

(Received by email, July 20, 2005)

Dear Jerry, NRSP-8 Species Coordinators, and members of the NRSP-8 committee,

Thank you for your follow-up letter of July 13 in response to our request to identify the species-based priority areas for the National Research Initiative Program 43.1, Animal Genome Reagents and Tool Development. I was pleased to see that the NRSP-8 species coordinators have identified their priorities for resources both for species which have their genome sequenced and for those which lack genome sequences.

As stated in my February 25th letter, we are in the process of focusing our animal genome programs to advance our understanding of agriculturally important animals and aquatic species, and to ensure that limited resources have the maximal impact on CSREES's mission and goals. Your input is essential to this process.

The top priorities stated in your letter represent a clear focus for future research and funding consideration. We sincerely appreciate and value this input, and we look forward to continued interaction in the future.

Sincerely,

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