

2015 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work Review

Status: Accepted

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State: Ohio

Institution(s):

Ohio State University

Type of Report (Check all that apply)

1862 Research

1862 Extension

1890 Research

1890 Extension

Tuskegee Research

Tuskegee Extension

NPL Reviewers:

Anne Lichens-Park

Plan Overview Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive summary. (Suggested in Guidance)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total FTEs are included for each appropriate institution of the plan

Comments:

The Executive Summary conveys the plans of Ohio State University Extension (OSUE), the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and the College of Food Agriculture and Environmental Science (CFAES) for 2015-2019. The OSU Discovery Themes are intended to guide and better integrate these efforts across all of OSU. The three Discovery Themes are (1) Health and Wellness; (2) Energy and Environment; and (3) Food Production and Security. CFAES has three signature areas: (1) food security, production, and human health; (2) environmental quality and sustainability; and (3) advanced bioenergy and biobased products. These areas are consistent with Challenge areas within the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). OSU Extension and OARDC will work collaboratively throughout this planning period to advance their land grant mission and accomplish specific objectives. The Executive Summary lists a few important investments that will be taken by OSUE and OARDC during the planning period.

Merit/Program Review Process Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	At least one process has been checked (including other) (required)

Comments:

OARDC and OSUE use several types of advisory committees for review of grants. Publications are peer-reviewed. OSUE conducts long-range strategic planning to prioritize programs. Merit review processes that are in place in OARDC and OSUE are appropriate. Internal and external reviews will continue to assess merits of the program with an emphasis on science, service and society.

Evaluation of the Success of Multi and Joint Activities Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1) How will the planned programs address the critical issues of strategic importance, including those identified by the stakeholders?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2) How will the planned programs address the needs of under-served and under-represented populations of the State(s)?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) How will the planned programs describe the expected outcomes and impacts? and
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4) How will the planned programs result in improved program effectiveness and/or efficiency?

Comments:

Most of this section was copied from the section on "Evaluation of Multis and Joint Activities" in the 2014 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work. However, when it was pasted into this year's report, it was not pasted correctly, so one portion is duplicated in this year's report. While the response is acceptable, it would have been more useful if specific examples of multi-state activities or joint activities had been

incorporated into the 2015 Plan of Work report. I hope that this section will be more carefully updated for the 2016 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work.

Stakeholder Input Process Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(a) Actions taken to seek stakeholder input that encourages their participation (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(b) Method used to identify groups and individuals (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(c) Method used for collecting stakeholder input (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(d) A statement of how collected input will be considered (Required)

Comments:

When the "Stakeholder Input Process" section of the 2015 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work is compared to the "Stakeholder Input Process" section in the 2014 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work, it is apparent that not much has changed from last year's plan, except the dates of the period covered. Some of the references (e.g. the 2008 Battelle report) are getting rather old. A more up-to-date and thoughtful response to this section will be expected in the 2016 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work.

Planned Programs Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses Appropriate Logic Model Elements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Knowledge Areas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Outputs for each Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Outcomes for each Program

Comments:

When the Planned Programs for the 2015 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work are compared to the Planned Programs for the 2014 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work, it appears that very little in the plan has changed. In fact, most of the text appears to have been cut out of the 2014 Plan and pasted into the 2015 Plan. While it is expected that there should be stability in the Plan of Work from one year to the next, the Plan should also be updated to reflect changing needs and changing times. It is expected that the 2016 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work will be updated and the sections that have changed will be clearly identified. A 2016 Plan that is identical or substantially identical to the 2015 Plan will not be accepted.

General Recommendations:

Comparison of the 2015 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work is very similar to the 2014 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work. Although it is expected that there will be a large degree of consistency in the Plan of Work from one year to the next, the plan should be updated to reflect changing needs and circumstances. A 2016 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work that is essentially identical to the 2015 Ohio State University Combined Research and Extension Plan of Work will not be accepted.

We hereby recommend NIFA acceptance of this Plan of Work.

Anne Lichens-Park /s/

05/27/2014

NPL Signature

Date