

NRSP Peer / Proposal Review

The following statement defines the mission of the National Research Support Projects (NRSP's):

“The activity of an NRSP focuses on the development of enabling technologies, support activities (such as to collect, assemble, store, and distribute materials, resources and information), or the sharing of facilities needed to accomplish high priority research, but which is not of itself primarily research.”

Based on this mission statement, please rate the proposed NRSP using the following criteria:

	Circle One
Mission:	
Consistency with the mission of an NRSP	Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Relevance	
Addresses and supports a high priority national issue	Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Demonstrates clear/tangible benefits to the scientific community as a whole	Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Clearly identified sponsoring “stakeholders” / beneficiaries	Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
“Stakeholder” involvement in project development, project activities, review and/or management plans	Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Technical Merit	
Overall technical merit (sound scientific approach, achievable objectives, appropriate scope of activity)	Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Potential for significant outputs (products) and outcomes and/or impacts	Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable

Implementation Plan		
Benchmarks for success clearly identified		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Management structure that adequately coordinates efforts of multiple participants		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Well developed business plan that links multiple sources of funding and leverages limited off the top research funds		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Funding plan that develops alternative funding sources to reduce off-the-top funding in future years		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Efforts integrated with extension and/or academic programs		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Outreach, communication and assessment plan that communicates the program goals, accomplishment and outcomes/impacts.		Excellent - Good - Fair - Unacceptable
Comments	This proposal covers a topic of extreme importance to the livestock industry and U.S., especially considering the increased concern over environmental issues. It is well written and comprehensive, and the team comprises a group of nationally and internationally known scientists. The budget is very reasonable considering the additional funds provided by cooperators. The development of a “common” feed data bank and uniformity in models will make it easier for teams to develop nutrient requirement publications for individual species. The planned addition of “big data” and “environmental” specialists will further strengthen the team(s). Would like to see USDA as a stakeholder/partner.	
Recommendation	Approve – Approve with Revision – Disapprove	