



# North Central Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

*Capitalizing on the North Central Region's Agricultural Experiment Station's unique strengths, capabilities, and synergies, the NCRA innovates food and agriculture systems for a more healthy, profitable, equitable, and sustainable world.*

*Through effective science leadership, the NCRA promotes and facilitates collaboration, coordination, and communication across NCRA Land Grant University members, partners, and stakeholders at the regional, national, and international levels.*

## NCRA Member Institutions

*Iowa State University  
Kansas State University  
Michigan State University  
North Dakota State University  
Ohio State University  
Purdue University  
South Dakota State University  
University of Illinois  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
University of Wisconsin-Madison*

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## Impacting Lives: Multistate Research

### NCRA History and Background

- Established in 1947, NCRA is one of five U.S. regional associations who manage multistate research across the nation's Land Grant Universities (LGU).
- Our work relies upon federal capacity and competitive programs that enable our multidisciplinary and multi-institutional teams of scientists to solve societal challenges across agriculture, food systems, climate, and the environment.
- These programs help support and maintain the expertise, facilities, and other resources needed to carry out this critical work.
- This investment in agriculture research is essential to producing innovations that improve economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, climate resilience, and food security.

### NCRA Science Portfolio

- Our ~ 80 multistate project portfolio is responsive to the critical needs of our communities, states, region, and nation.
- Through unparalleled research, education, and Cooperative Extension, our scientists are making new discoveries, delivering effective solutions, and capitalizing on opportunities in many areas including:
  - ✓ Animal Health & Welfare
  - ✓ Animal & Crop Production
  - ✓ Bioeconomy & Biotechnology
  - ✓ Biosecurity/Emergency Response
  - ✓ Climate Change
  - ✓ Controlled Environment Ag
  - ✓ Digital/Smart Ag
  - ✓ Ecosystem Services/Environmental Sustainability
  - ✓ Food Science & Processing
  - ✓ Nutritious & Safe Food
  - ✓ Pollinator Health
  - ✓ Pest & Disease Management & Mitigation
  - ✓ Precision Agriculture
  - ✓ Rural Communities-Ag Safety, Local Food Systems, Waste Management

### **A Lucrative Investment**

*\$17 returned for every \$1 of public funding invested*

*Explore a showcase of our LGU science impacts:*

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