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TO: Steven Slack, Director
Keith Smith, Director

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

SUBJECT: FY2014 Annual Report of Accomplishments

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture has reviewed the 2014 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 liaison Anne Lichens-Park, National Program Leader, and the Planning, Accountability and Reporting Staff. 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 "2014-2018 Plan of Work Review Checklist and Review Summary" you received.

The "2014 Annual Report Review Checklist and Review Summary" from the National Program Leader 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 FY2015 Annual Report of Accomplishments, which will come due by April 1, 2016.

You will receive a separate communication, 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.

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 Grants and Financial Management
NIFA State Reviewer