



Partnerships and Solutions for
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Welcome from the Southeast Climate Consortium (SECC)

CIMR Symposium Objectives

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A Guiding Question

- What should universities be doing now to develop research, teaching, and extension programs that will meet stakeholder needs for climate information and technology options over the next 20 to 30 years?



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CIMR Focus is on:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources Management
- Regional and Local Issues and Needs
- Partnerships
- Solutions



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Objectives:

1. To provide a forum for climate professionals and agricultural and natural resource managers to share knowledge, experiences, and ideas.
2. To identify priorities and plan strategies for future climate research, education, and outreach that will enable universities, agencies, and organizations to provide climate information for decision makers in agriculture and natural resource management.
3. To explore opportunities and needs for developing climate information and decision support systems, as well as how to downscale and apply global climate information at regional and local levels.

Anticipated Outcomes

- Greater insight into critical issues and gaps in knowledge
- Example partnerships that are effective and promising for broader adoption
- Example protocols for integrated programs that address regional and local needs
- Priorities for research, extension, teaching agriculture and natural resources responses to climate change and variability



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What comes next?

1. Document and disseminate results and recommendations from the break-out sessions
2. Cultivate and develop new partnerships for addressing research and education needs related to climate change and variability
3. CIMR 2 in 2010?