

2007 PROGRAM

**SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE
OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

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THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS**

**February 3-6, 2007 – Mobile, Alabama
Riverview Plaza Hotel & Convention Center**

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2007 HOST STATE: SOUTH CAROLINA – CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

February 3-6, 2007

Riverview Plaza (RP) Hotel & Convention Center(CC), Mobile, Alabama

Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) Agricultural Education Division Officers

President and Conference Chair: Tom Dobbins, Clemson University

Research Meeting Co-Chairs: Donnie King & Phil Fravel, Clemson University

Vice-President: Antoine Alston, North Carolina A & T University

American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE) Southern Region Officers

Vice-President: Jim Dyer, University of Florida

Alternate Vice-President: Adam Kantrovich, Morehead State

Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson, North Carolina State

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4 - 7 p.m.	Registration – Clemson University Ag Education	Lobby Area, RP
7:00 p.m.	SIG Roundtables	Mobile Ballroom I&II, RP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 a.m.	Registration – Clemson University Ag Education	Concourse Lobby, CC
8:00 a.m.	Graduate Student Breakfast	Meeting Room 105 A&B,CC
9:00 a.m.	Joint Agricultural Education and Agricultural Communications Vespers Service Conducted by Clemson University Agricultural Education	Church Suite, RP
10:00 a.m.	Opening Session Presiding: Tom Dobbins , Clemson University Remarks: Jim Dyer, Southern Region Vice-President, AAAE Antoine Alston, SAAS Division Vice-President (Outstanding Paper Selection) Donnie King, Research Meetings Chanda Elbert – Poster Chair	Meeting Room 201D, CC

10:30 a.m. Integrated Public School Curriculum

Session A: **Meeting Room 201C,CC**
Discussant – Carrie Fritz

Elementary Teachers' Attitudes and Stages of Concern About an Agricultural Literacy Curriculum; Jim Dyer, Kim Bellah, University of Florida

Effects of Creative Problem Solving Instruction Upon 6th Grade Students' Performance on a Standardized Creativity Measure; Matt Baker, Zana Mathis, Kim Dooley, James Smith, Julie Harlin, Alon Kyashn, Texas Tech

Integrating Science in the Agriculture Curriculum: Agriculture Teacher Perception of the Opportunities, Barriers, and Impact on Student Enrollment; Brian Myers, Shannon G. Washborn, University of Florida

Session B: Concerns of Secondary Agriculture Programs

Meeting Room 201D, CC

Discussant – Gary Biers

Demonstrating Professionalisms as an Agricultural Education Teacher: A Delphi Study; Kirk Swortzel, Jacquelyn Deeds, Jason Rogers, Mississippi State

Retirement Trends Among Secondary Agricultural Education Teachers in Kentucky; Jay Morgan, Catherine Shoulders, Murray State

Assessing A Southern States' Teachers' Capacity for Teaching Science Integrated Process Skills; Kirk Swortzel, Rebecca L. Hamilton, Mississippi State

Session C: Innovative Issues in Agriculture

Church Suite - RP

Discussant –

An Exploratory Educational Needs Assessment of E. coli 0157:H7 Knowledge Held by Petting Zoo Participants; Todd Brashears, Moriah Jennings, John Rayfield, Cindy Akers, Mindy Brashears, Texas Tech

Testimonies from Four Agricultural Education Student Teachers Related to Completing an International Student Teaching Experience in New South Wales, Australia; Carrie Fritz, David Little, University of Tennessee

Selected Potential Employers' Assessment of Competencies Taught in the D.E. King Equine Program at the University of Arkansas; Kathi S. Jogan, Don R. Herring, University of Arkansas

12:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)

1:15 p.m. AAAE Regional Committee Meetings

Professional Development Committee*

Oakleigh Suite, RP

Chair: John Ricketts, University of Georgia
Members: Carrie Fritz, University of Tennessee
Jay Morgan, Murray State
Nicole Stedman, Texas A&M

Program Improvement Committee*

Meeting Room 201C, CC

Co-Chairs: Chanda Elbert, Texas A&M
Dennis Duncan, University of Georgia
Members: Jason Peake, University of Georgia
Kathleen Kelsey, Oklahoma State University

Research Committee*

Meeting Room 201D, CC

Chair: Mark Kistler, University of Florida
Members: Todd Brashears, Texas Tech
Grady Roberts, Texas A&M
Barry Boyd, Texas A&M

Tracy Kitchel, University of Kentucky
Scott Burris, Texas Tech

Member Services Committee*

Church Suite, RP

Chair: Tracy Rutherford, Texas A&M
Members: Chad Davis, Texas Tech
Adam Kantrovich, Morehead State
Jerry Gibson, Virginia Tech
Kim Dooley, Texas A&M

2:30 p.m. SAAS Board of Directors Meeting **West Ballroom - CC**
(Tom Dobbins/Antoine Alston/Randol Waters)

2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Research Posters – Innovative Ideas Posters **Prefunction/Upper Concourse**
CC
Sessions Running Concurrently
Chair: Chanda Elbert, Texas A&M University

3:30 p.m. SAAS General Session
Immigration Policy

5:00 pm SAAS Reception/Super Bowl Party

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 a.m. Registration – Clemson University Ag Education **Concourse Lobby Area, CC**

Session D: Career Development and the FFA **Meeting Room 201C, CC**
Discussant – Brian Parr

Student Perceptions of Preparation for and the Benefit of FFA Career Development Events on Future Employment in the Field of Agriculture; Rusty Miller, NC A&T; Ryan Anderson, Murray State; Marshal Swafford, Lindsay High School; Andy Seibel, Virginia Tech

The Relationship Between Student Demographic Variables and Performance in a National FFA Career Development Event; John Rayfield, NCSU; Steve Frazee, Todd Brashears, Chad Davis, David Lawver, Texas Tech

Student Perceptions of Preparation for the Benefit of FFA Career Development Events and Classroom Preparation at the State Level; Rusy Miller, NC A&T; Ryan Anderson, Murray State; Marshal Swafford, Lindsay High School; Andy Seibel, Virginia Tech

Session E: Collegiate Programs in Agriculture **Meeting Room 201D, CC**
Discussant –

Defining Doctoral Study in Agricultural Education – 2010: The Perspective of Active Scholars in the United States; Glen Shinn, Gary E. Briers, Texas A&M; Matt Baker, Texas Tech

An Assessment of Academic Advising in Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences; Margo Hale, Donna Graham, Donald Johnson, University of Arkansas

Demonstrating Professionalism as a University Faculty Member in Agricultural Education: A Delphi Study; Kirk Swortzel, Jacquelyn Deeds, Jason Rogers, Mississippi State

Session F: Secondary Programs
Discussant – George Wardlow

Meeting Room 204 B, CC

The Effects of the Tobacco Buyout Program on the Agricultural Education Curriculum, Students' Involvement in SAE/FFA Projects and Communities in Three Counties of a Southern State: A Delphi Study; Tera Bunch, Carrie Fritz, University of Tennessee

Effects of an Introductory Agricultural Education Course on the Agricultural Literacy and Perceptions of Agriculture of Urban Students; Elizabeth Wilson, Jodi Riedel, Jim Flowers, Gary Moore, NC State University

Does a Math-Enhanced Curriculum and Instructional Approach Diminish Students' Attainment of Technical Competence? A Year Long Study in Agricultural Power and Technology; Brent Young, North Dakota State University, Craig Edwards, James Leising, Oklahoma State

10:00 a.m. Break (Refreshment Break)

10:30 a.m. Concurrent Research Session III

Session G: Cooperative Extension & 4-H
Discussant – Rick Rudd

Meeting Room 201 C, CC

Factors Influencing Job Satisfaction of Extension Agents in a Southern State Extension Service; Kirk Swortzel, Mississippi State University

Fundraising: 4-H Foundation Executive Directors' Perceptions; Brad Davis, Texas Coop Extension; Barry Boyd, T. Andy Vestal, Texas A&M; Cindy Akers, Norman Hopper, Chad Davis, Steve Frazee, Texas Tech

Perceptions of Important Competencies for Early-Career and Established 4-H Agents; Amy Harder, Kim Dooley, Texas A&M

Session H: Early Professional Experiences
Discussant – Jim Dyer

Meeting Room 201 D, CC

Professional Roles and Responsibilities of Induction Teachers: An Assessment of Teaching Competencies in First Year Teachers; Scott Burris, Jamie Keller, Texas Tech

Beginning Agricultural Education Teachers Perceived Level of Preparation and Mentorship Identification; Robin Peiter, University of Kentucky; Jay A. Morgan, Murray State

Developing Skills for the Future: Graduates' Perceptions of Career Skill Preparedness and Importance After a Four-Year Undergraduate Program; Tracy Rutherford, Nicole Stedman, Summer Felton, Gray Wingenbach, Julie Harbin, Texas A&M

Session I: Leadership
Discussant –

Meeting Room 204 B, CC

College of Agriculture Academic Program Leaders (Deans) Perception of Leadership Skills Importance and Self-Perceived Proficiency; David Jones, Rick Rudd, Virginia Poly SU

