

What our proposal will... ...and will not do.

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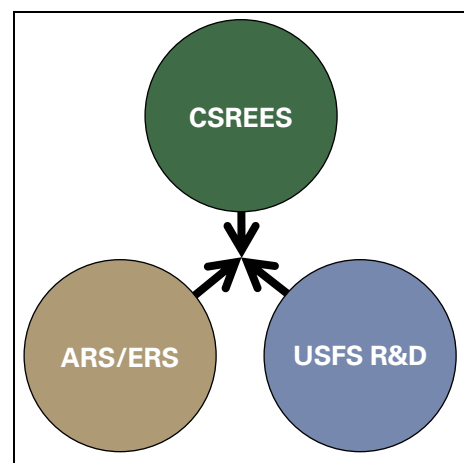
- **Increase integration and efficiency** by consolidating four USDA units—Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), Economic Research Service (ERS), and Forest Service (USFS) R&D—into a single, cohesive organization, thereby elevating USDA's science efforts to a much higher level.
- **Integrate planning and implementation** across all available intramural (e.g. ARS, ERS, and USFS R&D) and extramural (e.g. land-grant) facilities through a solution-based approach implemented through a single national program staff.
- **Double authorized funding** for food, agriculture, and natural resource research, teaching, and extension programs at USDA to address the enormous opportunities (e.g. biofuels/bioproducts) and daunting challenges (e.g. climate change, avian influenza) that face the country and the greater global community.

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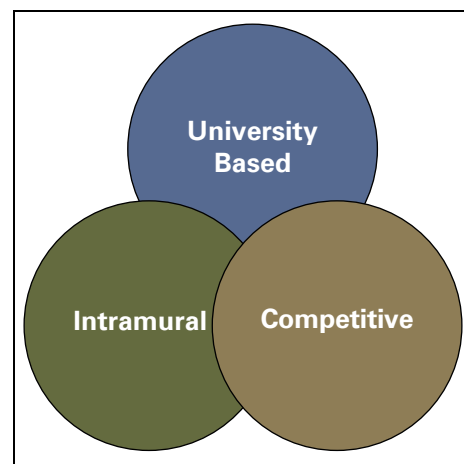
- **Eliminate special research or extension grants**, which are often useful in addressing critical local or regional needs. Congressional prerogatives in this area are not diminished in any way by CREATE-21.
- **Prevent Congress from explicitly directing funds to local ARS facilities.** Again, congressional decision-making authority is not affected by CREATE-21.
- **Cut ARS or USFS R&D funding levels.** In fact, CREATE-21 will guarantee ARS and USFS R&D funding because these agencies' programs become part of the protected funding baseline.
- **Repeal or alter the underlying laws** which provide base funding for research and extension activities across the nation. Protected authorities include: Hatch, Smith-Lever, Evans-Allen, McIntire-Stennis, and other statutes authorizing programs at the 1890, 1994, and insular area land-grant institutions.
- **Jeopardize long-term research** between ARS and/or the land-grant universities, and major commodity groups. At present, all funding flowing through ARS and CSREES is discretionary, subject to the annual appropriations process. If CREATE-21 is enacted, current capacity programs will be continued with funding slated to grow as the organization's budget grows, and there is a failsafe mechanism to protect such long-term arrangements should the budget decline.



From Collaboration...



... to Integration



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