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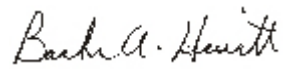
Dear Directors:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has **Approved** of the following MRF project:

NE1710: Improving Forage and Bioenergy Crops for Better Adaptation, Resilience, and Flexibility

This project's approval extends from 10/01/2017 through 10/01/2022. NIFA concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has Approved this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the [National Information Management and Support System](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bart A. Hewitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bart" being more prominent.

Bart Hewitt

Accountability and Reporting Leader

for Meryl Broussard

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