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To: **State Agricultural Experiment Stations:**  
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From: Planning and Accountability/MRO

Subject: Participation in New and Revised MRF Project

The above-listed stations, agency, university, institution and/or other participating organization(s) are listed as participants in MRF project W 3177 Enhancing the Competitiveness and Value of U.S. Beef which was RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL by the Executive Directors on behalf of the Regional Directors Association and concurred in by NIFA for the period beginning October 01, 2012 through September 30, 2017.

To document your participation in the project in the Current Research Information System (CRIS), please provide the following information:

**1. DIRECTORS OF PARTICIPATING STATE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS:**

To record your participation, please submit the appropriate CRIS information to the CRIS website address located on the next page.

**2. ADMINISTRATORS OF FEDERAL AGENCIES (EXCEPT USDA-ARS):**

Please forward the URL address for this outline to the person(s) in your agency who is actually participating in the project (they are indicated on the "Resources" page of the project outline); and, if appropriate, document your agency's contribution to the project on the enclosed CRIS forms.

**3. USDA-ARS-NPS (J. Stetka):**

Please forward the URL address for this outline to the person(s) in your area who is actually participating in the project (they are indicated on the "Resources" page of the project outline); and, in submitting the necessary information to update the ARS project files to reflect this cooperation.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISER:**

If there are participants outside the U.S. and/or State agricultural experiment station system participating on this multistate project (indicated on the "Resources" page of the project outline), we would appreciate your forwarding the URL address for this project outline to the individual and, if appropriate, assist them in submitting the necessary information to document their contribution in CRIS. Electronic submissions are requested.

**5. RESEARCH DIRECTORS OF EVANS-ALLEN PROGRAM:**

If your university is participating on this multistate project (indicated on the "Resources" page of the project outline), we would appreciate your assistance in forwarding the URL address for this project outline to the appropriate person(s) at your university and in submitting the necessary information to document your university's contribution in CRIS. Please electronically submit this documentation to CRIS.

In documenting your participation on this multistate project, please note that the title and objectives must be exactly the same as those of the MRF project, but including only the objective(s) on which your station will conduct research. Electronically *submit* your *completed forms to* the CRIS forms website: <http://cwf.uvm.edu/cris/intro.htm>

A hard copy of the project outline can be printed from the following URL address:

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