

## **NIFA Report on National Outcomes and Indicators Workshop in New Orleans**

**Q:** I know this is draft form of outcomes and indicators. Will states be required at some point to report on the finalized list?

**A:** No. Reporting on these are strictly voluntary, but important. However, these outcomes were developed and chosen by the 60 Land-Grant University representatives and 10 NIFA NPL representatives at the workshop.

**Q:** As I counted the number of indicators proposed, the teams for the five NIFA challenge areas proposed 176 measures of outputs or impact. This assumes that a state has not added topics to their plan of work beyond the 5 NIFA Challenge areas. Will there be a process designed to ...

1) Prioritize these measures?

2) Pilot test these measures in a few pilot states to determine which are measurable at a reasonable cost?

**A:** 1. There is a process now underway to prioritize these measures. Not all measures identified will be included in the Plan of Work software. We do not want to overwhelm the Land-Grant system. However, it is important to recognize that these were developed and chosen by the 60 Land-Grant University representatives and 10 NIFA NPL representatives at the workshop.

2. There are no plans to pilot test these measures in a few pilot states. That would mean that we would need an extra year or two to implement these. Instead we will check which of the Outcomes and Indicators are being chosen most by States to report. Over time non-used outcomes and indicators will be dropped from the software.

**Q:** Will there be any attempt to make the outcomes/measures somewhat uniform across priorities? It's quite a mixed bag.

**A:** To the extent possible, there will be an attempt to make the outcomes/measures somewhat uniform in structure across the priorities. But given the diversity of the outcome/measures chosen, that may not always be possible.

**Q:** Is the ARA data shared with OMB?

**A:** Yes. The data from the Annual Report is included in our budget documents that go to OMB. However, they are not identified as such. They are mixed in with data and reports that we get through CRIS as well.