

Maintaining a Presence: The Land Grant's Future Role in the Southern Dairy Industry

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Challenges

- Budget cuts
- Retirements
- Faculty vacancies
- Reallocation of resources
- Decreasing number of dairies
- Consolidation of ag industries
- Farm labor availability/training

Considerations

- Partnerships:
 - between states or universities within states
 - ag industries
 - state dairy organizations
 - state department of agriculture
 - Farm Bureau
- Stakeholder input/communication - needs

Considerations

- Alternative delivery methods
 - are producers connected?
 - webinars
 - YouTube videos/DVD's, blogs
 - DAIReXNET
 - online; multiple sites/states

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Is it time to form a Southern Dairy Consortium?