

PANEL MEMBERS



Jerry DeWitt: Professor of Entomology, Iowa State University.

Dr. DeWitt is Interim Director and National Program Leader for the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program. He also serves as Interim Director for ISU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs, and Coordinator for the ISU Extension Pest Management and Environment Program and the State Sustainable Agriculture Program. He has served in the following administrative positions at ISU: Director for Agriculture, Iowa State University Extension; Associate Dean, ISU College of Agriculture; Associate Director, Iowa Cooperative Extension Service and Assistant Dean, ISU Extension.

Tony Kleese: Tony Kleese is Executive Director of Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA), based in Pittsboro, NC. CFSA is a non-profit membership association of North Carolina and South Carolina farmers, gardeners, and consumers dedicated to ecological farming methods and the development of a healthful, sustainable agriculture. Mr. Kleese has been active in the local and national sustainable agriculture movement for the past 10 years as a farmer and farmer advocate. As a farmer he has managed organic vegetable and cut flower

operations in North Carolina. As a farmer advocate he served as Coordinator of the Organic Trade Association's Organic Certifiers Council, working with organic certifiers from across the US to help develop the USDA's National Organic Standards. Locally he has been the Coordinator and an Instructor for the Sustainable Farming Program at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, NC.



John Ikerd: Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri.

Dr. Ikerd has worked in Extension at NC State and Oklahoma State Universities, and was Head of Extension Agricultural Economics, University of Georgia, 1984-89. He returned to the University of Missouri in 1989 under a cooperative agreement with U.S.D.A, to provide state and national leadership for research and education programs related to sustainable agriculture. He served as SA Coordinator for Missouri, and was project leader for a three-state, five-year program, with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which linked sustainable agriculture and sustainable community development. Dr. Ikerd retired and received an appointment as Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics on February 1, 2000.



Paul Mueller: Dr. Mueller is Professor of Crop Science and Coordinator of Sustainable Agriculture Programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University. Dr. Mueller has 26 years experience in agricultural extension, research, and teaching programs at North Carolina State University. He is Chairman of the CALS Sustainable Agriculture Interest group and Coordinator for the Farming Systems Research Unit of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS). He has been involved with applied grassland farming research with ruminant animals including caprine silvo-pastoral systems and agricultural systems that integrate crops and livestock. Training, technology transfer and educational programs are designed for advisors, farmers and agribusiness personnel striving to improve pasture and grassland management.



James Starr: Dr. Starr is a research plant pathologist and nematologist at Texas A&M University, and is a recognized expert in

nematode population ecology and peanut host resistance. His research program emphasizes diseases caused by plant parasitic nematodes on cotton and peanut in the southern USA. Dr. Starr is a past president of the Society of Nematologists and has served on numerous committees and review panels.



Ben Stinner: Dr. Stinner is the Kellogg Professor of Ecological Management at Ohio State University, OARDC Wooster campus. He is the leader of the college's Agroecosystems Management Program, a member of OSU Extension's Sustainable Agriculture Team and co-organizer of and participant in Extension's On-Farm Research Program. He is known for his distinguished research record, his talent as a consensus builder and his ability to team with farmers and other stakeholders. His research focuses on whole-farm systems and incorporates farmers' knowledge and experiences.