

BRIDGING THE DELTA TO TOMORROW'S CHALLENGE



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Pam and Gibb Steele

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT **GIBB STEELE**

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of Delta Council this year. I would like to thank all of the Delta Council leaders, members, and friends of this region for their support and their ongoing devotion to helping us make the Delta a better place.

My service this year has underscored that my family's investment in Delta Council is important and I hope you feel the same way. I was aware of some of the challenges our region faced in my family's business of agriculture - agricultural policy, research, water resources, flood protection, and the environment among others - but my year as President has illuminated further that the region has other challenges such as transportation infrastructure, industrial development, early childhood education, higher education funding, and a number of other critical areas.

However, this year has furthered my belief that the best way the Delta can have a measurable impact on these challenges is through the men and women who comprise Delta Council. Your constant and consistent leadership in devoting time and talent to the economic development of our region is having an impact, every day.

Today, and in this Annual Report, we celebrate some of the people and institutions that have been instrumental in that success. We are also pleased to welcome Deputy Secretary of Agriculture **Krysta Harden** to the Delta and our 79th Annual Meeting. Krysta has been a champion of agriculture and Rural America over her distinguished career and I am proud to call her my friend. She has the task of implementing the 2014 Farm Bill that was passed earlier this year, due in no small part to the herculean efforts of last year's keynote speaker when I began my term, Senator **Debbie Stabenow**, and our own **Thad Cochran**. The Delta has been the beneficiary of their special leadership, and we look forward to continuing our efforts with Deputy Secretary **Harden** to make our rural communities as strong as they can be.

Please enjoy the meeting and thank you again for your service and friendship to the Delta, and Delta Council.

KRYSTA HARDEN PROFILE



- Native of Southwest Georgia. Third generation farming family
- Sworn in as Deputy Secretary for U.S. Department of Agriculture in August, 2013.
- Served as Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and Chief of Staff to the Secretary, 2009 - 2013.
- Instrumental in implementing programs under the 2008 Farm Bill.
- CEO of National Association of Conservation Districts, 2004-2009.
- Senior Vice President with American Soybean Association government relations firm, 1993-2004.
- Staff Director for the House Subcommittee on Peanuts and Tobacco.
- Chief of Staff and Press Secretary for former Congressman Charles Hatcher (GA)
- BA in Journalism from the University of Georgia

2014 ANNUAL MEETING MAY 30, 2014



9:00-10:00 a.m.

DELTA 1000 EVENT

"The 2014 Midterm Election Analysis"

Featuring **Stu Rothenberg**, *Political Analyst*

Location: McPherson Hall

9:00-10:15 a.m.

2014 SALUTE TO DELTA HONOR GRADUATES

Hank Bounds, *Commissioner*, Institutions of Higher Learning, Master of Ceremonies

The Honorable Leslie King, *Justice*, Supreme Court of Mississippi, Keynote

Location: Beneath tent on east side of Bologna Center

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Gibb Steele, *President*

INVOCATION

Reverend **Tony McDonald**, Avon United Methodist Church

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Boy Scout Troop 200, Greenwood

PATRIOTIC MUSIC

B.B. King Museum AllStars, Directed by **Dr. Cheryl Weiss**

BUSINESS SESSION

Recognition of Special Guests

Good Middling Recipient Presentation

Achievement Awards

Wear Cotton Recognition

Recognition of Honor Graduate, Scholarship Recipient

Introduction of New Officers

ELECTION ANALYSIS AND AUDIENCE RESPONSE

Stu Rothenberg, *Political Analyst*

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable **Phil Bryant**, *Governor*, State of Mississippi

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Krysta Harden, *Deputy Secretary*, United States Department of Agriculture

12:00 Noon

CATFISH LUNCHEON

Location: Delta State University, Quadrangle Lawn

MISSISSIPPI DELTA 2014

HONOR GRADUATES & SCHOOLS

Bolivar

Lerandel Allen-Shaw High
 Molly Bassie-Bayou Academy
 Beth Baugh-Cleveland High
 Quenita Drummer-West Bolivar High
 Shakedria Dye-John F Kennedy High
 Brittany Earls-Bayou Academy
 Billy Joe Hall, II-Broad Street High
 Keyana King-Ray Brooks
 Mary Clay Kline-Cleveland High
 Jarvis Malone-John F Kennedy High
 Martavius Miller-West Bolivar High
 Charlesa Orange-Broad Street High
 Destiny Thomas-Ray Brooks
 Markiviana Tucker-East Side High
 Terry Winston-East Side High
 Cadesiah Woods-Shaw High

Carroll

Brianna Lee Corley-Carroll Academy
 Laura Ellett-J.Z. George High
 Raven Meeks-J.Z. George High
 Ryan Wiltshire-Carroll Academy

Coahoma

Jakeria Bailey-Coahoma County High
 Ashley Craig-Coahoma Co. Agricultural High
 Khadijah Fisher-Clarksdale High
 LaTerrance Henderson-Coahoma Co. Agricultural High
 Sara Catherine Hood-Lee Academy
 Melissa Camille Rybolt-Lee Academy
 Shila Smith-Clarksdale High
 Jastini Thomas-Coahoma County High

Desoto

Madison Bryant-Hernando High
 Sarah Catherine Case-Lewisburg High
 Hudson Chenault-Northpoint Christian School
 Anna-Alicia Estes-Lewisburg High
 Desmond Ferrell-Southaven High
 Jacob S. Fine-Center Hill High
 Lori Ann Jarman-Hernando High
 Anna Jenkins-Desoto Central High
 Maris Martin-Desoto Central High
 Collin Moore-Lake Cormorant High
 William Nowell-Northpoint Christian School
 Jocelyn Olguin-Horn Lake High
 Aaron Priester-Olive Branch High
 Mariana Santana Ponce-Horn Lake High
 Alexis Schwartz-Southaven High
 Crystal Sizemore-Lake Cormorant High
 Gabriella L. Stafford-Desoto County Academy
 Jade Steele-Desoto County Academy
 Jasmine Steen-Olive Branch High
 Brock Tschume-Center Hill High

Holmes

Gerrica Adams-J. J. McClain High
 Taylor Adcock-Central Holmes Christian School
 Alesha Caesar-S. V. Marshall High
 Shamekia Dotson-J. J. McClain High

Freronica Fritzell-Durant High
 Bobby Henry-S. V. Marshall High
 Lindsey Horton-Williams Sullivan High
 Ilexis Lindsey-Durant High
 Shameshia Martin-Williams Sullivan High
 Terrell Wynne-Central Holmes Christian School

Humphreys

Laura Brantley Childress-Humphreys Academy
 Symone Daniels-Humphreys Co. High
 Sharika Hodges-Humphreys Co. High
 Rachel Lloyd-Humphreys Academy

Leflore

All Evans-Pillow Academy
 Zakaria Gary-Greenwood High
 Alyncea Hawkins-Leflore County High
 Kamberlin King-Leflore County High
 Shelby Malouf-Pillow Academy
 Chloe Ricks-Amanda Elzy High
 Cyneceya Wallace-Amanda Elzy High
 Kelnisha Westbrook-Greenwood High

Panola

Carla Brown-South Panola High
 Barrett Climer-North Delta School
 Cathryn Grace Guntharp-South Panola High
 Devin Harns-North Panola High
 Neil Patel-North Delta School
 Shunderia Wilson-North Panola High

Quitman

Emily Grossi-Delta Academy
 Desiree Orange-M. S. Palmer High
 Caleb Robinson-M. S. Palmer High
 Claiborne White-Delta Academy

Sharkey/Issaquena

Howard Johnson, Jr.-South Delta High
 Matthew H. Bridges-Sharkey-Issaquena Academy
 Aygul Brown-Sharkey-Issaquena Academy
 La'Quita Minor-South Delta High

Sunflower

Darius Edwards-Ruleville Central High
 Amery Hocutt-North Sunflower Academy
 Martha Marquez-Ruleville Central High
 Colton Moon-North Sunflower Academy
 Asya Moton-Gentry High
 Tyler Murry-Indianola Academy
 Elizabeth "Lizzy" Pitts-Indianola Academy
 Jordan Whitfield-Gentry High

Tallahatchie

John C Brooks-Strider Academy
 Laura Davis-Strider Academy
 Olandrick Moore-West Tallahatchie High
 Sara Paris-Charleston High
 Maxwell "Cole" Price, II-Charleston High
 Damiqua Spright-West Tallahatchie High

Tate

James Brandon Beavers-Senatobia High
 Raquel Becton-Coldwater High
 Hailey Butts-Magnolia Heights School
 Tony Jones, Jr.-Coldwater High
 Charlie Kemp-Strayhorn High
 Melody Lyon-Independence High
 Paige McClure-Senatobia High
 Martin "Blake" Pugh-Independence High
 Rachel Suits-Strayhorn High
 Taylor Young-Magnolia Heights School

Tunica

Jeremiah Berry-Rosa Fort High
 Antonio Calvert, II-Rosa Fort High
 Clara Cupples-Tunica Academy
 Hayley Holmes-Tunica Academy

Warren

Anne Elizabeth Buys-Porter's Chapel Academy
 Michael Foley-St Aloysius High School
 Lara Lamanilao-St Aloysius High School
 Alexis Murrell-Warren Central High
 Rachel Rogers-Porter's Chapel Academy
 Austin Tello-Warren Central High
 Isla Thomas-Vicksburg High
 Ada M. White-Vicksburg High

Washington

Amira Abbas-Washington School
 Tia T. Brown-Greenville Christian School
 Lauren Gales-Greenville Weston High
 Reya Hayek-St Joseph High School
 Blade C Hodges-Riverside High
 Robert Lee Hurt, III-Leland High
 Cathryn Lynn Kilgore-Riverside High
 Vernon Kyler Lee-Greenville Weston High
 Caroline Mansour-St Joseph High School
 Scott Miller, Jr.-O'Bannon High
 Casey Park-Washington School
 Courtney Lee Powers-Greenville Christian School
 Aubrey Smyly-Deer Creek School
 Maggie Turner-Simmons Jr/Sr High
 Breneesha Washington-O'Bannon High
 Davida White-Leland High
 Terrence Wilson-Simmons Jr/Sr High
 Kenneth Austin Winter-Deer Creek School

Yazoo

Brianna Dent-Yazoo County High
 Norman Lewis-Yazoo County High
 Kent Manor-Benton Academy
 DeMarcus McGee-Yazoo City High
 Mary Morgan Mohamed-Manchester Academy
 William Peaster-Manchester Academy
 Rusch Ragland-Benton Academy
 Tybreisha Trotter-Yazoo City High

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Greenwood

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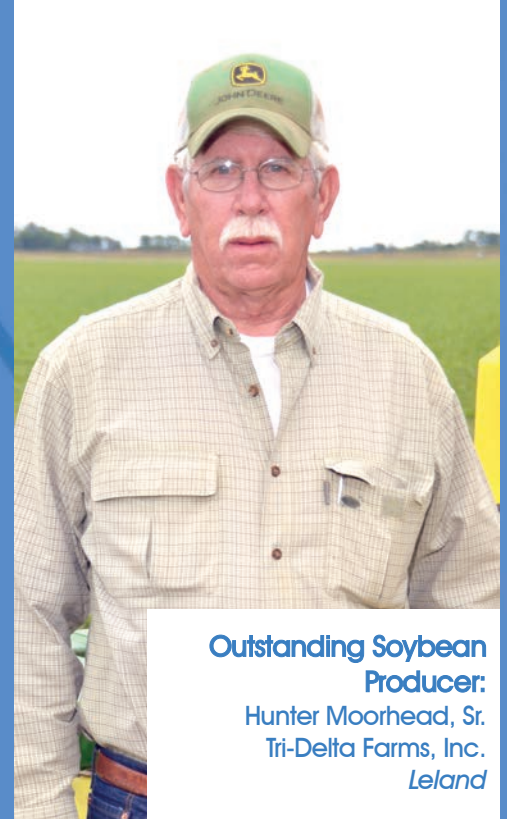
2014 DELTA COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



**Outstanding
Cotton Ginner:**
Alan Byrd
Mill Creek Gin
Clarksdale



**Outstanding
Conservation
Farmer:**
Buddy Allen
A & J Planting Co.
Tunica



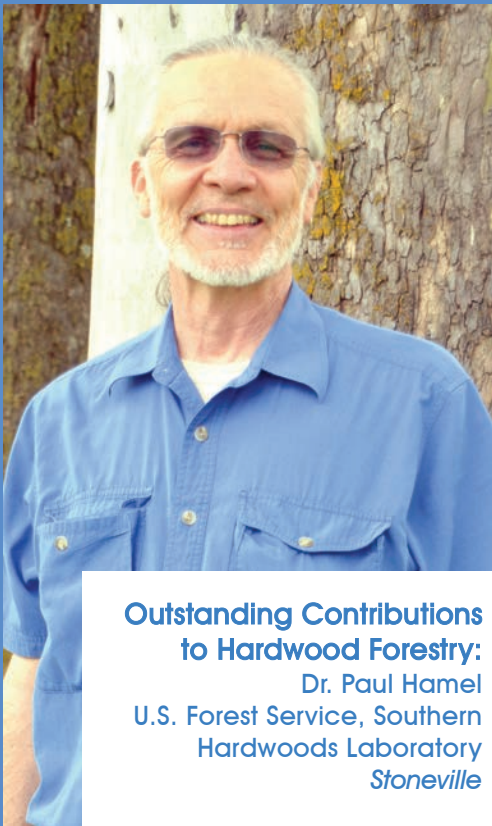
**Outstanding Soybean
Producer:**
Hunter Moorhead, Sr.
Tri-Delta Farms, Inc.
Leland



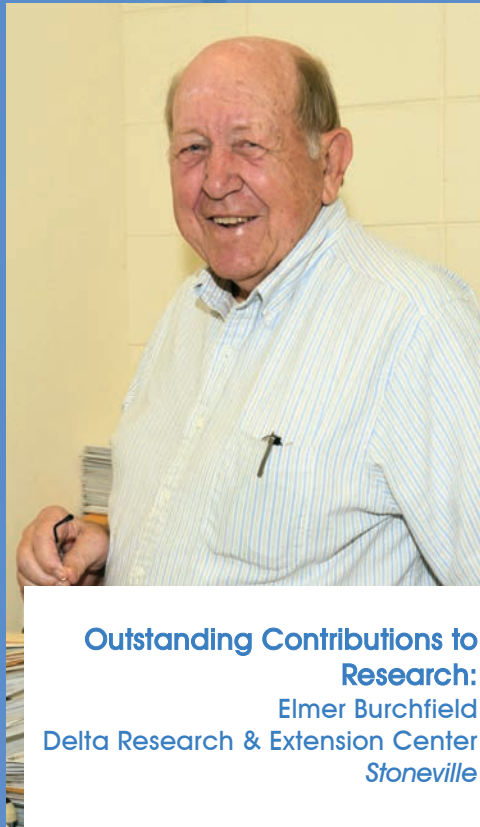
**Outstanding Rice
Producer:**
Marvin Cochran
Ravin Planting Co.
Avon



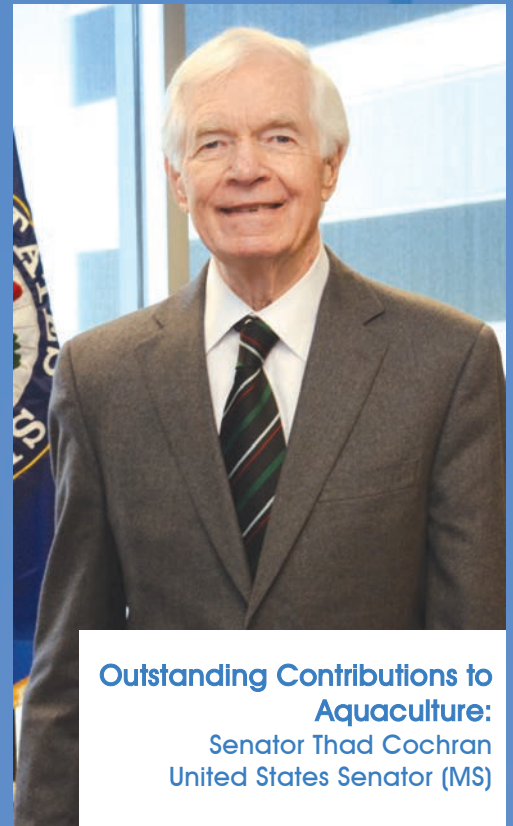
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Chairman of 2014:**
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Hollis Farms
Rolling Fork



**Outstanding Contributions
to Hardwood Forestry:**
Dr. Paul Hamel
U.S. Forest Service, Southern
Hardwoods Laboratory
Stoneville



**Outstanding Contributions to
Research:**
Elmer Burchfield
Delta Research & Extension Center
Stoneville



**Outstanding Contributions to
Aquaculture:**
Senator Thad Cochran
United States Senator (MS)



2014 Good Middling Recipient
*Candy Davis
Shaw*



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Delta Oil Mill
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“Voices of Mississippi Agriculture” represent the farmer-funded research and market development efforts of the five major commodities produced in the Mississippi Delta — catfish, corn, cotton, rice and soybeans. Combined, these industries account for the economic chassis that the economy of the region rides upon, producing over 31,000 jobs and accounting for more than \$580 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues to support basic services, from school teachers to garbage pick-up. These farmer funded programs work to invest in the future of agriculture, so that the ag part of our Delta Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continues to generate a positive cash flow on the farm and provide a major contribution to the State’s economy.



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Gip Carter, Rolling Fork
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Chat Phillips, Yazoo City



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 Alexander Fitz-Hugh,* Vicksburg (1943-44)
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 Jere B. Nash,* Greenville (1945-46)
 Irby Turner,* Belzoni (1946-47)
 Ellis T. Woolfolk, Jr.,* Tunica (1947-48)
 W.T. McKinney,* Anguilla (1948-49)
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 O.C. Carr, Jr.,* Clarksdale (1961-62)
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 Bobby Carson, Marks (1995-96)
 Harley Metcalfe, Greenville (1996-97)
 Griffin Norquist, Jr., Yazoo City (1997-98)
 Tom Robertson, Indianola (1998-99)
 Curt Presley, Clarksdale (1999-2000)
 Kenneth Hood, Gunnison (2000-2001)
 Ben Lamensdorf, Cary (2001-2002)
 Bryan Jones, Yazoo City (2002-2003)
 Dan Branton, Leland (2003-2004)
 Ken Murphree, Tunica (2004-05)
 Kent Wyatt, Cleveland (2005-06)
 Tom Gary, Jr., Greenwood (2006-07)
 Bill Kennedy, Inverness (2007-08)
 John Phillips, Yazoo City (2008-09)
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 Cass Pennington, Indianola (2010-2011)
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Austin Jones
Irene Long
Diedre Barret
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Willie Bailey
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Advisory Research:

- Delta Research and Extension Priorities
- Support for Public Sector Science and Education in Agriculture
- Mississippi Boll Weevil Program
- Transgenic and Conventional Plant Varieties
- Cotton Research and Market Development: Non-Wovens

Aquaculture:

- Catfish

Farm Policy:

- Crop Insurance
- Copper Theft
- Farm Policy

Forestry and Wildlife Resources:

- Desired Forest Conditions

- Feral Hogs
- Hardwoods Research

Ginning and Cotton Quality Improvement:

- USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory – Stoneville

Rice and Small Grains:

- Rice
- Mississippi Rice Check-Off

Soybean, Wheat and Feed Grains:

- Soybeans
- Corn

Development Department:

- Delta Regional Authority
- Workforce
- Delta Heritage Area
- GRAMMY® Museum
- Mississippi Delta Developers Association
- Improved Broadband and Wireless Opportunities for the Delta

- Historic Tax Credit

Education and Health Policy:

- Higher Education Funding
- Early Learning
- Adult Literacy
- Health Care: Access, Education and Research

Highway Improvement and Transportation:

- Highway Development
- Expanded Four-Lane Highway System (Vision 21)
- Corridor 18 (I-69)
- Future Needs: The Next Mississippi Road Program
- Delta Rail Service
- Regional Air Service

Flood Control:

- Drainage Districts
- Carter-Rocky Bayou Levees
- Flood Control
- Flood Control Reservoirs
- Hillside Watersheds
- South Delta Flooding

- Upper Yazoo Project
- Mississippi River Levee Enlargement
- South Delta Environmental Education Center

Soil and Water Resources:

- NRCS Programs: Water Supply/Water Quality Initiatives
- Water Balance
- Soil and Water Resources
- USDA Conservation Programs and Local Tax Base
- Conservation Programs—USDA-Wetlands Reserve Program Enrollment Caps
- Agricultural Chemical Water Study

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“ My first working relationship with Delta Council dates back to the 1985 Farm Bill in which Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi and Senator David Pryor of Arkansas teamed up to introduce an innovative new commodity program concept known as the Marketing Loan Program for rice and cotton. Delta Council played a critical role in the Marketing Loan Program becoming a part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The Marketing Loan program was a huge success for the U.S. rice industry at that time and quickly became the envy of the entire grain industry. Since then our cooperative and its farmer-members have enjoyed a very close working relationship with Delta Council regarding farm legislation and agricultural policies affecting Mississippi rice farmers. Delta Council has a great history of protecting and fighting for the best interest of Southern agriculture. I believe our close working relationship with Delta Council over the years has resulted in farm legislation that has helped rice farmers in the Mississippi Delta to survive and thrive during some very challenging times. Producers Rice Mill and our farmer-members are proud of our association with Delta Council and consider Delta Council to be an integral part of our future success in the Mississippi Delta.”

**-KEITH GLOVER, CEO
PRODUCERS RICE MILL, INC.
GREENVILLE, MS**



“ Delta Council, and their partners Delta F.A.R.M., and Delta Wildlife, understand that economic vitality for their constituencies is closely tied to the environmental health of land and water. But it's not just our neighbors in the Delta that derive benefit from the Council's work. Folks along the Gulf of Mexico are also directly supported by the Council's forward-thinking policies and practices. And just like people in the Delta, many folks on the coast also directly rely on the health of the ecosystem for their own livelihood. It may seem like a long way, but good things neighbors do in Belzoni can help neighbors in Biloxi. And what's more American, more Mississippi, than neighbors helping neighbors? The EPA Gulf of Mexico Program is proud to call Delta Council friend, partner, and yes, neighbor. Thanks Delta Council for all you do for all of us.”

**- BEN SCAGGS, DIRECTOR
EPA GULF OF MEXICO PROGRAM**



“ Delta Council and the Mississippi State University Extension Service have a very unique bond that has resulted in sharing similar missions to improve the quality of life in Mississippi and the Delta region. We have worked together since the beginning to improve agriculture production, agribusiness, forestry, wildlife, industry, health, rural community development and family well-being. When Delta leaders gathered together at the original meeting in 1935 forging the concept to form a Delta organization to represent its interests and solve problems, J. R. Ricks, Director of Extension at Mississippi State was a part of this group. I am very proud that these great Delta leaders recognized the importance of building this relationship with Extension at the beginning, which still exists today. It is a bond that has not been broken, but one that has both grown and strengthened. More importantly, the Mississippi State University Extension Service is depended upon Delta Council's advisory role and goals and objectives for progress to serve as a guiding light for the development and implementation of our educational programs.

Delta Council and the Mississippi State University Extension Service have worked collaboratively since 1935 to improve the quality of life for the people in the Delta. Perhaps the most significant impact has been Delta Council's support of the work of the Delta Research and Extension Center and the County Extension Offices in the region over the years. Delta Council has kept the Mississippi State focused on the real problems and issues surrounding agriculture production and business, rural community development and other areas. They have also supported the financial needs of our Research and Extension programs through various efforts. In return, Mississippi State has been able to effectively conduct research and deliver Extension programs to the Delta people that have made a huge impact of the region over time. For example, the average cotton yield in 1935 was 220 lbs per acre. Today, it is 1,203 lbs per acre. Extension played a significant role in the development and dissemination of the latest and most innovative production methods and techniques to improve this type of yield. Together, we have found ways to provide a higher quality of food, fiber, and community life for the growing demand, which required ingenuity and innovation. As we enter our second century, we face new challenges and problems, but the need for Delta Council and Extension's partnership is greater than ever. ”

- GARY B. JACKSON, PH.D.
DIRECTOR, MSU EXTENSION SERVICE



“The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality has the responsibility to manage the State’s natural resources in a sustainable manner. In the Delta, MDEQ is focused on working with Delta partners to ensure that surface water and ground water of sufficient quantity and quality are available to meet the environmental and economic needs. MDEQ has found that Delta Council and Delta F.A.R.M. share a similar interest in sustainability as they also recognize the economic importance of many of these natural resources to the people of the region in which they serve. Delta Council and Delta F.A.R.M. are progressive advocates for the wise management of the water resources on which the region depends and have always been willing to work with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to find reasonable solutions to natural resource concerns.”

**- KAY WHITTINGTON, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**



“The ability of the Mississippi Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to address natural resource concerns in the Delta has been significantly strengthened through its partnership with Delta Council, Delta F.A.R.M. and Delta Wildlife. Delta Council has served as an advocate for conservation policies that benefit both the people and natural resources of Mississippi while Delta F.A.R.M. and Delta Wildlife has helped the USDA NRCS implement conservation programs and document their benefits. With the help of Delta Council, Delta F.A.R.M., and Delta Wildlife, we are putting more conservation on the ground in the Delta than ever before.”

**- KURT READUS
STATE CONSERVATIONIST, MISSISSIPPI
USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**



“ The Catfish Institute and Catfish Farmers of America maintain a longstanding, positive relationship with Delta Council. Throughout the years, our organizations have worked hand-in-hand for the benefit of the entire U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish industry.

Jobs and job creation are of paramount importance to the region, and Mississippi's catfish farmers, catfish feed mills, catfish processors and related industries provide thousands of opportunities for stable and meaningful employment in the delta. Thanks to our industry's partnership with Delta Council, we are able to combine our organizations' strengths to better face the challenges ahead, and to capitalize upon the opportunities presented each day. ”

**- ROGER BARLOW, PRESIDENT
CATFISH FARMERS OF AMERICA**



“ Delta Council has been a friend, supporter, stakeholder, and customer of USDA-ARS for many years. During my 38 year career with ARS, I have had the privilege of working closely with a number of stakeholders, commodity groups, and numerous other organizations. I have never worked with any organization that is more committed and supportive of the USDA-ARS mission than the Delta Council. Over the years, their members have participated in stakeholders meetings with the ARS Office of National Programs to assist in determining research priorities for ARS. Delta Council members have always made themselves available to serve on various panels and committees within ARS when called upon to serve. In addition to having a close working relationship with the ARS Mid South Area Office, the Delta Council has always had a close working relationship with the ARS Administrator's Office. We value their friendship and support. ”

**-ARCHIE TUCKER
ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTOR, MID SOUTH AREA
USDA — ARS**



“Delta Council provides critical direction, leadership and a deep understanding of the Delta’s historic economy that most will never understand. The partnership between Delta Council and MDA has never been stronger and we can’t thank them enough for their support as we move forward in growing the Delta’s economy for the betterment of the entire state of Mississippi.”

**-JIM McARTHUR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

“Since beginning my career at the Chamber/Industrial Foundation in 1990, I have found that our membership and association with Delta Council’s Development Department has been very beneficial in many respects. Delta Council, through the Delta Developers Association, organizes trade shows, consultant events, informational meetings with the Mississippi Development Authority and many other activities that benefits the economic development efforts of all cities and counties within the Delta and part Delta counties. Their experience and knowledge is vital whether we are dealing with industrial prospects, highway construction projects, industrial park development, or marketing efforts. Their regional influence and effectiveness is unsurpassed by no other region of Mississippi. Thanks Delta Council, for all that you do.”

**-RON HUDSON, DIRECTOR
CLARKSDALE-COAHOMA CHAMBER AND INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION**





“Delta Council offers tremendous support to Mississippi Public Universities, particularly Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State University. These partnerships have been particularly fruitful, helping the universities fulfill their mission of helping Delta residents meet their educational goals and help increase economic development in the region. Working together, Delta Council, Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State University will advance the region by increasing educational attainment, encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation, and providing the expertise to attract and support business and agriculture enterprises.”

**-HANK BOUNDS, COMMISSIONER
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**



“We appreciate the role Delta Council plays, most often in the background, of working with our existing businesses and industries to make them economically healthier. Their recent efforts assisting us to pass legislation aimed at clarifying a ruling that would have adversely impacted Dollar General and causing the loss of hundreds of jobs, the former interpretation would have removed some tax credits that had been promised Dollar General when they first located in Indianola back in 1998. This is just one of many initiatives that Delta Council has helped us address when it relates to employer retention. Efforts to create new jobs are very important, but we must wake up every day and think about the businesses that we already have in our communities, companies that are currently employing people, paying taxes, and creating a higher standard of living.”

Delta Council understands that, and they always respond when we seek their assistance.”

**-STEVE ROSENTHAL, MAYOR
CITY OF INDIANOLA**



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