

Distance Education Report

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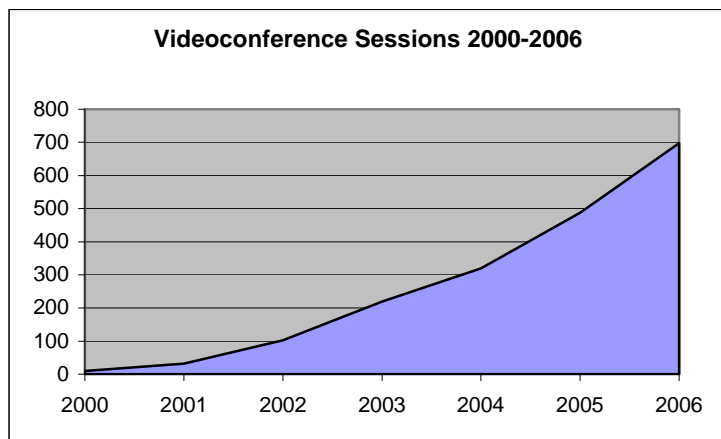
Mississippi State University Extension Service

Videoconferences Year-to-Date

January 2006- December 2006: 697

Increase of \approx 43% above last year

Includes client programs, in-service training, meetings, seminars, interviews, classes, CE programs and conferences.



Number of sites

Research & Extension Centers: 8 rooms
County Classrooms: 6 rooms
Counties with carted units: 76 sites
On campus DAFVM rooms: 13 rooms

County sites are a collaborative effort between the county boards of supervisors and the MSU Extension Service.

The following are states, territories and countries with whom we have held videoconferences:

Alabama	Kansas	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Kentucky	Puerto Rico
California	Louisiana	South Carolina
Colorado	Mexico	Tennessee
Florida	Missouri	Texas
Georgia	Nebraska	Virginia
Iowa	New York	West Virginia
Illinois	North Carolina	Washington
Iraq	Oklahoma	Washington, DC
	Oregon	

Highlighted Programs

BCIA and MAFES Bull Sales: Four hours before the sales began, bidders were able to preview the bulls over the Internet or at their videoconferencing site. Then, multiple bidders were located at two remote sites and participated in the live auction.

Angus Association Field Day: Videoconference was held from the Beef Unit, which is located on the South Farm on the campus of Mississippi State University. This remote conference was conducted over 1/2 mile from the nearest Internet connection through a wireless bridge.

Medicare D: Coordinated by Stone county director. During 3 sessions, 369 participants were updated on Medicare D changes and were allowed to interact with representatives from the Social Security office during Q & A session.

4-H: Horse Ethics training is required for all participants in 4-H horse shows. This training was recently presented from 5 sites with a total of 58 participating sites.

Freedom Calls: Four videoconferences have been conducted between military families in Mississippi and their family members stationed in Camp Taji, Iraq.

Forest/Wildlife Management: Held a 5-week interactive videoconference with 16 participating counties. There was a total attendance of 222 people who owned almost 50,000 acres of forestland and helped manage another 805,000 acres.

Childcare Videoconference Training: Two videoconferences were conducted from the Aiken Village Preschool. A portable videoconferencing unit was used by an area childcare agent to teach the sessions from various learning centers in the facility. One of the teachers and some of the children were also available to assist with the training.