



2025 AGRISCIENCE RESEARCH PROFICIENCY AWARD HANDBOOK UPDATES

Agriscience Research Proficiency Award Areas

2026 (previously announced that 2024 would be the final year) will be the final award of the Agriscience Research Proficiency Awards. Starting in 2027 (instead of 2025), these awards will be recognized as part of the SAE-Based Awards program.

Section Updates

How to Complete the Application Section

Added – Statements about Professional Integrity, Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for National Events, and Code of Conduct.

BASIC SET UP SECTION

PRIMARY PATHWAY – Clarified that one of the eight AFNR Career Pathways must be selected. For only the Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Education award areas Career Ready Practices or Cluster Skills may be selected.

On the application, Foundational type SAE was removed as an option in the Pathway pull-down.

Performance Review Sections – No change for 2025.

Research Projects Section

- On the application, Foundational type SAE was removed as an option in the Pathway area of “Proficiency Type.”

Research Finances Section – No change for 2025.


Research Paper Section – No change for 2025.

Outcomes/Efficiencies Section – No change for 2025.

Skills, Competencies, and Knowledge Section

Clarified: The application provides the opportunity to select 10 **different** indicators: five (5) different indicators from the primary pathway you selected, two (2) different indicators from any AFNR pathway and three (3) different indicators from Cluster Skills and/or Career Ready Practices.

- Do not select the same indicator more than once including indicators used in other sections including indicators used in other sections.

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- Do not be repetitive. Avoid selecting the same indicator multiple times and certainly do not describe the same activity more than once.

Photos Section – No change for 2025.

Supplemental Information Section – No change for 2025.

Rubrics

- Added Notes in the Skills, Competencies and Knowledge Section:
 - If an indicator is duplicated, give a zero score to the entire indicator for the 2nd time the indicator is listed.

