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# National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Stakeholder Listening Session

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## **PURPOSE:**

To obtain stakeholder input and comments for consideration in developing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 AFRI solicitations. Persons who use or conduct research, extension, or education activities are invited to attend. Comments regarding AFRI program strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for growth are encouraged. NIFA expects to consider all comments designed to assist USDA and NIFA to reach and exceed its established strategic goals.

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

**By the end of the meeting, participants will have:**

- **Identified concerns and opportunities related to the various agriculture and food systems designed to meet domestic and international needs, taking into account current AFRI priorities and challenge areas;**
- **Identified research topics that can address needs identified in the USDA and/or NIFA Strategic Plan;**
- **Identified partnerships and linkages between NIFA AFRI programs and other government agency and private sector programs;**
- **Identified opportunities for improved coordination and communication between NIFA and its stakeholders; and**
- **Identified upcoming program-specific webinars, during March and April of 2012, where they can actively participate.**