

NIFA Critical Issues

- Choose one of the seven NIFA Critical Issues.
- Descriptions of, and examples for, the NIFA Critical Issues are posted here: <https://puext.in/NIFA-Critical-Issues>

› 1 Climate Change, Natural Resources and the Environment, and Sustainable Energy
› 2 Workforce Development
› 3 Positive Youth Development and 4-H Opportunities
› 4 Big Data, Internet of Things, Broadband Access, Digital Literacy, Inclusion, and Innovation
› 5 Human, Family, and Community Health
› 6 Food Production, Security, and Safety
› 7 Urban Agriculture and Urban Extension

- ***Most Faculty, Specialists or Educators will pick just one*** NIFA Critical Issue.
 - This depends on your role. If your work involves more than one NIFA Critical Issue, you can select more than one. ***However***, please be practical about this. If picking a lot of NIFA Critical Issues and tracking them takes up a great deal of your time, you need to select fewer categories and fit in the work you do.

- Some Extension personnel may select more than one based on their role. Here are some possible examples.
 - ANR Specialists or Educators may report ag efforts in
 - “6 – Food Production, Security, and Safety”, and
 - “1 – Climate change, natural resources and the environment, and sustainable energy”.
 - HHS Educators who are involved with ServSafe will select:
 - “2 – Workforce Development”, but may also have other activities in
 - “5 - Human, Family, and Community Health”.
 - CD Educators, based on their activities, might select these two:
 - “2 – Workforce Development”, and
 - “5 – Human, Family, and Community Health”.
 - 4-H Educators who are also the ANR Educator, may record data in:
 - “3 – Positive youth development and 4-H opportunities” and
 - “7 – Urban Agriculture and Urban Extension”.