**October 22, 2021:**

We are pleased to announce an Informational Webinar for researchers interested in learning about the joint Cornell University/Colorado State University Agri-food Systems Targeted Applied Research (ASTAR) pilot small grants program. This webinar will be streamed live starting at 2:30 PM Eastern Time on November 4, 2021. We are requesting participants to register ([here](https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8cvDZOcPSBOLgGLKrBkwrw)) for this event. It is free and open to anyone interested in applying for an [ASTAR Grant](https://astar.business.cornell.edu/astar.html). A video of the webinar will also be available for streaming afterwards—a link will be posted on the [ASTAR program website](https://astar.business.cornell.edu/index.html).

Run in coordination with, and financial support from USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS), ASTAR will support research that uses or strengthens Ag-FEEDS (Agri-Food Environmental Economic Data System). Ag-FEEDS is a collection of recent and historical country Supply, Use, and Input-Output (IO) tables that are organized into an economywide agri-food value chain (AVC) data and modeling framework using the [ERS food dollar method](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ers.usda.gov%2Fpublications%2Fpub-details%2F%3Fpubid%3D44827&data=04%7C01%7Cdawn.thilmany%40colostate.edu%7Ca5b9679acc1545aec07708d982890149%7Cafb58802ff7a4bb1ab21367ff2ecfc8b%7C0%7C0%7C637684347240776956%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GMwHULMnEiVrg%2FVO%2F6UJutUXgsCgLgeIaaz7zgKJsLk%3D&reserved=0). The ASTAR request for proposals and the proposal template are available online at <https://astar.business.cornell.edu/>. Please direct all questions to the ASTAR Program Coordinator at [ASTAR@cornell.edu](mailto:%20ASTAR@cornell.edu).

The full webinar program agenda is posted below:

**Agri-food Systems Targeted Applied Research (ASTAR) Grants**

**Informational Webinar**

**November 4, 2021**

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| **Activity** | **Speaker(s)** | **Time (EDT)** |
| **I. Opening Remarks** |  |  |
| Towards a harmonized United States and Global Agri-food Systems Data Development and Research Agenda | Professor’s Chris Barrett (Cornell) and Dawn Thilmany (Colorado State),  ASTAR Principal Investigators | 2:30 pm |
| **II. Economic Research Service (ERS) Agri-food Systems Research Priority Overviews** | | |
| Food Economics Division (FED) Agri-food Systems Research Priorities | Quinton Baker  ERS/FED | 2:40 pm |
| Markets and Trade Economics Division (MTED) Agri-food Systems Research Priorities | Steven Zahniser & Jeffrey Bloem ERS/MTED | 2:45 pm |
| Resources and Rural Economy Division (RRED) Agri-food Systems Research Priorities | Ron Sands & Karen Maguire, ERS/RRED | 2:50 pm |
| **III. Overview of Ag-FEEDS, ASTAR Tech Support, and the ERS/Cornell FEDS Project** | | |
| Overview of the **Ag**ri**-F**ood **E**nvironmental **E**conomic **D**ata **S**ystem (Ag-FEEDS) | Pat Canning  ERS/FED | 2:55 pm |
| Overview of the **ASTAR** Database Server and IT infrastructure | Jing Yi, ASTAR Project Manager  Cornell | 3:05 pm |
| Overview of the ERS/Cornell **F**ood **E**nvironment **D**ata **S**ystem (FEDS) Project | Miguel Gomez, Professor  Cornell | 3:10 pm |
| **IV. Open Discussion and Audience Questions & Answers (Q&A)** | | 3:15 pm |
| **Adjourn**  **(or up to 30-minute overtime Q&A)** | | 3:30 pm (4:00 pm) |