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> **BIOENERGY, CLIMATE, AND ENVIRONMENT** FOOD PRODUCTION AND SUSTAINABILITY YOUTH, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Programs of Potential Interest to Weed Scientists

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Supplemental & Alternative Crops

- Focus is on canola and industrial hemp
- FY22 budget = \$ 2 million
- RFA will be released in about 45 days
- Colleges and, other Federal agencies, and private sector entities are eligible to submit applications



Alfalfa Seed and Alfalfa Forage Systems

- Only alfalfa considered
- FY22 budget = \$3.5 million
- RFA already in clearance
- Applications may only be submitted by (1) State agricultural experiment stations; (2) Colleges and universities; (3) University research foundations; (4) Other research institutions and organizations; (5) Federal agencies; (6) National laboratories; (7) Private organizations, foundations or corporations; (8) Individuals who are United States citizens or nationals; or (9) A group consisting of two or more of the entities described in (1) through (8)



Specialty Crop Research Initiative

- Fruits and vegetable, tree nuts, dried fruit, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture
- FY22 budget = \$80 million
- Deadline for pre-app passed RFPA for FY23 around Oct 1, 2022
- Federal agencies, national laboratories, colleges and universities, research institutions and organizations, private organizations or corporations, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, Cooperative Extension Services, individuals, or groups consisting of two or more of these entities



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