Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service (members of The Texas A&M University System) are pleased to provide this annual report on our accomplishments for federal initiatives supported by the U.S. Congress. These initiatives address major issues for Texans and others, providing answers that help agricultural industries remain competitive while meeting the needs of consumers, addressing opportunities for better human and animal health, and protecting our natural resources.

In implementing these initiatives, we have worked closely with partners at other universities, in other agencies and states, and in the private sector. These partnerships allow us to achieve the greatest progress per dollar invested and provide solutions and alternatives applicable to many regions. Because we have a close working relationship with stakeholders across Texas and in other states, we are well positioned to serve their needs and facilitate rapid adoption of new technologies and management strategies. Our scientists and specialists have a strong work ethic and are driven to aggressively solve today’s problems and to find better ways to approach important future issues.

Among the programs included in this report are those involving bioenergy, policy analysis, air quality, the global economy, conservation of our natural resources, protection of the environment, restoration of vegetation on rangelands and military training grounds, aquaculture, and assurance of a safe and reliable food and fiber supply for the United States. For each of these initiatives, every year brings new advancements and exciting breakthroughs.

We are pleased to report that in addition to the federal resources we received, our scientists and specialists were able to generate additional nonfederal funding, thus leveraging our federal dollars. For 2010, across these projects, this funding was directly responsible for over 300 additional full-time-equivalent jobs, along with more than $2 in nonfederal funding for each dollar of federal funding. The issues we addressed were a high priority in Texas and beyond and for the private sector.

We are deeply grateful to the leaders who have made these accomplishments possible. To these visionary members of Congress, and to their staff members, we express our most sincere appreciation. We will continue to excel in extension, research, and teaching, maximizing the value of each dollar invested, whether federal, state, or from the private sector.

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