Providing Value in Support of Enhancing Federal Investment in Food & Agricultural Research, Extension and Education

NCFAR Assets & Role:

+ **Strength Through Diversity**—Members of NCFAR find common ground in the recognition that enhanced federal funding for food and agricultural research, extension and education (food & ag RE&E) is vital to the future of the food and agricultural system and the nation. NCFAR’s mission encompasses support for funding for ALL food & ag RE&E—both inter- and intra-mural. The coalition brings together entities representing research “customers”—e.g., the diverse array of stakeholder organizations that need and benefit from RE&E outcomes—with research and extension institutions, scientific societies, foundations and other stakeholders in the RE&E community. NCFAR works to complement efforts of allied groups, such as APLU, the AFRI Coalition, Friends of ARS & NASS, and SoAR.

+ **Customer-Led**—The coalition provides a critical validating voice by facilitating and ensuring stakeholder groups representing RE&E ‘customers’ play a leadership role in the coalition, embracing a strong partnership with those in the food & ag RE&E community.

+ **Leveraging Active Ownership Involvement**—NCFAR works to keep member organizations aware of new developments and provides opportunities to take action. The Board is strongly supported by member involvement through the Research Outreach Committee (ROC), which is charged with implementing the program and initiatives approved by the Board and membership, such as the hill seminar series and testimony and other policy statements.

NCFAR Action Program:

NCFAR’s unique strength lies in education and outreach initiatives like the highly successful hill seminar series. This longer-term investment is undertaken to build a stronger foundation of awareness and information for hill staff and policy makers to help them make more informed and positive decisions about federal funding for food & ag RE&E. NCFAR is actively engaged in annual budget and appropriations and farm bill implementation, with actions advancing the mission objective of sustaining and increasing federal funding for food & ag RE&E.


+ **Active Support for Increased Funding**—Comments to the Administration and congressional appropriations and budget committees and during the federal FY budget and appropriations process in support of maintaining and enhancing public investment in food & ag RE&E. NCFAR also facilitates and participates in group efforts.

+ **Ongoing Participation in Implementation of Farm Bill.**

For more information, go to [http://www.ncfar.org](http://www.ncfar.org).

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