

AG RESEARCH IN THE LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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EXPERIMENT STATION COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND POLICY

NASULGC

- National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
 - 218 member institutions
 - 76 Land Grant Universities
 - 18 historically black institutions
 - 33 Native American-serving institutions



NASULGC – Agricultural Research

- Colleges of Agriculture within the Land Grant University system are a constituent group of NASULGC
 - Resident education
 - International agriculture
 - Cooperative Extension (outreach education)
 - Research



Agricultural Research

- ESCOP – Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy
 - Life sciences are core competency of Colleges of Agriculture
 - College structure varies across institutions
 - Physical/materials/environmental science
 - Engineering
 - Social sciences



Awareness of Dual Use Research

- Topic has been on annual meeting agendas for many years post-2001
- Concept is embedded in annual discussion of research priorities communicated to USDA and Congress
- Institution-level discussions as Ag Experiment Station directors interact with Research VPs



Perception of Dual Use Research

- Annual prioritization of research topics
 - Priorities relevant to this subject have been declining on priority list compared to nutrition/health and renewable energy
- National Institute of Agricultural Security (NIAS)
 - Established post-2001 and select agent rules, but support has waned
- Institutional discussions
 - Export regulations, etc.



Outreach on Dual Use Research

- Realistic risk assessment of the problem
- Clear communication of recommendations and relevant policies/regulations/laws
- Well-designed web presence
- Best practices
 - Actual situations and solutions
 - Scenarios that illustrate actual situations and solutions



Outreach on Dual Use Research

- Ag Research Administrators
 - Presentations at our annual meeting (September)
 - Presentations at our 5 regional meetings (various dates)
- Faculty we “administer”
 - Educate university research protections staff
 - Incorporation of information into local policies and guidelines, training opportunities
- General public

