

Extension Excellence Award Winners

Year Awarded	Award	Team or Project Name	Name or Team
2012	Diversity	Walk Across Arkansas	Mary Hightower (Communications), Wilma Lewis (IT), Donna Rinke (Communications), LaVona Traywick (FCS)
2012	Issue Team	Peanut Production	Mike Andrews (Randolph County) and Herb Ginn (Lawrence County)
2012	Innovation	Novel Auger Gasification/Pyrolzer System	Samy Sadaka (Biological and Agricultural Engineering)
2012	Unit Team	Crop Sciences Blog	Tom Barber, Leo Espinoza, Chris Grimes, Jason Kelley, Steve Kelley, Kevin Lawson, Ralph Mazzanti, Blake McClelland, Jeremy Ross, Stewart Runsick, Bob Scott, Nathan Slaton, Ken Smith (Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences); Scott Akin, Gus Lorenz, Glenn Studebaker (Entomology); Cliff Coker, Terry Kirkpatrick, Kim Rowe (Plant Pathology); Bob Stark and Scott Stiles (Ag Economics and Ag Business); and Mary Hightower (Communications)
2012	County Team	County Team	NO WINNER
2012	Early Career-County Agent		Patricia Ouei (Benton County)
2012	Early Career-Nonclassified		Jessica Vincent (Garland County)
2012	Early Career-Classified		Cally Shore (Randolph County)

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Award	Name/Team	Team/Project Name
Diversity	Laura Connerly, Family & Consumer Sciences; Caroll Guffey, Forest Resources; Tamara Walkingstick, Forest Resources	Women and Working Lands
Issue Team	Nita Cooper, Boone County; Susan Holman, Franklin County; Trudy McManus, Boone County; Renee Myers, Marion County	Ready, Set, Graduate
Innovation	Tom Riley, Community & Economic Development and Dharmendra Saraswat, Biological & Agricultural Engineering	Watershed Modeling
Unit Team	Richard Evans, Bobby Hall, Debbie Henry, Jane Kriigel, Kimberly Magee, Stacey McCullough, Wayne Miller, John Payne, Mark Peterson, Willie Price, Tom Riley, Jan Rogers, Aly Signorelli, Delbert Taylor, Dot Temple, Deborah Tootle, LaDonna Turpin, Joe Waldrum, Community & Economic Development	CED Marketing
County Team	Nita Cooper, Denyse Hensley, Mike McClintock, Trudy McManus, Kathy Rawlingson	Boone County
Early Career-County Agent	Shea Wilson, Prairie County	
Early Career-Nonclassified	Dharmendra Saraswat, Biological & Agricultural Engineering	
Early Career-Classified	Vicki Brakefield, Montgomery County	

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Diversity	Debbie DeRossitte, FCS, Craighead Co; Debbie Baker, FCS, Clay Co; Debbie Still, FCS, Greene Co; Romona Thieme, FCS, Mississippi Co	Money Talks	Misty Gilbee
Issue Team	Robert Goodson, Phillips Co; Van Banks, Monroe Co; Earnest Bradley, Lee County; Mark Brawner, Lee Co.; Mitch Crow, St. Francis Co; Lazaro English, Lee Co; Shawn Payne, Phillips Co; Drs. Bob Scott and Ken Smith, Weed Scientists, Lonoke and SEREC	Four-County Glyphosate Resistant Palmer Amaranth Control	Robert Goodson
Innovation	Ken Smith	Glyphosate resistant weeds	Kelly Bryant
Unit Team	LaVona Traywick, Laura Connerly, James Marshall, Wally Goddard, Lindsey Smith, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Amy McClelland, LRSO FCS Dept; and Kris Elliott, FCS, Clark Co	Adventures in Grandparenting	LaVona Traywick
County Team	Craighead CEAs – Branon Thiesse, interim staff chair; Debbie DeRossitte, FCS agent, John McFarland, 4-H agent, Eric Grant, Ag agent	4-H Centennial Park	Debbie Baker
Early Career-County Agent	Ron Baker, Clay Co CEs agent (2 nominations)		Andy Vangilder, Rick Cartwright
Early Career-Specialist/Assoc	Judi Shipps, Computer Specialist – Information Technology		Nina Boston
Early Career-Classified	Sandra Guzman, Benton Co		Patricia Ouei, Robert Seay, Celia Boon

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Diversity	Luke Nipper, J.J. Pitman, Chris Russell, Darlene Horne and Shannon Caldwell – AR 4H Center	ExCEL Leadership Program	Shannon Caldwell
Issue Team	Angie Freel, 4-H, Saline County; Amy Heck, 4-H, White County; Karen Ballard, Professor, Program Evaluation; Mike Klumpp, Associate Professor, 4-H Youth Development	Arkansas 4-H ATV Safety Program	Darlene Millard
Innovation	Mike Hamilton, Agri Agent, Crittenden County	IPM text messaging to identify location of Asian Soybean Rust	Quinton Hornsby
Unit Team	Tom Riley, John Payne, Debbie Henry, Lorrie Barr, Wayne Miller and Stacey McCullough, LRSO Public Policy Center, CED and Communications Dept	Ballot Issues Education	Stacey McCullough
County Team	NO AWARD GIVEN FOR 2009- BOTH NOMINEES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR 2010 CARRYOVER		
Early Career- County Agent	Craig Allen, Agri Agent, Poinsett County		Debbie DeRossitte
Early Career- Specialist/ Assoc	Aaron Patton, Associate Professor - Turfgrass		Jim Robbins
Early Career Classified	Brenda Duggins, LRSO	Administrative Office Supervisor- Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness - Extension	Steve Halbrook

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(11) Diversity	Benton County CES Staff-Robert Seay-Staff Chair; Janet Perkins-FCS; Jessica Street-4-H; Janice Shofner-4-H; Mark Bray-Ag; Celia Boon-FCS; Van Banks-AG; Sandra Guzman-EFNEP; Rocio Palomino Rosas-Urban Stormwater; Mona Dunn-AOS; Misty Wilson-Secretary		Sharon Reynolds and Mike Hamilton
Issue Team - (3)	FCS Unit: Laura Connerly, Easter Tucker, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Danita Brookins, Teresa Henson, Wally Goddard, Jackie Yarbrough, LaVona Traywick, Traci Johnston, James Marshall, Katy Randall, Sherry Jones, Amy McClelland, Lindsey Smith, Suzy Atkinson, Betty Oliver, and support staff – Delores Sowerbrower, Denise Roulhac, Mona Norris, Irene Carlock; 4-H: Brian Helms, Willa Williams, Connie Phelps, Priscella Thomas; Communications: Mary Hightower, Chris Meux, Cheryl Williams; Information Technology: Yvonne McCool; Program & Staff Development: Rich Poling, Allisen Penn; County Agents: Debbie Baker, Susan Pickle, Debbie DeRossitte, Lameria Colclough, Gayla Taylor, Angie Freel, Nita Cooper	21 st Century Families Conference – April 2007	Anne Sortor
(3)	Leo Espinoza, CES Crop Soil & Environmental Scientist, LRSO; Nathan Slaton, Director of Soil Testing-UA Fayetteville; Morteza Mozaffari, Director of Soil Lab-Marianna	Implementation of New Lime and Fertilizer Recommendations	Leo Espinoza

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Innovation – (5)	Traci Johnston, Sherry Jones, James Marshall, Katy Randall, Irene Carlock, LRSO	Best Care Connected	Traci Johnston
Unit Team – (5)	Mark Peterson, CED Professor, LRSO; Wayne Miller, CED Professor, LRSO; Maureen Rose, CED Program Associate, LRSO; Stacey McCullough, CED Instructor, Support Staff: Sandy Roberson, LRSO	21 st Century Vision - A Breakthrough Solutions Regional Initiative	Maureen Rose
County Team – (6)	Miller County Office Staff: Douglas B. Petty, Staff Chair, John L. Turner, CEA Ag Agent, Carla M. Haley, CEA FCS, Gloria D. Taylor, Administrative Office Supervisor, Janet Smallwood, Secretary, Julia Chism, 4H Program Assistant	Miller County	Quinton Hornsby
Early Career- County Agent – (1)	Debbie Baker, CEA FCS, Clay County		Debbie DeRossitte
Early Career- Specialist/ Assoc – (1)	Kyle Cunningham, AR Forest Resources Center Instructor, LRSO		Rebecca McPeake, Tamara Walkingstick, Rex Roberg
Early Career- Classified – (1)	Dena Childs, Personnel Assistant, Department of Human Resources, LRSO		Donna Rothberg

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Diversity	APAC group (Sue Coates, Jane Kriigel, LaDonna Turpin, Delbert Taylor, Jan Rogers, and Donna Rinke (Communications Dept)	Reporting Results by Socio-Economic Category	Sue Coates
Issue - 2006 carryover	Ken Smith, SEREC, and Bob Scott, Lonoke Research Ctr; Randy Chlapecka, Don Plunkett, Susan Matthews, Mike Hamilton, Steve Kelley, Ryan Doherty, Wes Kirkpatrick, Robert Goodson et al.	Herbicide Resistance Management	Don Plunkett
Innovation – 2006 carryover	Connie Phelps and Mike Klumpp (LRSO)	USAF 4-H Adventure Camps	Darlene Baker
Unit Team	(4-H Center personnel) Burnie Kessner, Leslie Gall, Mendy Boyles, Wanda Curry, Shannon Caldwell, Susan Poole, Darlene Horne and Chris Russell	4-H Responsible Environmental Stewardship – Quest	Leslie Gall
County Team	Benton County staff (agents and support staff)	None stated.	Stacey McCullough
Early Career- County Agent	MaLinda Coffman, Fulton County Extension Agent - Staff Chair	None stated.	Sharon Reynolds

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Early Career- NonClassified- Specialist/ Associate	Stacey McCullough, CED Instructor, LRSO	None stated.	Heidi Beard
Early Career- Classified	Kim Wolfe, Administrative Office Supervisor, Program & Staff Development, LRSO	None stated.	Rich Poling

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Diversity	Phillips County Staff	Diverse Staff for a Diverse Community	
Issue Team	Rick Cartwright, Cliff Coker, Kim Hurst, Terry Kirkpatrick, John Rupe, Ples Spradley, Steve Vann, Yinong Yang	AR Working Group on Introduced Plant Diseases	
Innovation	Wally Goddard, Jennie Hubbard, Sherry Jones, Traci Johnston, James Marshall, Katy Randall & Lindsey Smith (FCS)	The Parenting Journey	
Unit Team	Organizational, Staff & Leadership (OSLD)		
County Team	White County Staff		
Early Career-County Agent	Lisa Gilmore, Garland County		
Early Career-Specialist/Assoc	Julie Thompson, Communications		
Early Career Classified	LaDonna Turpin (APAC)		

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Diversity	Terrie James, Trisha Echols, Tracia Coney-Tinzie, Easter Tucker	Eating & Moving for Life	Quinton Hornsby
Issue Team	Easter Tucker, Russ Kennedy, Richard Moss, Matt Lancaster, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Kim Wolfe	Arkansas Body Walk	Lynn Russell
Innovation	Amy McClelland, Chris Meux, Steve Mooningham, Donna Hoskyn, Iris Phifer, Lana Warfield, Debbie Baker, Danita Brookins, VeEtta Simmons, Connie Nelson, Becky Collins, Donna Francis, Debbie Still, Stephanie Jackson, Joyce Whittington, Vanessa Evans, Carol Scaramuzza, Tammy Seefeld, Tracia Coney-Tinzie, Graffie Eldridge, Jane Newton, Carolyn Burns, Trisha Echols, Romona Thieme, Jacqueline King, Keith Cleek, Debbie DeRossitte, Sue Palsa, Katie Cobb, Nikki Schaefer	FSNE Exhibits & Newsletters	Judy Riley
Unit Team	Family & Consumer Sciences		Lynn Russell
County Team	Jefferson County		Tom Riley
Early Career- County Agent	Tammy Seefeld		Judy Riley
Early Career- Specialist/ Assoc	Chris Tingle		Chuck Wilson
Early Career Classified	Shadenna Rainbolt		Ann Brown

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Diversity	Gerald Van Brunt, Katie Teague, Julie Speight, Michelle Steele, Robert Seay, Steve Simpson, Leon Duncan	Urban/Rural Water Quality Program	
Issue Team	Steve Dennis, Traci Johnson, Russ Kennedy, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Katy Randall, Mona Norris	Best Care	
Innovation	Steve Hall, Karen Ballard, Nina Boston, Allisen Penn, Daniel Spillers, Mary Poling	AIMS	
Unit Team	NO ENTRIES		
County Team	Washington County		
Early Career- County Agent	Andy O'Neil		
Early Career- Specialist/ Assoc	Chris Meux		
Early Career Classified	Katie Reddick		