and Development
- 803 - Sociological and Technological Change Affecting Individuals, Families, and Communities

**4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

**Outcome # 3**

**1. Outcome Target**

Improved procedures and techniques of marketing operations that will sustain small farm operations

**2. Outcome Type** : Change in Knowledge Outcome Measure

**3. Associated Knowledge Area(s)**

- 604 - Marketing and Distribution Practices
- 608 - Community Resource Planning and Development

#### **4. Associated Institute Type(s)**

- 1890 Research

### **V(J). Planned Program (External Factors)**

#### **1. External Factors which may affect Outcomes**

- Natural Disasters (drought, weather extremes, etc.)
- Economy
- Appropriations changes
- Public Policy changes
- Competing Public priorities
- Competing Programmatic Challenges
- Populations changes (immigration, new cultural groupings, etc.)

#### **Description**

Programs on rural issues may be affected by state and federal regulations, reduced funding, and changing needs of an aging population.

### **V(K). Planned Program - Planned Evaluation Studies**

#### **Description of Planned Evaluation Studies**

The evaluation of this program will be done jointly with cooperative extension program. Evaluations will be done before and after as well as during the studies to determine the effectiveness of the program delivery to small and limited resource farmers. Case studies will be compared when studying the needs of rural families. Extension workers will be polled to find out if targeted population is receiving adequate technical and economic information.