

Road Map



The following list outlines our priorities, as identified by 496 stakeholders (surveyed in spring 2006) and faculty (from state initiatives and working groups, 2003-2005).

Ensure a sustainable, profitable and competitive food and fiber system in Arizona

Livestock production—help livestock producers:

- Prevent potential threats by developing an early warning system to detect new emerging diseases, the resurgence of well-known diseases, and the introduction of foreign animal diseases into the United States.
- Design management systems that fit an extensive range environment including livestock production, genetics, nutrition, reproduction, economics, and grazing management.

Crop production—help growers:

- Increase water use efficiency in irrigated crops.
- Use best management practices to enhance sustainable production of plants used for food, fiber, livestock feed, industrial products, and for environmental, aesthetic, recreational, conservation and ornamental purposes.

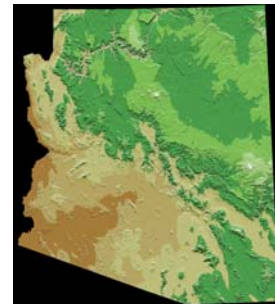


Urban horticulture—help homeowners and landscape managers:

- Increase water use efficiency in home and commercial landscapes.
- Employ best management practices in the selection, installation, care and production of plants used for food, conservation, recreational and ornamental purposes.

Enhance natural resource conservation and management

- Increase public awareness and understanding of water quality and quantity, watershed values, riparian areas, climate science and geospatial tools.
- Work with natural resource managers to improve management of rangeland and forest resources on a sustainable basis using best management practices.



Improve the health, safety and economic security of Arizona individuals, families and communities



- Provide training to help Arizona residents acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors necessary for self-sufficient, healthy lifestyles.
- Equip youth and adults with work and life skills to help them acquire and keep jobs in today's workforce.

Prepare Arizona youth to be productive citizens



- Equip youth with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for life-long learning and a positive future.
 - Engage youth as participants and decision-makers in programs, organizations, and communities of 4-H and beyond.
- Promote the Arizona 4-H Youth Development program among diverse communities in Arizona.



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