Operational dashboards are a visual organizational tool that increases the ability for high-performance teams to access, share and collaborate across multiple platforms. Digital dashboards make it easy to combine tools and resources from multiple technology systems. The dashboards enable non-technical users to easily understand and interact with complex processes. The dashboard is effective and efficient because it streamlines communication processes, centralizes the most important content, and its flexibility allows for teams to spend less time reporting and more time focusing on project impacts.

Managing complex work and grant teams in a virtual and geographically dispersed environment can be a challenging endeavor. As remote collaborators and external program evaluators, it can be difficult to manage personnel, communications, collaborations, and reporting responsibilities. MU Extension Workforce Development manages these processes across more than 18 platforms. Centralizing access to platforms and tracking systems via a dashboard system helps to reduce confusion and increases productivity.

- Increase productivity and reduce time spent searching for key documents, and platform portals.
- Simplify access for non-technical users.
- Increase team capacity to remotely collaborate.
- Improve data collection to broaden and capture state-wide impacts.
- Retain control and adaption of the dashboards.
- Extend access and centralize information and tools for external stakeholders.

The Farm Stress Dashboard is an example of resources and tools that are designed to help Program evaluators and team members develop and deliver projects that will document the Broader Impacts of Extension programming and communicate the impact to stakeholders.

**Participant Alignment and Engagement**
Program participants are aligned with farmer service providers and allies.

**Document Effective Processes**
Document effective processes streamlined across multi-disciplines and large multi-state institutions.

**Alignment with Needs of Target Audience**
Align evidence-based programs to meet the needs of diverse audience in organizations serving farmers and their allies.

**Measuring Outcomes and Impacts**
Identify evaluation points to more fully capture and document broader impacts.

**Increase Team Capacity**
Provide training and quick access to program components for teaching, reporting, and programmatic tools to meet project timelines.

**Strong Infrastructure**
Well defined and accessible processes and tools to support programs, staff, and partner organizations.

**RESOURCES**
Dotdigital Group. 2020. Online Help Center. dotdigital.com

North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center. 2021. USDA 2020-70028-32728. farmstress.org