

**From the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors:**

Dr. Craig Nessler, Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

- Craig has provided outstanding leadership in Agricultural Experiment Station administration since 2004. During this period, he has served as Director of the Virginia AES and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies at Virginia Tech. During his tenure leading the Virginia AES, the college's national NSF ranking went from fourteenth to fifth for research expenditures in agriculture and natural resources. Since 2009, he has served as Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. During this time, Craig has also served as Chair of SAAESD, Administrative Advisor to numerous multi-state projects, including NRSP-6. Within ESCOP, Craig has represented SAAESD on the NRSP Review Committee and the Executive Committee. He continues to be a strong proponent of integrated, partnership-driven solutions to enhance sustainability of agriculture and our natural resources.