



## Director's Update March 2014

### REACCH and Year 4

We have passed our anniversary date of Feb. 15, and are officially into year 4 of the REACCH project. Some highlights of year 3 include:

- *Hiring our Extension specialist, Kristy Borrelli, who has already made great strides in communicating our project to stakeholders and organizing our project-wide engagement with the extension effort.*
- *Redesigning and adding content to our website*
- *Posting our online course for graduate students*
- *Holding our second annual teacher workshop*
- *Presenting our project triptych to NIFA and the USDA leadership*
- *Publishing 3 issues of the OutREACCH and our year 3 annual report (links to these are on our web site)*
- *Completing 12 more of our 40 project milestones*
- *Improved our data portal access and data tools*
- *Uploading over 100 datasets*
- *Continuing data collection on our diverse experiments*
- *Processing our producer surveys*

Our third annual meeting will take place March 5-7 in Richland Washington. We are again looking forward to welcoming our stakeholders and scientific advisory panel members and guests and to show them what we have achieved in year three. Posters, slides sets, videos of talks and a meeting synopsis will be posted as soon as they become available. This director's message will contain key points and action steps that meeting. Meanwhile, please check out the meeting agenda posted on our web site. Stay tuned!

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