

Experiment Station Section Award for Excellence in Multistate Research

The fundamental mandate of the Hatch Multistate Research authority allows State Agricultural Experiment Stations (SAES) to interdependently collaborate in projects that two or more states share as a priority, but which no one state could address singularly. This is a very high standard for any research project, and has become a hallmark of the Multistate Research Program's management objectives.

The Multistate Research authority allows other non-SAES partners to join in these project-based collaborations. Thus, many multistate projects include extension specialists as members as well as Agricultural Research Service or Forest Service research scientists. In addition many projects have private sector and foreign participants. Moreover, the majority of multistate projects have participants from more than a single region, with many having representation from all regions such that they are national in scope.

The purpose of the Excellence in Multistate Research Award Program is to publicly recognize the high quality science being conducted through the Hatch Multistate Research Program and the impacts of that science on society. In addition, it is intended to increase the visibility of the program within the higher education community and to decision makers in Washington, DC. To many, the Multistate Research Program is one of the "best kept secrets" of the Land-Grant University System.

The recipient of the Multistate Research Award is selected from the pool of multistate projects nominated by the five regional research associations (ARD, NCRA, NERA, SAAESD, and WAAESD). It is deemed by the review panel to exhibit sustained, meritorious and exceptional multistate activities. The award will be presented at the NASULGC Annual Meeting.