Session 4: USDA- Developing New Technologies for Healthier Food Choices

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Overview of the USDA, Agricultural Research Service

- In-house research arm of USDA
- Farm-to-table research scope
- 21 National programs
- ~1,000 research projects
- Partnerships with universities and industry
- 8,300+ employees
- ~2,500 scientists and post docs
- 100+ locations
- $1.2 billion annual budget
- Additional funds external competitive grants and other research agreements
Mission: Agricultural Research Service

Conduct research to:

• Ensure high quality, safe food and other products;
• Assess the nutritional needs of Americans;
• Sustain a competitive agricultural economy;
• Enhance the natural resource base and the environment;
• Provide economic opportunities to rural citizens and society as a whole.