

SBARE Stakeholder Input 2021

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Please describe your Agriculture and/or Extension needs and potential solution. *

1. Please give priority to the "healthy soils agenda". Our soil is our most precious natural resource, we need to bring it back to pre homestead conditions so it serves our rural citizens and the world forever. It is the root of all.
2. Please give high value to research into practices that promote persons living and working in rural areas and having adequate family income. Some of our research in farming and ranching practices has created the machinery and chemicals that depleted labor needs and inadvertently reduced our rural communities. If we just build on the present situation with robotic activities we could further this scenario leading to only a few operations per county. Our research could still move into the arena of electronics/robotics but focused on high intensity micro food producing and packaging practices which could revitalize our rural communities with additional citizens.
3. Please support healthy social living research and practices to protect the mental health of our rural citizens so as to enjoy a quality of life equal or better than that found in urban communities. There is far too much family disintegration, suicide, and substance use which suggests we are not doing the best we could.

Thank you for your diligence in preparing recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. I was involved in the forming of SBARE some years back and believe you have been a great help to in making better decisions for our people. Though I live in our largest city I have many rural friends and family. I know these rural communities produce more than crops and animals- they grow a set of values that benefit us all.

Senator Tim Mathern

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