



How is USDA Research Working for Idaho?

In FY 2012, Idaho received:

- **\$17 million** from the Agriculture Research Service (ARS)
- **\$2.1 million** from the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

Agriculture Research Investments in Idaho

- Idaho has **4 ARS research units** including:
 - Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research
 - Watershed Management Research
- **The University of Idaho** has 3 AFRI grants worth more than **\$700,000**

AFRI funding is being used to build a new device that can more accurately assess the water content in soil, which will allow for more efficient agriculture water management practices.

Oilseed crops have traditionally been used as biofuels. However, researchers are using an AFRI grant to show that oilseed crops can also be used in pesticide production and as a livestock feed source.

Small Business Benefits in Idaho

- Idaho small businesses received **\$550,000** through the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs within USDA

In Moscow, **Biotracking, LLC** is developing a new method for simple, accurate and sensitive detection of foodborne pathogens, which cause ~30 million cases of human illness each year.

Agriculture Value in Idaho

- Idaho has **24,500 farms** that account for **\$7.6 billion in total commodities**, **\$2.4 billion in agricultural exports** and nearly **69,000 jobs**
- U.S. public investments in agriculture research and development **produce benefit-cost ratios of 20:1 and higher**