

Southeast District PAC Issue Identification

08 Program Year

DASNR Initiative	Key Component	Issue(s)	Counties
Cattle & Forages		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forage Production & Management ○ Hay Production ○ Legumes as N Source ○ USID Program ○ Livestock Nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By-Products (Dangers & Deficiencies) ○ Soil Fertility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Alternative Nutrients-Litter & Legumes) ○ Forage Testing ○ Forage Varieties ○ Pre & Post Drought Management for Grasses ○ Master Cattleman Programs ○ Herd Health—Weaning Practices for Stocker & Cow-Calf ○ Anaplasmosis Updates ○ New & Alternative Crops for SE Oklahoma ○ Livestock Marketing Alternatives ○ Grazing Management ○ Reproduction Management ○ Animal Welfare ○ Internal Parasite Research for All Ruminants ○ Educational Program for Jr. Cattlemen ○ Quality Assurance Programs ○ Growing Your Own Feedstuffs ○ Meat Goat Production 	Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, McCurtain, Murray, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Seminole

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Quality and Waste Management 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Land Application of Poultry Litter— Education ○ Alternative Uses for Old Chicken Houses ○ Waste Management for Swine CAFOs ○ Continued Recycling Programs ○ Greater Use of Riparian Zones ○ 	<p>Carter, Haskell, Johnston, Latimer LeFlore, Love, McCurtain, Pottawatomie</p>
<p>Integrated Pest Management</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brush Control (Eastern Red Cedar & other species) ○ Sericea Lespedeza Management ○ Sandbur Control in Pastures ○ Love Grass Control ○ Fire Ant Control on Large Acreages (grazing lands) ○ Feral Hog & Predator Control ○ Beaver/Otter Control for Farmer’s & Ranchers ○ Gopher Control ○ Tree Decline ○ Africanized Honey Bee Management & Safety ○ Cattle Fly & Tick Control ○ Army Worms in Wheat ○ Pecan Weevils ○ Chemical Applicator Schools 	<p>Carter, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, Murray, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Seminole</p>
<p>Natural Resource Education</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water Quality, Conservation & Distribution Education Programs ○ Wind Energy ○ Energy conservation ○ Wells ○ Water Rights—Common Sense Legislation ○ Gross Production Tax on Water if Sold or Transferred in the future to benefit the basin from which it is taken. ○ Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer ○ Oilfield Benefits vs. Non-benefits ○ Challenge of Long-term water being 	<p>Atoka, Carter, Coal, McCurtain, Pontotoc, Haskell, Love, LeFlore, Pottawatomie</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ available for crops and grass ○ Carbon Credits for Forest Land Owners ○ Develop County Water Resource Plan ○ 	
<p>Community Resource & Economic Development</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recreation & Tourism (including Agri-Tourism) ○ Pollution in SE Oklahoma (Lack of Community Pride) ○ Develop Pride Program for Latimer County ○ Conflict of rural vs. urban land usage ○ Conflict of rural vs. urban values ○ Lack of urban understanding of agriculture ○ Rural Water ○ Lack of Affordable Healthcare Facilities ○ Wildfires are threats to rural homeowners & stretch resources and manpower of volunteer fire-departments ○ Better awareness of wildland fire behavior would reduce risks to firefighters. ○ Community Leadership Development ○ Value added enterprises for Agriculture—Lease Hunting ○ Foreign Language for Swine Operators ○ Septic Systems in Rapidly Growing Tourism/Cabin Areas ○ Solid Waste Management ○ Community Image & Infrastructure Development ○ Leadership Development ○ Community Promotion ○ Children & Youth Development ○ Housing/Homeowners Education Training ○ Small Business Owners Training ○ Rural Infrastructure/Rail Service 	<p>Carter, Coal, Hughes, Johnston, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rural Communication 	
Consumer Horticulture & Urban Forestry		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soil Testing ○ Food Safety ○ Proper Selection & Use of Pesticides ○ Continued Promotion of Farmer's Market Programs ○ Develop Test Plots for Consumer Horticulture ○ Develop Bee Keeper's Gardens ○ Lawn Grass Care ○ Insect Control in Lawns & Gardens ○ Grafting Workshops 	, Latimer, Pontotoc, Pittsburg, Pottawatomie, Seminole
Commercial Horticulture		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pecan Production & Management ○ Food Safety ○ Vegetable Production ○ Farmer's Markets ○ Pest Control ○ Grapes, Winery as income sources 	Coal, Johnston, Love, ,McCurtain Pontotoc, Pittsburg, Pottawatomie, Seminole
Farm & Agri-business Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marketing Alternatives for Livestock ○ New Farmer's Programs –First Time Owners Education ○ Internships for Exposure to Ag Life Skills ○ Economics of Switchgrass and other crops as bio-fuels resources ○ Increased Cost of Fuel & Fertilizer ○ Record Keeping ○ Estate Planning ○ Capital & Finance ○ Economic Development 	Atoka, Hughes, Leflore, Love, Pontotoc, , McCurtain, Seminole
Homeland Security-Ag Biosecurity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bio-Terrorism-Homeland Security ○ County Emergency Preparedness Plans 	Choctaw, Coal, Hughes, Johnston, Pontotoc, Pushmataha

