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**Fw: Support to initiate a new USDA multi-state project**

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**From** Valentin Picasso Risso <picassorriso@wisc.edu>  
**Date** Wed 9/11/2024 12:16 PM  
**To** Christina Hamilton <christina.hamilton@wisc.edu>

Chris,  
Here is the email from UMN. Do you need a formal letter?

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**From:** Jacob Jungers <junge037@umn.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:10 PM  
**To:** Valentin Picasso Risso <picassorriso@wisc.edu>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support to initiate a new USDA multi-state project

Hi Valentin,

The UMN Associate Dean of MAES is supportive of the new multi-state project on perennial grains.

Jake

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**From:** **Joleen Hadrich** <[jhadrich@umn.edu](mailto:jhadrich@umn.edu)>  
**Date:** Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 8:00 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Support to initiate a new USDA multi-state project  
**To:** Jacob Jungers <[junge037@umn.edu](mailto:junge037@umn.edu)>  
**Cc:** Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station <[umn-maes@umn.edu](mailto:umn-maes@umn.edu)>

Jake,

Yes, I am happy to support the initiation of this Multi-State Project focused on perennial grains. That said, when this gets approved, I would like you to transition off of your existing Multi-State Project. If I remember correctly, you are one of the few people that have multiple annual MAES reports to submit,

and I would like to decrease that to one report or two tops. I do appreciate your willingness and desire to collaborate on these efforts, thank you for prioritizing that in the midst of everything else on your to-do list.

Enjoy the rest of your Friday morning, and please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Joleen

On Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 7:00 AM Jacob Jungers <[junge037@umn.edu](mailto:junge037@umn.edu)> wrote:

Hi Joleen,

A long-time collaborator from the University of Wisconsin and I are members of the NCCC31 - Ecophysiology Aspects of Forage Management, which recently met in North Dakota. There, he and I discussed starting a new multi-state project focused on perennial grains. We are very confident that we could recruit a strong team of researchers from across the US to participate.

We proposed the idea and received support for it from Chris Hamilton, the Assistant Director of the NCRA State Ag Experiment Station. Chris said that the next step would be to get support from two Deans. The Dean of CALs at UW-Wisconsin has endorsed the idea. Ruth Sanborn said that you would be the Dean in CFANS to contact regarding this. If that's correct, do you support the idea of me working with colleagues at other institutions to initiate a new multi-state project? I'd be happy to describe the topic in more detail and provide you with the rich history that's behind this collaboration if you need it. Let me know what you think and if you need more info. Take care,

Jake

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