Prioritizing Nutrition Security: NIFA’s Role in Cultivating Future Farmers and Ranchers
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Focus: An Overview of Current NIFA Activities & Aims

Speakers:

- Dr. Carrie Castille, Director’s Welcome
- Dr. Helen Chipman, EFNEP
- Dr. Carinthia Cherry, EFNEP
- Dr. Mallory Koenings, GusNIP & AFRI 1344
- Dr. Lydia Kaume, CFP
- Dr. Lisa Jahns, FASLP
- Dr. Sheila Fleischhacker, Moderator
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NIFA Nutrition Security Relevant Programs

Primary:
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)
- Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP)
- Food and Agriculture Service-Learning Program (FASLP)
- Community Food Projects
- Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) competitive grants program, priority area, A1344 Diet, Nutrition and the Prevention of Chronic Diseases

Additional:
- AFRI priority areas A1641 Economics, Markets, and Trade & A1103 Foundational Knowledge of Plant Products
- Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program (HSI)
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)
- Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (AgVets)
- Master Gardener, Master Health & Master Food Preserver Programs

- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
- 4-H Youth Development Program
- Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR)
- CYFAR 4-H Military Partnership Professional Development & Technical Assistance (CMPC-PDTA)
- 1890 Land-Grant Institution Programs
- National Center for Home Preservation
- New Technologies for Ag Extension (NTAE)
- Regional Rural Development
- Rural Health & Safety Education
NIFA’s Role in Cultivating Future Farmers and Ranchers

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- I have made my family a part of my education. With each step, my children have been alongside me. That is agriculture to me, the passion and profession that you can pass on to your children.

- I enthusiastically support creating new farmers and ranchers and assisting them in their efforts to provide nutritious food to their communities and beyond.
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

A beginning farmer: a farmer or rancher who has not operated a farm or ranch or have operated a farm or ranch for no more than ten (10) years.
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

Competitive grant program for projects that provide education, mentoring and technical assistance for beginning farmers and ranchers.
Program Basics

**Standard Projects** - to provide local and regional training, education, outreach and technical assistance

- Large Standard Grants - Up to $200,000 per year for up to 3 years
- Small Standard Grants - Up to $100,000 per year for up to 3 years
- Simplified Standard Grants - Less than $50,000 for one year

**Educational Team Projects** – to improve beginning farmer and rancher education in the U.S.

- Up to $200,000 per year for up to 3 years
Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers (aka 2501 Program)

- 2018 Farm Bill Combined BFRDP and 2501 Program
- FY 2019-2020 - $15 million
- FY 2021 - $17.5 million
- Stimulus/COVID Funding $37.5 million
- FY 2022 - $20 million
- FY 2023 - $25 million/permanent funding thereafter
Clearinghouse

- Maintain and enhance an online accessible library for beginning farmer and rancher education, training, mentoring, and outreach materials
  - Produced from projects funded through the BFRDP program and through other sources

- Facilitate Sharing, Collaboration and Use of Curricula and Information

www.Farmanswers.org
Prioritizing Nutrition Security

There are interlinkages among:

- Supporting sustainable agriculture
- Empowering small farmers
- Ending rural poverty
- Ensuring healthy lifestyles

For more information, please visit [https://nifa.usda.gov/program/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp](https://nifa.usda.gov/program/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp)
Nutrition Security is an act of Food Justice

*Food justice* seeks to ensure that the benefits and risks of where, what and how *food* is grown, produced, transported, distributed, accessed and eaten are shared fairly. *Food justice* represents a transformation of the current *food* system, including but not limited to eliminating disparities and inequities.
Between 2 Farms
Nutrition Equity & Food as Medicine

“It is important that the food from our farms are nutrient rich and organic… When our soil is healthy we can produce high quality nutrient rich foods that help us to serve **food as medicine** to our community that is impacted by chronic health issues and social determinants of health.” - Mudbone Grown
Addressing the Root Cause will help us understand the way forward
A little pollination goes along way
Program Overviews

• The Pathways to Farming program goal is to continue to support and uplift Black, Indigenous, and POC farmer’s economic capacity and community leadership while networking with the broader farming community to create access to resources, peer-to-peer mentorship, and engage in their local and regional food system.

• Over the past 3 year we have assisted in the growth of 21 farmers and out of that, 15 farm businesses have been developed

• Along with community partners, we have successfully put on two Back to the Root Conferences for over 200+ Black and Brown farmers, producers, and makers in the PNW.
Our Farmers
Partnerships

To Co-Create the change in your community is so powerful.

Farm to School
- School Gardens/Education
- School Pantry
- School Lunches

Farm to Institution
- Clinic (CSAP4H)
- Hospital

Mutual Aid Partnerships (CGSG)
- Connection with organizations in your community doing root cause work
- Provide Wrap around services
What does Nutrition Security look like?

• Engaging with local food producers
• Providing access to culturally relevant produce and products
• Access to language - where the default isn’t just English
• Communities benefiting from their needs being intentionally centered
• Prioritizing and listening to the community providing trauma informed care
• Addressing the root causes of hunger (mental and physical)
• Entering into partnerships from a place of abundance and reciprocity instead of reaction with a mindset of scarcity
Get connected with more

Here are beautiful conversations that came from last year's Oregon Community Food Systems (OCFSN) - Food Charter Presentations - Highlighting and uplifting the voices of Oregon’s Black, Indigenous, and POC farmers, food advocates and thought leaders.

To learn more about Mudbone Grown visit our website at [www.mudbonegrown.com](http://www.mudbonegrown.com) and check is out on Instagram @mudbonegrown. To see our special that was filmed and aired last year on Oregon Public Broadcasting visit [This Link](http://www.mudbonegrown.com) to watch in real time how Mudbone Grown was and still is dealing with the pandemic.

To Learn more about [Oregon Food Bank](http://www.oregonfoodbank.org), visit their website for details.
Key Takeaways

- The NIFA BFRDP can help address the needs of the next generation of beginning farmers and ranchers, including cultivating their role to prioritize nutrition security

You’re a part of prioritizing nutrition security!

- Ending the Pandemic
- Responding to the Economic Downturn
- Addressing the Hunger and Food Insecurity Crisis
- Centering Climate in Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
- Building Back Better for Rural Economies
- Advancing Racial Equity
NIFA Nutrition Security Webinar Series
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NIFA Nutrition Security Webinar Series – Webinar 3

Date: Tuesday, August 31st 3 to 4:30 pm EST

Programs & Speakers:

- Division of Family & Consumer Sciences, Suzanne Stluka
- Division of Youth and 4-H, Suzanne Stluka
- 4-H Youth Development Program, Jeff Sallee & Chris Petty
- Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (AgVets), Brent Elrod & Crystal Kyle
- Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR), Bonita Williams
- New Technologies for Ag Extension (NTAE), Brent Elrod & Sydney Turner
- Regional Rural Development Centers, Brent Elrod & Jessica Turner
- Rural Health & Safety Education, Brent Elrod & Sydney Turner

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