

Setting Bold Priorities: Future Programs for Advancing UTIA

Local Meetings

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Timeline



- May, 2015 – UTIA survey
- August, 2015 – UTIA Priorities Forum
- November, 2015 – Departmental/Regional Meeting One
- December, 2015 – Gather Stakeholder Information
- January, 2016 – Departmental/Regional Meeting Two
- March, 2016 – Administrative Meeting
- March, 2016 – UTIA Priorities Committee submits final report

Planning



- “Grand Challenges”
- Governor’s Rural Challenge
- UTIA Priorities Survey Summary
- UTIA Priorities Forum

Outcomes: Economic, Environmental, and Health

Key Investments: Programs, Audiences, UTIA Workforce Compensation and Development, New Hires, Communications, and Resources

Values: Teaching Excellence, Reputation, Global Impact, Research Excellence, Unbiased, Relevance, Outreach Excellence, and Program Effectiveness

Collaboration: Improved Communications, Interdepartmental, Interdisciplinary, and Multidisciplinary

Criteria: Focuses on the State of Tennessee; Fills a significant gap based on future needs; Builds on current UTIA strengths or a unique resource; Addresses a grand societal challenge; Positions UTIA to be more competitive for extramural funds; Has the greatest long-term positive impact on UTIA; and Enhances external partnerships

Example from Dr. Scott Senseman



- ***Future Challenge:*** Feed an increasing population
- ***Priority:*** Crop Breeding and Genetics
- ***Program:*** Improving drought tolerance in soybean
- ***Action Item/Research Project:*** Screening soybean cultivars for water-use efficiency

Example from Dr. Neal Schrick



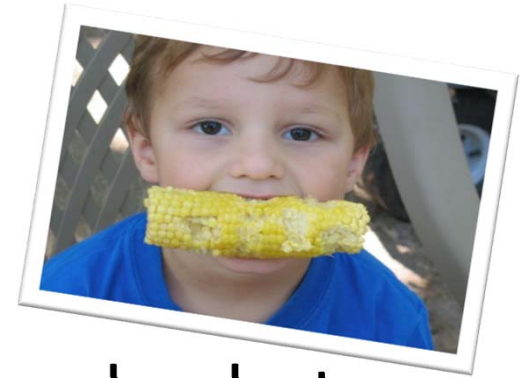
- ***Future Challenge:*** Feeding the World
- ***Priority:*** Agriculture BioSecurity and Food Safety
- ***Program:*** Increasing animal production through improvement in animal health
- ***Action Item/Research Project:*** The use of bioactives in cattle feed results in improvements in health and carcass quality

Example from Dr. Kim Gwinn



- ***Future Challenge:*** Feeding the World
- ***Priority:*** Improving Human, Animal, and Plant Health
- ***Program:*** Use of Bioactives in Improving Health
- ***Action Item/Research Project:*** Impact of feeding bioactives in the diet of dairy calves on health improvement

Implications



- Given the information we just reviewed, what are the implications for the department, programs, and audiences?

More Implications



- Given the information we just reviewed, what are the implications for UTIA teaching, research, and Extension?

Visioning



- What will UTIA be famous for in 2030? Among Tennesseans? Nationally? Globally?

Stakeholders



- What other key stakeholders do we need input from to complete the priorities report?

Stakeholder Questions



- What program priorities will address public need?
- What program priorities will provide for extramural funding?
- What program priorities present an opportunity for growth?
- What program priorities will create industry partnerships?
- What program priorities and positions will enhance balance between and among Extension, research, and teaching?
- What program priorities and positions will allow for adaptability?



“We should lead...”

“The University of Tennessee is one of the most valuable entities to the future of Tennessee, and the Institute of Agriculture plays a pivotal role. We should lead collaboration efforts within the University to maximize resources, which ultimately serves Tennesseans better...” (UTIA Staff Member)