

Southwest District PAC Issue Identification

Agriculture/Natural Resources & Rural Development

2006 Program Year

DASNR Initiative	Key Component	Issue(s)	Counties
Beef & Forages	06	<p>1. Forage Production & Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Forage in dry years • Variety test trials in Beckham Co. • Educate producers on weed control and/or controlled burning • Educate producers on economics of retained ownership • Educate livestock producers on tax liability issues • Grazing Management • Forage mgmt. producer program • Basic ag programming for urban farm audiences • Organic beef cattle and forage production • Undesirable Plant Encroachment – Musk Thistle, Red Cedar • Sandburs in Bermuda pastures • Calculations of nutrients lost from land by hay crops, grass hay, others • Rising cost of seed, fuel and fertilizer • Info on affects of nitrates and prussic acids in hay to producers 	Beckham, Caddo, Comanche, Cleveland, Custer, Garvin, Grady, Greer, Jackson, Jefferson, Roger Mills, Stephens, Washita
	02	<p>2. Nutrition & Herd Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate producers on importance of protein supplements • Supplementation on wheat pasture • Environmental impacts of animal agriculture • Wild hog disease issues • Updated info on pasture and stocker leases 	Beckham, Caddo, Canadian, Cotton, Custer, Garvin, Jackson, Roger Mills, Stephens, Washita

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reproduction 	
	02, 24,25, 26	3. National Livestock ID System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal ID and COOL education 	Canadian, Comanche, Greer, Jackson
	x	4. Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program on updated marketing of livestock and forage 	Jackson, Washita
	x	5. Quality Assurance	Beckham
	x	6. Agro-Terrorism	Canadian
Crop Mgt.	03	1. Soil Fertility & Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Musk Thistle education • Continue to educate producers on no-till as residue management • Nitrogen RAMPs and N-rich strips • Fertilizer cost • NH3 – Application and tools, losses over time, danger • Test Plots • No-till – nutrition management on low fertilizer cost 	Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Custer, Garvin, Kiowa, Roger Mills, Stephens, Washita
	03	2. Crop Production Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate producers on corn and grain sorghum production • No-till wheat production • No-till production practices (conference) • Pasture weed control • Wild hog damage • Crop production and pest mgmt. on alfalfa • Crop production, fertility and varieties on soybeans and corn • Peanut test plots 	Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Cotton, Garvin, Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman, Washita
	16	3. Value-Added Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote information about new oilseed crop market for canola. 	Caddo, Jackson

	03	4. Variety Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual purpose wheat • Alfalfa variety plot 	Canadian, Garvin, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Roger Mills, Stephens, Tillman, Washita
	03, 09	5. Pest Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to import weevils from weevil round-ups • Hessian Fly Problems (scouting & awareness) 	Caddo, Canadian, Garvin, Roger Mills
	x	6. Miscellaneous Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative Fuel Crops • Marketing/education 	Jackson, Washita
Environmental Quality & Waste Mgt	40, 45	1. Water Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water rights law • Surface and ground water quality • Pond and aquatic mgmt. program for producers and homeowners • Water availability – Irrigation and non-irrigation 	Beckham, Cleveland, Custer, Oklahoma
	40	2. Nutrient Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage more soil testing 	Beckham
	45	3. Erosion Control (& Sedimentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-Till Farming Demo • Erosion repair – dirt contractor shortage 	Beckham, Cleveland, Custer, Oklahoma
	x	4. Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish and pond health • Continue to encourage conversion of marginal crop land to grass • Landscape waste • Fire safe Cedar control around residences 	Cleveland, Custer, Oklahoma
Farm & Agribusiness Management	07, 08	1. Enhanced Marketing Strategies & Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock marketing 	Comanche, Stephens
	07	2. Broad Farm Management Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family farm programs • Host a quicken educational program • Provide a computer lab for producers without computer access 	Comanche, Greer, Jefferson

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and regulatory requirements 	
	07	3. Risk Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Comanche
		4. Miscellaneous Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative agriculture production – meat goats • Pecan grower education • Record-keeping programs, mapping and auto-steer • Concerns over banking consolidations to non-ag owners • Labor shortage in ag sector • Lack of knowledge of services available from OSU Extension • Economic and social sustainability 	Cleveland, Custer, Grady, Jefferson
Wheat-Multiple Uses	05	1. Calf Nutrition & Health*	
	04	2. Variety Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSU variety recommendations • Educate producers on plant variety protection laws • Restrictions on sale and trading of wheat varieties, especially OSU varieties 	Beckham, Caddo, Custer, Jackson, Jefferson, Roger Mills, Tillman, Washita
	04, 05	3. Agronomic Practices/Soil Fertility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-till vs. conventional tillage • Planting date trial (how planting date affects forage) • Educate producers on pest problems with no-till wheat • Encourage more soil testing • Sensor education • Grazing information • Pest management • Weed Control • Greenseeker technology • NRich strips • Test plots • Greenseeker/programs on agronomic practices 	Beckham, Caddo, Comanche, Greer, Jackson, Jefferson, Roger Mills, Washita

	x	4. Pest Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hessian Fly 	Jackson, Tillman, Washita
	x	5. Forage Nutritive Value and Utilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research of forage nutrition by trial clipping and yield data 	Beckham, Washita
Commercial Horticulture	12	1. Vegetable Production	
	12	2. Pecan Production	
		3. Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A means to provide current updates and events to the industry in a timely fashion Fact sheet material to be simplified and provided in Spanish to commercial businesses. 	Oklahoma
Ecosystem Management, Conservation & Restoration	40, 41	1. Riparian Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Miscellaneous Ag Issues	01	1. Goat Production & Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Community Resource & Economic Dev.	51	1. Recreation & Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunting Leases Liability issues and land owner responsibility with hunting leases 	Custer, Jefferson, Kiowa, Roger Mills
	51	2. Community Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate county residents on county government education Seek additional grants in updating fair facility Stay open to health, hospital and EMS program Assist with new 911 system Develop program to educate citizens the importance of spending their money at home 	Caddo, Garvin, Greer, Jefferson, Kiowa, Roger Mills
	50, 55,	3. Leadership Development	Greer, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa

	56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to encourage leadership and develop new leaders 	
	51	4. Business Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New businesses to entice Military to move into communities 	Cotton
	52, 53, 56	5. Community Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist county commissioners with Public Safety Committee Continue to support Chamber of Commerce 	Caddo, Cotton
		6. Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tractor safety training program for youth Royalty owners & energy company concerns Bio-fuels opportunities Farmers Market Agricultural Vandalism and Crime Value Added Products Individual and family support systems Wind energy 	Caddo, Canadian, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Roger Mills, Washita
Consumer Horticulture & Urban Forestry	58	1. Youth Horticulture Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Master Gardener program 	Cleveland
		2. Education & visibility of horticulture industry professionals	Cleveland
	57	3. Volunteerism	Cleveland
	57	4. New Pest Problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
	57	5. Pesticide Use for Healthy Environment	
	57	6. Correct Maintenance Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper disposal of organic waste 	Oklahoma
	57, 58	7. Basic Gardening Concepts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for more demonstration type program for the Ext. service regarding basic hort practices 	Oklahoma
		8. Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop horticulture FAQ page for county website as marketing tool Turf, Trees, Shrubs and Possible grape seminar 	Cleveland, Garvin

Rural Development	63	1. Homeowner Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Meetings • First home buyers classes 	Comanche, Grady
	56	2. Rural Fires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
	51	3. New Industries	Cotton
	x	4. Purchasing Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Meetings 	Comanche
		5. Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up from flooding in Cotton County • Grants – Financial assistance • Lack of willing or qualified workers • Population decreasing • Lack of jobs 	Cotton, Grady, Tillman

