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Food Safety Grants Awarded

More than \$12 million in food-safety grants were awarded to universities nationwide this week. The grants will focus on addressing priority food-safety issues by integrating applied research, classroom education and outreach to consumers and industry through the National Integrated Food Safety Initiative (NIFSI).

The research funded by these grants will help us to find new and innovative ways to ensure we continue to have the safest food supply in the world," Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said. "The research projects will address food safety issues ranging from on-farm production, post-harvest processing and distribution, to food selection, preparation and consumption."

The NIFSI grant program is an annual grant program open to faculty from all four-year colleges and universities. Researchers and educators may apply for up to \$600,000 per grant. This year, an average of \$500,000 was awarded to support integrated food-safety projects at 16 U.S. colleges and universities.