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- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
 - January 2 Federal Register Notice (74 FR 70)
- 22% indirect cost cap for noncompetitive and competitive programs
- Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
 - Anticipate issuing RFA by end of January
- General Grant Administrative Provisions for Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-formula Grant Programs—7 CFR 3430
 - Interim final rule published August 1, 2008 (73 FR 44897)
- Biomass Research and Development Initiative pilot using ASAP
- 2009 National Extension and Research Administrative Officers' Conference (NERAOC) will be held the week of April 26 in Baltimore, MD.
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<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/training.html>.