

Examples of good CRIS reports on ongoing projects (reflecting national priorities, CSREES strategic goals and objectives, funding lines, etc.).

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Goal 1: Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers

Objective 1.1 Provide information, knowledge, and education to help expand markets and reduce trade barriers

KA 603, Generic commodity promotion, research, evaluation, CRIS #[0195193](#)

Objective 1.2 Support international economic development and trade capacity building

KA606, Agro biotechnology in China: competitiveness impacts on U.S. soybean export markets, CRIS #[0202617](#)

Objective 1.3 Provide science-based knowledge and technologies to generate new or improved high-quality products and processes to expand markets for the agricultural sector

KA 511, Production of acrylates, (bio-based substitutes for hydrocarbon products), CRIS #[0196131](#)

Objective 1.4 Provide science-based information, knowledge, and education to facilitate risk management by farmers and ranchers

KA 402, Engineering solutions for sustainable aquaculture in Maine, CRIS #[0200419](#)

Objective 1.5A Contribute science-based information, analysis, and education to promote the efficiency of agricultural production systems (plants)

KA 206, Colloidal metal particles for high resolution biological labeling (nanotechnology?), CRIS #[0187000](#)

Objective 1.5B Contribute science-based information, analysis, and education to promote the efficiency of agricultural production systems (animals)

KA 303, Interpreting cattle genome data, CRIS #[0195320](#)

Goal 2: Support Increased Economic Opportunities and Improved Quality of Life in Rural America

Objective 2.1 Expand economic opportunities in rural America by bringing scientific insights into economic and business decision making

KAs 134,135, 901, Tools and information for improved management of Great Lakes' fisheries, CRIS #[0166562](#)

Objective 2.2 Provide science-based technology, products, and information to facilitate informed decisions affecting the quality of life in rural areas

KA 801, Asset Accumulation for Low-Wage Working Families, CRIS #[0189400](#)
KA 802, The Influence of Home and Child Care Environments on Toddler's Language and Literacy Skills, CRIS #[0201033](#)

Goal 3: Enhance Protection and Safety of the Nation's Agriculture and Food Supply

Objective 3.1 reduce the incidence of food-borne illnesses and contaminants through science-based knowledge and education

KA 712, New technologies and programs to enhance safety and security of dairy products, CRIS #[0201092](#)

Objective 3.2A Develop and deliver science-based information and technologies to reduce the number and severity of agricultural pest and disease outbreaks, (Plant protection)

KAs 204, 211, Breeding vegetables for pest and stress tolerance, CRIS #[0060591](#)

Objective 3.2B Develop and deliver science-based information and technologies to reduce the number and severity of agricultural pest and disease outbreaks, (Animal protection)

KA 311, Emerging infectious diseases poultry, CRIS #[0175567](#)

Goal 4: Improve the Nation's Nutrition and Health

Objective 4.1 Improve human health by better understanding the nutrient requirements of individuals and the nutritional value of foods

KA 702, The impact of eliminating sodas in the school environment on the calorie and calcium intake of adolescents, CRIS #[0185078](#)

KA 702, N-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids and human health and disease, CRIS #[0194850](#)

Objective 4.2 Promote healthier food choices and lifestyles

KA 703, Food-store based program to improve diet and reduce risk for obesity & chronic disease, CRIS #[0202751](#)

Goal 5: Protect and Enhance the Nation's Natural Resource Base and Environment

Objective 5.1 Provide science-based knowledge and education to improve the management of forest and rangeland

KA 121/122, Response of a Missouri River breaks riparian ecosystem to prescribed fire, CRIS #[0192395](#)

Objective 5.2 Provide science-based knowledge and education to improve the management of soil, air, and water resources to support production and enhance the environment

KA 133/723, Hazardous substances, safeguard human and environmental health (security of people's safety and health and rapid responses to terrorist threats), CRIS #[0194236](#)

P&A Draft Criteria for Exemplary CRIS reports:

Accurate coding of applicable knowledge area(s)

Title conveys content and relevance both to the public and to scientists

Clear statement of the project objectives, identifying national problem and intelligible both to the public and to scientists in relevant disciplines

Coherent statement of the steps to be used to address the problem

Project overview and objectives directly linked to the outcomes and impacts

Informative statement of progress to date reported

Concrete description of actual or planned project outcomes and relation to longer-term outcomes (a/k/a impacts), relating them to initial national problem and to progress useful for scientists in relevant disciplines for future efforts.

Publications and other products listed relate directly to the funded research (and ideally give an Internet link or other source).

To be sought:

Reports that provide useful information for program management, planning future RFAs, and evaluation of progress towards solving national problems.

Relevant, good quality, well-performing project outcomes.

(Note: Outcomes are more than publications. Research publications can serve as markers that illustrate how far work in a particular area has progressed – but publications are better used *if* results are picked up by other scientists, developed, taught, used in extension programs, etc.

To be avoided:

Abstract statements of progress and/or outcomes that leave it unclear as to whether and how the project has actually progressed.

Outcomes and impacts missing, or expressed only in the future tense throughout the duration of the project.

Long lists of (possibly only tangentially relevant?) citations to publications