

Around the South

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■ SRDC Items of Interest

- **SRDC Releases Southern Region Information Toolkit**

The data you've been searching for is now at your fingertips! A new site, the result of a partnership among the SRDC, Mississippi State University Extension Service and the Delta Data Center, provides instant access to a wealth of data on areas within the Southern region. In the Southern Region Information Toolkit, you'll find a wide variety of economic, demographic and social indicators that can be used by organizations and agencies at the local, state and regional levels; various profiles, historical trends and tools for determining changes in economy and job growth in Southern region areas; specific data broken down by county, state, region and nation; the option to examine data by the metropolitan, micropolitan and noncore-based status of counties in your state or in the Southern region. See for yourself at <http://srit.srdc.msstate.edu>.

■ National Items of Interest

- **Call for Proposals Announced for 2007 NACDEP Conference -- Submissions due September 29, 2006**

The third annual National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) conference, "Declaration of Interdependence: The Fabric of Community," will be held April 16-19, 2007, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Building on the experience and evaluations of the first two national conferences, the 2007 conference will feature 10 tracks some with sub-tracks. For more information, please visit <http://nacdep.net/confs/2007/Proposals.pdf>.

- **Carsey Institute Study Finds Higher Percentage of Rural Children Live in Poverty than Five Years Ago**

A study by the Carsey Institute, based on just released U.S. Census Bureau data, found that in forty-one states, a higher percentage of rural children live in poverty than did in 2000. While the national poverty level was relatively stagnant compared to last year's poverty level, the situation is clearly becoming worse for rural kids. To read more, access the fact sheet on the Institute's website at http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/documents/rural_child_poverty_fact_sheet.pdf.

- **ERS Releases *Rural America At A Glance, 2006 Edition***

Rural America At A Glance, 2006 Edition highlights the most recent indicators of social and economic conditions in rural areas for use in developing policies and programs to assist rural areas. The brochure provides information on key rural conditions and trends for use by public and private decisionmakers and others in efforts to enhance the economic opportunities and

quality of life for rural people and their communities. Available at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB18/>.

- **"Extraordinary Results in Ordinary Communities" Conference To Be Held in October**
Led by Dr. Vaughn Grisham, with a number of top educators & consultants, the "Extraordinary Results in Ordinary Communities" conference will be held Oct. 16-18 at Howard College in Texas. The presenters are community leaders who have "been there, done that" when it comes to developing communities out of seemingly hopeless situations. Discover how people from their communities formed partnerships and motivated their fellow citizens to create extraordinary results. Visit the conference website at http://www.howardcollege.edu/Special_Events/Reg_Details_Mon.php for more information.
- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation Announces Second Round of Grants for Katrina Victims**
Building on its earlier support for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Kellogg Foundation announced a new \$12.5 million package of grants to aid storm-damaged communities in the Gulf Coast states of Mississippi and Louisiana. With its second round of grants, the Foundation wants to improve the ability of area nonprofits to procure long-term funding, and promote more citizen leadership at the community level. Visit the foundation's website at <http://www.wkkf.org> for more information.

■ Funding Opportunities

- **2006 Southern Region Sustainable Community Innovation Grants Announced**
The new round of Sustainable Community Innovation Grants have just been announced. A partnership of the Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, the Southern Rural Development Center and the Appalachian Regional Commission, the deadline date for submissions is November 28, 2006. The grant information is available at <http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/currentcalls/sci.doc>.
- **SRDC's Grant Connections: Rural Development Funding Opportunities**
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<http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/aug06.htm>

The SRDC staff compiles Grant Connections primarily for the faculty of land-grant colleges and universities in the South to provide funding information in support of activities in agricultural economics, education, human sciences, rural sociology, youth development, and other related disciplines.

■ Conferences & Trainings

- **National Public Policy Education Conference**
"Consequences of the 21st Century Food System"

September 17-20, 2006
Fayetteville, Arkansas
<http://farmfoundation.org/events.htm>

- **Closing the Wealth Gap: Building Assets Among Low-Income Households, A Policy Research Forum**

Held in conjunction with the CFED 2006 Assets Learning Conference
(<http://www.assetsconference.org/>)
September 19-21, 2006
Phoenix, Arizona

- **Community Development Institute East**

September 24-29, 2006
Charleston, WV
<http://www.ext.wvu.edu/cdi-east/>

- **Community Crisis: Public Health's Role in the Methamphetamine Epidemic**

"Partnering to Confront the Issue"
September 26, 2006, 2:00-3:30 pm ET [web cast]
<http://www.mchcom.com/liveWebcastDetail.asp?leid=269>

- **Community and Faith Leadership Development Conference**

September 27-29, 2006
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Contact: Charlette Byrd-Minor, Assistant Specialist, Community and Economic Development, 225-771-2242 ext. 315 or charlette_minor@suaqcenter.com.

- **Creating Business Success**

October 8-11, 2006
Tallahassee, Florida
<http://srdc.msstate.edu/calendar/famu/famuconf.html>

- **Advancing Renewable Energy: An American Rural Renaissance**

Hosted by the US Department of Energy and the US Department of Agriculture
October 10-12, 2006
St. Louis, Missouri
<http://www.advancingrenewableenergy.com/>

- **Helping Small Towns Succeed**

October 10-12, 2006
Lincoln, Nebraska
<http://www.heartlandcenter.info/hst2.htm>

- **Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality**
 October 11-13, 2006
 Kansas City, Missouri
http://www.swcs.org/en/swcs_international_conferences/managing_agricultural_landscapes/
- **North American Agromedicine Consortium's 19th Annual Conference**
 "Encouraging Community Preparation for Agromedicine Concerns"
 October 15-17, 2006
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama
<http://www.agromedicine.org/Conferences/2006%20Conference/Agromedicine%20Annual%20Meeting%202006.htm>
- **Exploring Rural Entrepreneurship: Imperatives and Opportunities for Research**
 Sponsored by the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship and USDA's Economic Research Service
 October 26-27, 2006
 Washington, D.C.
- **Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference**
 November 9-12, 2006
 Rock Eagle, Georgia
https://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/Events/southern_region_teen_leadership/general_information.htm
- **64th Annual Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC)**
 "Meeting the Challenges to Sustainable Growth and Development of Rural Communities"
 December 3-5, 2006
Pre-conference activities and student papers/posters are being solicited through October 2
 Tuskegee, Alabama
<http://www.pawc.info/>
- **2007 NACDEP Conference**
 "Declaration of Interdependence: The Fabric of Community"
 April 16-19, 2007
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<http://nacdep.net>
- **21st Century Families Conference: From Research to Reality**
 April 17-19, 2007
 Little Rock, Arkansas
http://www.arfamilies.org/21st_century/default.htm
- **National Urban Extension Conference**
 "The Future Urban Extension Agenda: Reaching New and Diverse Audiences"
 May 7-10, 2007

****Call for Papers Due September 30, 2006****

Kansas City, Missouri

<http://extension.missouri.edu/urbanconf/>

■ People in the News

- Mark Drabenstott named as the founding director of RUPRI's Center for Regional Competitiveness on September 1st:

<http://munews.missouri.edu/NewsBureauSingleNews.cfm?newsid=11023>

■ Job Opportunities

- Area Extension Agent for Economic Development
Kentucky State University
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/aeaed_ksu.doc
- Assistant Director for Research and Extension (Senior Extension Associate)
Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/asst_dir_cornell.doc
- Assistant Professor
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
View announcement: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/wisc.doc>
- Assistant Professor, Regional Economics
University of Minnesota
View announcement: <http://www.apec.umn.edu/documents/RegionalEconomistPositionDescription.pdf>
- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Community Development
Delta State University
View announcement: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/deltastate.doc>
- Assistant/Associate/Professor, Ag Economics and Agribusiness
Louisiana State University AgCenter
View announcement: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/administration/about_us/Human_Resources/Job_Opportunities/nonclassified/ASSISTANT++ASSOCIATE++PROFESSOR+AG+ECO++AGRIBUSINESS.htm
- Assistant/Associate/Professor
Director of the Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives

Louisiana State University AgCenter

View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/lsu_rural_dev_position.pdf

- Associate Administrator
CSREES, USDA
View announcement: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/pdfs/ses06_02.pdf
- Community Development Specialist
University of Missouri Extension
View announcement:
<http://extension.missouri.edu/careers/positionannouncements/CDV075.html>
- Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development Educator - Kewaunee County
University of Wisconsin-Extension
View announcement: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/hr/listing.cfm?PVL=C07009>
- Director of Marketing
North Carolina Cooperative Extension
North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State Universities
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/nc_dir_mkt.doc
- Evaluation and Research Specialist
University of Minnesota Extension Service
View announcement: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/community/careers/>
- Executive Editor/Senior Writer
Ford Foundation
View announcement: <http://www.fordfound.org/employment/jobdetail.cfm?id=118>
- Executive Director, Ripley County Economic Development Corporation
Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
View announcement:
http://www.purdue.edu/hr/employment/Job_Vacancies/wlprof.shtml#00000000016515
- Extension Associate I and II, Agricultural Economics (2 positions)
Mississippi State University
View announcement: <http://www.jobs.msstate.edu>
- Extension Associate, Office of Local Government
Kansas State University
View announcement: <http://www.ageconomics.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=38>
- Full Time, Tenure Track -- 2 Positions (One 9 month, One 12 month)
Department of Sociology, Iowa State University
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/iowa_two.doc

- Henry County Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Economic and Community Development
Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
View announcement: http://www.purdue.edu/hr/Employment/Job_Vacancies/wlces.shtml#00000000016552
- Regional Extension Educator, Community Economics (3 positions)
University of Minnesota
View announcement: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/units/director/hr/positions.html>

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