

USDA NIFA FCS Update

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Greetings FCS Program Leaders!

I would like to extend my appreciation for your support during my appointment as Acting Division Director and introduce our new Acting Division Director – [Dr. Jeff Sallee](#). Jeff likes to think he served as an FCS Agent for eight months during a vacancy in a county he directed. Seriously, Dr. Sallee has partnered and worked closely with the FCS program throughout his career. Join me in welcoming Dr. Sallee to this role!



USDA NIFA Live FAQ Sessions: Rapid Response to Extreme Weather Events Across Food and Agriculture Systems

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) [Rapid Response to Extreme Weather Events Across Food and Agricultural Systems \(A1712\)](#) program area priority is designed to rapidly identify and implement strategies to protect the nation's food and agricultural supply chains and the people who support them during and after extreme weather events. Applications for Extension or Integrated (research and Extension) projects must directly address the effects associated with an extreme weather event or disaster that has occurred, and applications must also address one or more of the following emphasis areas: 1) Agroecosystem Resilience, 2) Agricultural Commodity and Nutrition Security, and 3) Health, Well-Being, and Safety. Applications will be received on a continuous basis; a Letter of Intent must be submitted within 14 days of an extreme weather event or disaster. NIFA invites interested applicants to join live Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) webinars on June 14, September 14, and December 8 at 3:00 pm ET/2:00 CT to learn more about this program area priority and to meet the A1712 team. Visit the [NIFA Events page](#) to register and for details. Contact afri-rapidresponse@usda.gov for questions.

Additionally, please review our current open Funding Opportunity: [Enhancing Opportunities for Military Veterans Competitive Grants Program](#). If you have questions regarding these programs, consult NIFA's website or please contact the NIFA's [National Program Leader](#) for more information.

Expect the best, be the best, and program the best!