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Dear Dr. Dutson:

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service has reviewed the Fiscal Year 2001 Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results submitted by Oregon State University (1862) Research programs as required under the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998. The report is approved. We appreciate your efforts in submitting the report and hope you find the reviewer’s comments useful.

The review of your report was completed by Larry Biles and Anna Mae Kobbe, National Program Leaders, and the Office of Planning and Accountability staff. The review was based on the criteria published in the Federal Register notice dated July 1, 1999.

The “Review Team Summary” from the National Program Leaders who reviewed your report is attached with their comments. Also attached is the review checklist used by the National Program Leaders to help them evaluate your report. Please read the review comments carefully for recommendations and requirements needed to help you in preparing your FY 2002 Annual Report which will come due on March 1, 2003. The review checklist should also be a useful reference for completing your next report.

The impact statements that were included in the 2001 Annual Report were useful. As activities move toward completion of the first Plan of Work in FY 2004, we look forward to more outcomes and impacts that demonstrate a response to stakeholder needs.

Our review of all the State reports received indicates that many accomplishment statements still focus more on activities and outputs rather than the outcomes and impacts of reported activities. As we did last year, a compilation of successful impact statements and some that could be improved in future submissions will be posted on the CSREES AREERA website (http://www.reeusda.gov/part/areera/). We will also be planning meetings with an invited group of representatives from land-grant institutions to assist us in exploring ways to improve and simplify the process for future reports.
We appreciate you working with us to improve our reporting and accountability system. If following your review of our comments, you have questions, please contact Bart Hewitt, Program Analyst, by E-mail at bhewitt@recusda.gov, or by phone at 202-720-0747.

Sincerely,

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cc:
CSREES Office of Extramural Programs
CSREES State Reviewers
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Institution: Oregon State University

State Contact: Dr. Thayne R. Dutson

Type of Report: Research - 1862

NPL Reviewers: Larry Biles and Anna Mae Kobbe

This Review Team Summary reflects the consensus opinion of the review team members regarding the Annual Report.

**Strengths of the Impact Statements in the Planned Programs:** (Related to important impacts and any other statements that highlight programmatic strength)

Oregon State University - Agricultural Experiment Station has provided a substantive and nicely structured annual report for FY 2001. Their formatting is consistent from goal to goal and they have addressed CSREES’ “required” reporting elements. Pursuant to Impact Statements, the most significant strength is the inclusion of an impact statement with each of the Key Themes. This consistency aids the review process and ensures attention to quantifiable research elements for each of the National Goals.

**Weaknesses of the Impact Statements in the Planned Programs:**

None observed.

**Stakeholder Input Process Comments:** (make comments on the three requirements on the checklist)

The stakeholder input process is well established at the State and County levels, at the branch research stations and with the Departments. Through these processes OSU is responsive to stakeholder needs and interests to include “under represented populations.” Moreover, they have a strong connect to minority and other student groups. The capstone for stakeholder involvement was the Foundations for the Future event. Here representatives from a breadth of stakeholder groups examined forces that will likely effect the future and actions necessary to influence matters important to Oregon’s agriculture producers and consumers. In response to this two day event, individual subset’s of OSU formulated action strategies to respond to the prioritized issues important to Oregon agriculture.

**Program Review Process Comments:**

The Agricultural Experiment Station at Oregon State University has not adopted any significant changes in their program review process.
Evaluation of the Success of Multi and Joint Activities Comments:
The Agricultural Experiment Station at Oregon State University has a long history of multi-state research and technology transfer. Activities in this area are highly structured as many revolve around Hatch Regional Research funds. Peer review processes along with annual reporting and evaluations are component parts of the federal grants, thus OSU has filed their evaluation data with the CRIS system. Their principal allies are Washington State University and the University of Idaho. They also have formal agreements with the Warm Springs and Umatilla Confederated Tribes and significant connectivity to Hispanic producers and consumers.

Multistate Extension Comments: (If Applicable)
Not Applicable.

Integrated Research and Extension Comments:
Faculty of OSU’s Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension cooperate in program planning and delivery on an individual basis. Joint appointments in research and extension are the norm in the departments as well as the extension centers and branch research stations. All multidisciplinary work teams include research and extension faculty. Such assignments assure a significantly high level of cooperation and coordination, although most is informal.

Suggested Improvements for Next Year:
Please mesh the Table of Contents with the Plan of Work.

Required Improvements for Next Year:
None.