

MLRA Project Plans – Annual and Long Term
Summary of Mini Sessions

Recommendations or Concerns:

- There was some concern over the makeup of the MLRA Management Teams, particularly whether federal agencies and university partners are included or not.
- State partnership MOUs may be needed.
- Soil Survey Schedule team perspective on reporting needs to take into consideration what OBPA, OMB, and Congress are looking for. The team needs to explore reportable items that tell our story, items which measure the benefits that updated and improved soil survey information bring. Reporting acres doesn't tell the story.
- Ecological, social, financial, etc. benefits of soil survey information should be part of the evaluation process, and included in the development and justification of long range plans and project plans.
- The "MLRA Soil Survey" training course cadre needs to be kept up to speed on the current concepts of evaluation and planning.
- Implementation guide should include information on establishing a MLRA Soil Survey Office (office space, equipment, etc.).
- Establish a team to recommend revisions to NSSH to address MLRA SSO/SSS responsibilities in MLRA evaluation process. Need to have language to address role of universities and other partners, particularly federal agencies, on management teams and technical teams
- Develop a generic Implementation Guide for all MO Regions.