**Classification**

All projects submitted to NIFA must be classified according to standard classification elements which consist of a series of three classification areas:

1. Knowledge Area (KA)
2. Subject of Investigation (SOI)
3. Field of Science (FOS)

Each project must have at least one line of classification; a classification "line" consists of one KA, one SOI, and one FOS. To allow for identification of multiple objectives on a single project, up to ten classification lines may be entered on a single project, and all lines must be assigned a percentage. No line may be less than 10%.

The available codes from which you may choose are defined in the **Classification Manual** which can be found here: <http://cris.csrees.usda.gov/manualviii.pdf>

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| **Research Effort Categories** |
| Basic % |
| Applied % |
| Developmental % |
| *(Must total 100%)* |

**Associated Planned Programs**

Please select the Planned Program which best serves as the "umbrella" under which this project would fall (i.e. this project supports or adds to achieving the overall goals/objectives of the Planned Program.) **You may only choose one Planned Program.**

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|  | Natural Resources and Environment |
|  | Global Food Security and Hunger |
|  | Climate Change |
|  | Sustainable Energy |
|  | Food Safety |
|  | Childhood Obesity |
|  | Human, Family, and Community Health and Well-being |

**Animal Health Component**

If the funding source of your project is Animal Health, the percentage would be 100%. Other types of projects demonstrating animal health research may include animal health percentages; that percentage is subject to the Project Director's discretion and should be entered below. If no portion of this project supports animal health research, leave the percentage at “0”.

% animal health

**Assurance Statements**

1. **Are Human Subjects Involved? Yes No**

If **YES**, you must email an electronic copy of your IRB Approval Form with the approval date and Human Subject Assurance Number to [estradaja@purdue.edu](mailto:richa190@purdue.edu).

1. **Are Vertebrate Animals Used? Yes No**

If **YES**, you must email an electronic copy of your PACUC Approval Form with the approval date and Animal Welfare Assurance Number to [estradaja@purdue.edu](mailto:richa190@purdue.edu).

1. **Does the project involve recombinant DNA? Yes No**

If **YES**, you must email an electronic copy of your IBC Approval Form to [estradaja@purdue.edu](mailto:richa190@purdue.edu).

*STATEMENT OF POLICY - Institutions receiving NIFA funding for research are responsible for protecting human subjects, and providing humane treatment of animals. To provide for the adequate discharge of this responsibility, NIFA policy requires an assurance by the institution’s Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) that appropriate committees in each institution have carried out the initial review of protocols and will conduct continuing reviews of supported projects.*

**Please email this completed form to Julie Estrada at** [**estradaja@purdue.edu**](mailto:richa190@purdue.edu)**.**