The Public Research Agenda for Agriculture: USDA’s Action Plan for Research, Education and Extension

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The Beginnings of USDA’s Action Plan for Research

• Initial meeting with Secretary
• Review of “Roadmap for USDA Science”
• Gathering of departmental-wide input
• Mission area consultations on draft
Guiding Principles

• Build upon our core programs
• Inquiry and innovation
• Research, education, extension and statistics
• Education and extension for all goals
• Leveraging partners
• Inform USDA policy decisions
• A world-class workforce
• Capable and responsive organization
• Value and leverage our assets
• Progress toward sustainability
REE Assessment and Action Plan

- Goal: Education and Science Literacy
- Goal: Evidence Base for Programs and Policies
- Goal: USDA Science is Recognized and Used
- Goal: Cultural Transformation
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• Goal: Education and Science Literacy
  – Populate the academic pipeline
  – Beginning farmers and ranchers
  – Science capacity at minority serving institutions
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• Goal: USDA Science is Recognized and Used
  – Raise the visibility of USDA Science
  – Inform all stakeholders - internal USDA customers, general public, Congress, universities - about the value and impact of the work we do
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- Goal: Cultural Transformation
  - Enhance communications, transparency in decision-making and listen to employees
  - Promote employee development
  - Talent management
  - Recruit and retain an inclusive, diverse and high-performing workforce
  - Renew focus on customers and community outreach
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- Goal: Rural Prosperity
- Goal: Biofuels
- Goal: Responding to Climate Change
- Goal: Water Availability and Quality
- Goal: Landscape-scale Conservation and Management
- Goal: Food Security – Local to Global
- Goal: Linking Agricultural Production and Trade
- Goal: Food Safety
- Goal: Nutrition and Childhood Obesity
- Goal: The Fundamentals – Crop and Livestock Production
Next Steps

- APLU Consultation (June 8-9)
- Final Step in Initial Round of Stakeholder Input
- Incorporation of Comments/Feedback
- Living Document
- Reflective of Change in Budget/Priorities
Questions and Answers?