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Introduction to NIFA

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National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) *established by the 2008 Farm Bill*

- **Research** enables us to develop the knowledge needed to solve many of the issues facing our nation
- **Education** strengthens schools and universities to train the next generation of scientists, educators, producers, and citizens
- **Extension** brings the knowledge gained through research and education to the people who need it most – in the United States and around the world



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Tom Vilsack
Secretary, USDA



Dr. Cathie Woteki
Under Secretary Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area, and the Department's Chief Scientist

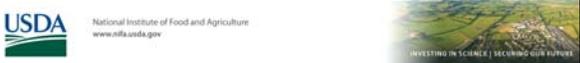


Dr. Roger Beachy
Director, NIFA



Five focal areas:

- Global Food Security and Hunger.
- Climate Change
- Sustainable Energy
- Childhood Obesity
- Food Safety



Institute of Food Production and Sustainability

- Enhancing global food security through productive and sustainable agricultural systems



Institute of Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment

- *Ensuring energy independence through clean, biobased energy systems*
- *Ensuring sustainable and adaptive agro-ecosystems in response to climate change*

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Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition

- *Ensuring a safe food supply*
- *Improving citizens' health through nutrition*
- *Reducing childhood obesity*
- *Improving food quality*

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Institute of Youth and Community Development

- *Enabling vibrant and resilient communities*
- *Preparing the next generation of scientists*
- *Enhancing science capacity in minority-serving institutions*
- *Enhancing youth development*
