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Current Research Information System (CRIS)

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
(CSREES)
Information Systems and Technology Management (ISTM)**





The USDA's documentation and reporting system for ongoing agricultural, food and nutrition, and forestry activities.

40,000 descriptions of current, publicly-supported activities:

USDA agencies

State Agricultural Experiment Stations

State land-grant colleges and universities

State schools of forestry

Cooperating schools of veterinary medicine

Cooperative Extension Service

USDA grant recipients



MISSION:

To document the activities of the USDA and the State system partners to satisfy a variety of reporting requirements and to provide access to research, education, and extension information.



PARTICIPANTS:

USDA

**Agricultural Research Service
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Economic Research Service
Forest Service
Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

**Agricultural Experiment Stations
1862 Land Grant Institutions
1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University
1994 Land Grant Institutions (Tribal Colleges)
Cooperating Schools of Veterinary Medicine
State Forestry Schools
Cooperative Extension Service**

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

**CSREES Competitive Grants, Small Business Innovation
Grant and Cooperative Agreement Recipients**



CRIS



SUBJECT COVERAGE:

Agricultural, food and nutrition, and forestry activities

Including:

Management and use of natural resources

Protection of crops and livestock from pests and other hazards

Production management systems for crops, livestock, poultry, and fish

Farm and forest product development and quality improvement

Marketing of crop, animal, and forest products

Foreign trade and market development

Food and human nutrition, health and safety, and consumer protection

Rural and community development

Family resource management

Fish and wildlife management; outdoor recreation; environmental quality

Agricultural education and outreach





PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The basic reporting unit is a project.

CRIS Project: three to five year activity at a single location.

Activity focuses on a clearly definable problem, a manageable phase of a larger problem, or a few closely related elements of a broad-based program.

Information for each CRIS project includes:

WHAT is being done

WHO is doing it

WHERE it is being conducted

WHEN it is being performed

ACCOMPLISHMENTS achieved annually

IMPACTS expected from the effort

PUBLICATIONS associated with the work





Work Unit Description:

Basic abstract to describe a project

Accomplishments Report:

Annual update of project outcomes, impacts, and publications

Funding and Staff Support Report:

Annual report of project expenditures and support years for each fiscal year



INFORMATION COLLECTION:

CRIS Web Forms

CRIS Forms Assistance URL: <http://cwf.uvm.edu/cris>

A link to Web Forms is also on the CRIS home page

URL: <http://cris.csrees.usda.gov>

Maintained at the University of Vermont



PRODUCTS AND SERVICES:

Web based search facility

Electronic data entry system for submitting CRIS reports

Expanded Accomplishments Reports

**Free access Web site to thousands of research,
education, and extension abstracts documented in CRIS**

<http://cris.csrees.usda.gov>



Manual of Classification

Annual funding summaries of expenditures by CRIS classification area, by agency, and by region and state for selected fiscal years

Products available on the Vermont web site:

<http://cwf.uvm.edu/cris>

News about CRIS

CRIS Instruction Manuals

CRIS reporting definitions and assistance



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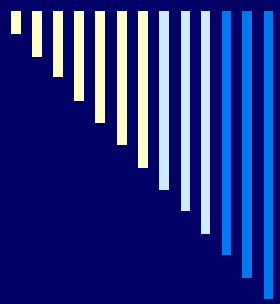
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Questions



Thank you!