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TO: Steven Slack, Director
Keith Smith, Director

FROM: Katelyn Sellers, POW Administrative Leader /s/
Planning, Accountability & Reporting Staff

SUBJECT: FY2013 Annual Report of Accomplishments

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture has reviewed the 2013 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results as required under the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998. The report is accepted. We appreciate your efforts in submitting the report, which we will use in support of the planning, leadership, and evaluation of NIFA programs.

The review of your report was completed by your NIFA State liaisons Anne Lichens-Park and null, National Program Leaders, and the Office of Planning and Accountability. The review was based on the criteria published in the Federal Register notice dated January 25, 2006, with additional guidance and on-line training on the Plan of Work and Annual Report published on the NIFA AREERA Plan of Work Website (<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/reporting/planrept/plansofwork.html>) , and the "2013-2017 Plan of Work Review Checklist and Review Summary" you received.

The "2013 Annual Report Review Checklist and Review Summary" from the National Program Leaders who reviewed your report is attached. We hope you find these comments useful and suggest you read them carefully for recommendations and requirements needed to help you in preparing your FY2014 Annual Report of Accomplishments, which will come due by April 1, 2015.

You will receive a separate communication from the Office of Extramural Programs, Funds Management Branch, concerning any requirement for the submission of the Multistate Extension and Integrated Research and Extension funds, sections 105 and 204 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998.

We appreciate you working with us to improve our reporting and accountability system as we continue to improve the web-based Plan of Work and Annual Report as part of the overall Research, Education and Extension Reporting System (REReport), formerly the "One Solution" initiative.

If you have questions following your review of our comments, please contact Katelyn Sellers, POW Administrative Leader, by E-mail at POW@nifa.usda.gov or by phone at 202-401-5482.

Attachment

cc: NIFA Office of Extramural Programs
NIFA State Reviewers