

NIFA Update

AFRI and new program news for NPGCC 2021 meeting

New Investigators

New options in AFRI for beginning investigators

AFRI Climate program

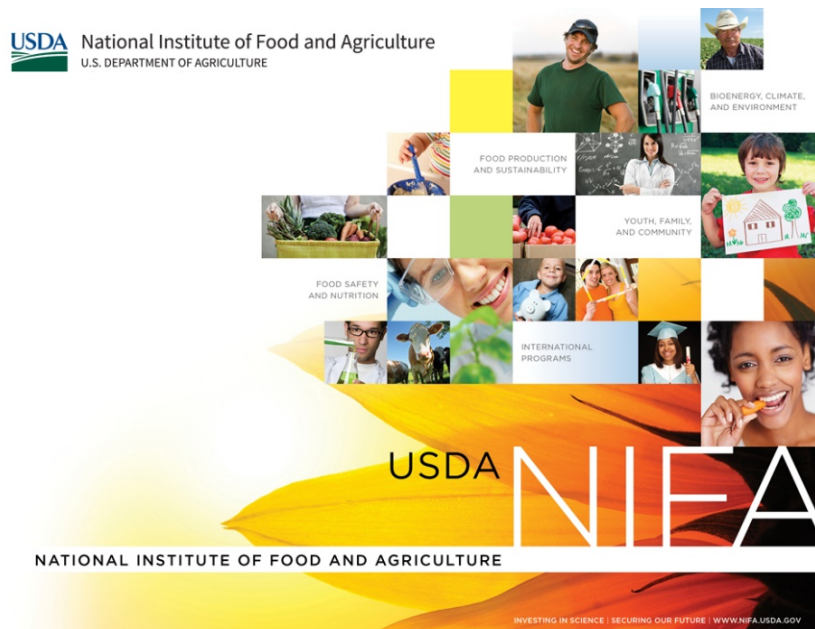
Update on new A1721 program

Farm of the Future

new opportunity

SAC Hemp program

Alternative crops are canola and hemp



New Investigator AFRI Funding

- 1) NI Standard Grant (Research, Extension, Education)
 - Reviewed with all other Standard Grants submitted to respective AFRI program
 - Special consideration given by NIFA program staff to fund highly meritorious NI applications that fall below the funding line
 - No separate pool of funding for NI Standard Grants
- 2) NI Seed Grants
 - \$300,000 (including indirect costs) for up to 2-years in duration
 - All Seed Grants submitted to respective program will be reviewed together
 - Separate funding consideration for Strengthening vs NI Seed Grants

New Investigator box MUST be checked under FASE on the AFRI Project Type form.

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Farm of the Future

<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/farm-future>

Congressional Authorizing Language: SEC. 799 For an additional amount for "National Institute of Food and Agriculture – Research and Education Activities", \$4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for a competitive grant to an institution in the land-grant university system to establish a Farm of the Future testbed and demonstration site.

The recent webinar recording is available at this site, and additional information will be posted there as soon as possible.

SAC program

The Supplemental and Alternative Crops program supports the *breeding, testing, and development of superior performing canola and industrial hemp varieties* and production practices that result in improved cost efficiencies, reduced grower risks, and wider use in production systems. Research results and technology developed are expected to be rapidly transferred to producers and other users through effective extension outreach and other engagement efforts.

<https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/supplemental-and-alternative-crops-sacc>



AFRI Extension, Education & USDA Climate Hubs Partnership A1721

Proposed Budget Requests:
\$1,500,000 for project periods of 3-5 years

Project Types: Extension or Integrated Projects only

Application Deadline: July 22, 2021 (5:00 pm ET)

Funding Priorities: Projects that provide effective, translatable, and scalable approaches to address climate change through regional partnerships including the USDA Climate Hubs and extension.

Partnerships will focus on:
Net-zero emissions agriculture
Working lands adapted to climate change
A diverse workforce
Climate justice including equity in opportunities and burden-sharing

For more details, see webinar recording at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_q3COgssJ8

USDA priorities

Priorities from Secretary Vilsack, who will work to address inequity and inequality, meet the moment on climate and nutrition insecurity, and build fairer markets and stronger rural communities.

- ✓ Equity and inclusion.
- ✓ Climate and regenerative agriculture.
- ✓ Rural economic development.
- ✓ Nutrition security and assistance.
- ✓ Open and competitive markets.