

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

- **Carsey Institute Releases Report on Predatory Lending in Rural America**

A new brief by the Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire examines predatory mortgage loans and the harmful impact they have on rural homeowners and their communities. The report finds that minorities and low-income people are more likely to fall victim to higher-cost loans. The brief includes recommendations for policy changes at the state and federal levels, as well as advice on identifying and avoiding predatory loans. The report is available on their website at <http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/documents/PredLending.pdf>.

- **eXtension Launches HorseQuest Site**

extension has launched the first of eight Community of Practice websites, HorseQuest. HorseQuest provides Internet visitors with reliable and up-to-date horse information through a knowledge base of commonly asked questions that have science-based, peer-reviewed answers. In addition, online lessons use self-paced learning objects to help users learn more about specialized areas of equine science. The additional eight communities, dealing with topics ranging from financial security, fire ants, disaster response, parenting, rural entrepreneurship, horticulture, and wildlife damage management, are set to come online in the next several months. All will feature similar attributes of Frequently Asked Questions, Ask the Experts, news, events, and learning modules. For more information visit the extension site at <http://extension.org>.

- **NACDEP Becomes a Member Organization of JCEP**

The National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) joined

the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) in August 2006. NACDEP is dedicated to improving the visibility, coordination, professional status, and resource base of community and economic development extension programs and professionals. JCEP is a partnership of extension professional organizations focused on strengthening the efforts of the member organizations and doing what each cannot do effectively alone. Together, JCEP and NACDEP will strengthen communication and collaboration among community and economic development extension professionals and across the Cooperative Extension System. For more information, visit the NACDEP site at <http://nacdep.net>.

- **New Issue Briefs Available on Rural Society**

Issue briefs are now available that highlight issues from a newly released book, *Population Change and Rural Society*. Edited by William A. Kandel and David L. Brown, the book contains the latest research on social and economic trends occurring in rural America. Four issue briefs that have special relevance to the Southern region are highlighted below.

- Farmland Change, Urbanization and a Changing Farm Economy
Max J. Pfeffer, Joe D. Francis and Zev Ross
http://srdc.msstate.edu/pcrs_issuebriefs/pfeffer.pdf
- Public Policy Impacts of Rural Hispanic Population Growth
William A. Kandel and Emilio A. Parrado
http://srdc.msstate.edu/pcrs_issuebriefs/kandel.pdf
- Social Integration among Older Nonmetropolitan In-Migrants
Nina Glasgow and David L. Brown
http://srdc.msstate.edu/pcrs_issuebriefs/glasgow.pdf
- The Changing Demographic Profile of Rural America
Annabel Kirschner, E. Helen Berry and Nina Glasgow
http://srdc.msstate.edu/pcrs_issuebriefs/kirschner.pdf

- **Pew Hispanic Center Releases *The Changing Landscape of American Public Education: New Students, New Schools***

The Changing Landscape of American Public Education: New Students, New Schools, a new report from the Pew Hispanic Center, examines the intersection of two trends that have transformed the landscape of American public education in recent years: a rapid increase in enrollment and a surge in opening new schools. The report describes the racial and ethnic components of enrollment growth at various levels of the K-12 system, the composition of enrollment in newly-opened schools as well as older schools still in operation, and the impact of the rapid growth in Hispanic enrollment. Detailed statistics at the state level are also provided. The report is available on the Center's website at <http://pewhispanic.org/reports/report.php?ReportID=72>.

■ 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**
Volume 9, Number 1, October 2006 -- *Available Week of Oct. 23*
<http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/oct06.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

- **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>
- **2006 Rural Telecommunications Congress**
"Broadband and Emerging Rural Economies"
October 22-25, 2006
North Little Rock, Arkansas
<http://www.ruraltelecon.org>
- **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.
- **Healthy Communities • Healthy Youth Conference**
October 26-28, 2006

Minneapolis, Minnesota

<http://www.search-institute.org/hchy/>

- **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
- **Southeast ICT**
November 13-14, 2006
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
<http://www.e-nc.org/WirelessICT2006/index.asp>
- **3rd Annual Community Capitals Framework Institute**
"Linking Theory and Practice: A Systems Perspective"
November 30 - December 1, 2006
Abstracts due October 13; Papers due November 3
Ames, Iowa
<http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/projects/commcap/2006/index.htm>
- **64th Annual Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC)**
"Meeting the Challenges to Sustainable Growth and Development of Rural Communities"
December 3-5, 2006
Tuskegee, Alabama
<http://www.pawc.info/>
- **Third Annual Tri-State Diversity Conference**
Hosted by Kentucky State University, University of Kentucky, Purdue University, and The Ohio State University
January 11-12, 2007
Covington, Kentucky
<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/dearborn/diversityconf.htm>
- **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

- **Children, Youth and Families at Risk Conference**
May 2-4, 2007
Chicago, Illinois
Call for Proposals ends November 1
<http://fyics.ifas.ufl.edu/cyfar/call.html>
- **Exploring Innovation: A Conference on Community Development Finance**
May 2-4, 2007
St. Louis, Missouri
Call for Session Proposals ends November 30
<http://www.stlouisfed.org/community/innovation/>
- **National Urban Extension Conference**
"The Future Urban Extension Agenda: Reaching New and Diverse Audiences"
May 7-10, 2007
Kansas City, Missouri
<http://extension.missouri.edu/urbanconf/>
- **Society for the Study of Social Problems 57th Annual Meeting**
"Research Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy, and Justice"
August 10-12, 2007
New York, New York
Call for Session Proposals ends January 31
<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/23>

■ Job Opportunities

- Assistant/Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
University of Tennessee
View announcement: <http://uthr.admin.utk.edu/emplcomp/FacultyVacancy.shtml>
- 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>

- Community Development Specialist
University of Missouri Extension
View announcement: <http://extension.missouri.edu/careers/positionannouncements/CDV075.html>
- Director of Cooperative Extension
Colorado State University
View announcement: <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/coop/job011722.html>
- Director of the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems
Michigan State University
View announcement: <http://www.hr.msu.edu/HRsite/HiringPostings/Faculty/Postings/JobPostings/FTAcaStaffPosting.htm>
- Director, U.S. Latino/a Studies
Iowa State University
View announcement: <https://www.iastatejobs.com/> (Vacancy ID # 060880)
- Extension Associate, Office of Local Government
Kansas State University
View announcement: <http://www.ageconomics.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=38>
- Extension Specialist (deadline extended)
Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Economic & Community Development Institute
Auburn University
View announcement: <https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/posannnc/detail.php3?job=ZDQ3azN8MjEzfg45ajRr>
- Head, Department of Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Virginia Tech
View announcement: <https://jobs.vt.edu/> (Job Posting #061062)
- 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
- Program Leader, Family and Consumer Sciences
West Virginia State University
View announcement: <http://aceop.wvstateu.edu/documents/FCSfullAdvertisingdescription.pdf>

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