

**Please refer to the following excerpts from original Congressional Acts and NIFA's Five Priorities in justifying appropriateness of your proposals:**

**Hatch Act**

Act of March 2, 1887, Ch.314, 24 Stat. 440 7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.

As amended August 11, 1955, ch. 790, 68 Stat. 671

Excerpt from Section 2

*"... It shall be the object and duty of the State agricultural experiment stations through the expenditure of the appropriations hereinafter authorized to conduct original and other researches, investigations, and experiments bearing directly on and contributing to the establishment and maintenance of a permanent and effective agricultural industry of the United States, including researches basic to the problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, and such investigations as have for their purpose the development and improvement of the rural home and rural life and the maximum contribution by agriculture to the welfare of the consumer, as may be deemed advisable, having due regard to the varying conditions and needs of the respective States."*

**McIntire-Stennis Act**

Act of October 10, 1962, Public Law 87-788, 76 Stat. 806, 16 U.S.C. 582a, et seq.

Excerpt from Section 7

*"The term "forestry research" as used in this Act shall include investigations relating to " (1) Reforestation and management of land for the production of crops of timber and other related products of the forest; (2) management of forest and related watershed lands to improve conditions of waterflow and to protect resources against floods and erosion; (3) management of forest and related rangeland for production of forage for domestic livestock and game and improvement of food and habitat for wildlife; (4) management of forest lands for outdoor recreation; (5) protection of forest land and resources against fire, insects, diseases, and other destructive agents; (6) utilization of wood and other forest products; (7) development of sound policies for the management of forest lands and the harvesting and marketing of forest products; and (8) such other studies as may be necessary to obtain the fullest and most effective use of forest resources."*

**Animal Health and Disease Research Program**

Section 1433 of Subtitle E (Sections 1429-1439), Title XIV of Public Law 95-113 (7 U.S.C. 3191-3201), as amended, 1981.

**SEC. 1429.** *"It is the purpose of this subtitle to promote the general welfare through the improved health and productivity of domestic livestock, poultry, aquatic animals, and other income-producing animals which are essential to the Nation's food supply and the welfare of producers and consumers of animal products; to improve the health of horses; to facilitate the effective treatment of, and, where possible, prevent animal and poultry diseases in both domesticated and wild animals which, if not controlled, would be disastrous to the United States livestock and poultry industries and endanger the Nation's food supply; to minimize livestock and poultry losses due to transportation and handling; to protect human health through control of animal diseases transmissible to humans; to improve methods of controlling the births of predators and other animals; and otherwise to promote the general welfare through expanded programs of research and extension to improve animal health."*