

NIFA in the News – Week of April 11, 2011

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In the News

UW lands \$4.9 million grant to study 'food deserts' (The Capital Times 4/11). A University of Wisconsin-Madison project designed to unearth better ways of bringing fresh, local produce and other healthy foods to inner-city communities has earned a \$4.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "So often we think of food security issues as being a problem for those outside of the United States, but in fact a lot of people in the U.S. don't have access to safe and healthy food year-round," says Roger Beachy, director of the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the agency that awarded the grant. [Link](#)

UW-Madison awarded \$5 million from USDA (The Business Journal 4/12). A University of Wisconsin-Madison study aimed at a better understanding of the ways to successfully develop sustainable local and regional food systems received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The award will support an exploration of the changes needed in community and regional food systems to ensure the availability and increased consumption of healthy food in urban communities. [Link](#)

USDA announces Ag & Food Research Initiative grant recipients (Biodiesel Magazine 4/12). The USDA has awarded more than \$36 million in grants to 42 bioenergy and biobased products research programs under the department's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The announcement was made by NIFA Director Roger Beachy on April 12 at the 16th 1890 Biennial Research Symposium in Atlanta. According to the USDA, the funding will spur production of bioenergy and biobased products, leading to the development of sustainable regional systems and jobs. [Link](#)

UW to Study Community and Regional Food Systems (Illinois Ag Connection 4/12). The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has awarded a research grant to the University of Wisconsin to lead a study on how changes to community and regional foods systems can promote healthy eating in urban communities. [Link](#)

Southeast projects included in USDA bioenergy grants (Southeast Farm Press

4/12). Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced research grants awarded to spur production of bioenergy and biobased products that will lead to the development of sustainable regional systems and help create jobs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Director Roger Beachy made the announcement on behalf of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack during the 16th 1890 Biennial Research Symposium in Atlanta, Ga. [Link](#)

SDSU getting \$1.7M in bioenergy research grants (Times Union 4/12). South Dakota State University is receiving more than \$1.7 million in research grants to spur production of bioenergy and biobased products, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday. The grants are part of nearly \$36 million in Sustainable Bioenergy Grants awarded to a variety of institutions around the country. "The solution to these bioenergy and biofuels projects will require different regional solutions," Roger Beachy, director of the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, said. [Link](#)

Bioenergy and Biobased Research Funds Released (Hoosier Ag Today 4/12). Research grants have been awarded to spur production of bioenergy and biobased products. USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture Director Roger Beachy says these dollars will lead to the development of sustainable regional systems and help create jobs. Beachy made the announcement during the 16th 1890 Biennial Research Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia. [Link](#)

SDSU getting \$1.7M in bioenergy research grants, Mines to receive \$43,000 (Rapid City Journal 4/12). The U.S. Department of Agriculture is giving South Dakota State University more than \$1.7 million in research grants to spur production of bioenergy and biobased products. They're part of nearly \$36 million in Sustainable Bioenergy Grants awarded across the country that USDA announced Tuesday. [Link](#)

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USDA gives UW program \$5 million to combat food insecurity (The Daily Cardinal 4/12). The UW-Madison Community and Regional Food Systems Program, which aims to alleviate food insecurity in U.S. cities, received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Monday. The program, which will first focus on Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit, will combine research, education and outreach to build sustainable regional food systems to increase the availability of healthy food in socioeconomically disadvantaged urban communities. [Link](#)

USDA Announces Bioenergy Research Grants (Hay and Forage Grower 4/13). Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack yesterday announced \$36 million in research grants to spur production of bioenergy and biobased products that he said will lead to

the development of sustainable regional systems and help create jobs. [Link](#)

Panelists needed to recommend repayment recipients (AVMA 4/13). The Department of Agriculture is seeking public and private veterinarians to serve on a panel that will help determine which veterinarians will receive federal money to repay student loans. The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture needs to receive, by June 1, applications from veterinarians who want to serve on a volunteer awards panel for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. Any person can serve on the panel, but the agency is particularly looking for veterinarians with knowledge about food supply veterinary medicine and public practice. [Link](#)

FY 11 Budget Deal to Cut Ag Spending \$1.5 Billion (Ag Web 4/13). Agriculture will see budget cuts of around \$1.5 billion over the balance of the current fiscal year via the deal worked out between congressional leaders and the White House last Friday. The CR provides \$2.353 billion for the National Institute on Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Agricultural Research Service, as compared to \$2.523 billion in FY 10 (-7%) and \$2.192 billion in H.R. 1 (+7%). This funding level is the result of the elimination of all earmarks, as well as other programmatic changes. Specifically within NIFA, the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative is funded at \$265 million, as compared to \$262 million in FY 10 (+1%) and \$228 million in H.R. 1 (+14%). Funding for the Hatch Act is provided at \$237 million, as compared to \$215 million in FY10 (+9%) and \$222 million in H.R. 1 (+6%). The McIntire- Stennis Cooperative Forestry program is funded at \$33 million, as compared to \$29 million in FY 10 (+12%) and \$35 million in H.R. 1 (-6%). Funding for Smith-Lever Sections 3(b) and 3(c) is provided at \$295 million, as compared to \$298 million in FY 10 (-1%) and \$268 million in H.R. 1 (+9%). [Link](#)

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Missouri Daybook (Bellevue News Democrat 4/15). U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt attends two events. COLUMBIA - Blunt joins Dr. Roger Beachy, director of National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and University of Missouri officials for funding announcement. 11 a.m. [Link](#)



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