

2010 University of Wisconsin Extension Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results Review

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State: Wisconsin

Institution(s):

- University of Wisconsin

Type of Report (Check all that apply)

- 1862 Research
- 1862 Extension
- 1890 Research
- 1890 Extension
- Tuskegee Research
- Tuskegee Extension

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Report 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 Report

Comments:

The Executive summary provides an overview of the activities in the 15 programs planned for 2010. The Wisconsin Cooperative Extension and University of Wisconsin - Madison study provides a robust context within which to gauge the effectiveness of extension efforts at the local levels.

Stakeholder representation from 72 counties (approximately 600 stakeholders total, averaging eight per county) informed the education efforts of research and extension for approximately 50 statewide teams. Continued efforts in contributing to the five NIFA national priorities remain evident.

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:

Wisconsin Extension utilizes a myriad of review processes, inclusive of internal, external, and non-university panels. State and local program reviews are evident, as in the latter case, local elected officials review programs as a function of their oversight of extension.

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:

Wisconsin Extension's statewide five-year planning process was illustrated, of which stakeholder identification and involvement were key components. The report also addresses diversity and ongoing local civil rights reviews.

The planning process resulted in four distinct issue-based themes. As program strategies associated with these themes are executed, there may be further opportunities to explore their interconnectedness through the evolution of new programmatic innovations.

Planned Programs Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Used Appropriate Logic Model Elements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Input Dollars Expended on Each Planned Program
<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:

Wisconsin Extension addresses the five national NIFA priorities in addition to nine planned programs. In some instances, audience demographics are presented.

Evaluation studies/plans/results are both addressed and presented for some Planned Programs. Making this a consistent reporting feature for all planned programs in future reports could strengthen the richness and direction of outcomes reporting and planning.

General Recommendations:

Wisconsin Extension's reporting efforts demonstrate an effective investment of federal funds. Programs reflect utilization of stakeholder input, merit reviews, and planning strategies to respond to the needs of Wisconsin residents. As further annual reports are presented, the addressing of outcomes-based performance metrics, and evaluation components for all planned programs, are encouraged.

As stakeholder representation from 72 counties informed the education efforts of both research and extension, combining the Research and Extension Annual Reports is recommended. In this manner, the total portfolio of federal funding for Wisconsin Research and Extension can be further analyzed.

The persons that contributed to the generation of the Wisconsin Extension Annual Report of Accomplishments are appreciated for their efforts.

We hereby recommend NIFA acceptance of this Annual Report.

Bob Nowierski /s/

07/13/2011

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