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Dear Sonny,

It was a pleasure to meet you and your team during my recent trip to Washington. Thank you very much for your letter of 24 August 2017 outlining your interest in exploring opportunities for expanding scientific collaboration between NIFA and CGIAR.

The mission of NIFA, to invest in and advance agricultural research, education, and extension to solve societal challenges, aligns closely to that of CGIAR. The mission of CGIAR is to advance agricultural science and innovation to enable poor people, especially women, to better nourish their families, and improve productivity and resilience so they can share in economic growth, and manage natural resources in the face of climate change.

Considering the strong alignment of missions, and recognition of the benefits that increased collaboration will bring to development challenges, CGIAR is pleased to explore the following activities with NIFA:

1. Opportunities for CGIAR to have NIFA researchers spend time undertaking research at CGIAR centers; and
2. Opportunities for researchers from CGIAR and NIFA to: (a) exchange knowledge, information, and data; (b) discuss technical innovations in agri-food systems; and (c) propose and participate in mission-supportive collaborative research.

Through its association of 15 global research centers, CGIAR brings together a broad range of partners who play a critical role in the adoption of sustainable innovations including government, national research programs, civil society, and the private sector. As an important contributor to achieving the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), CGIAR is uniquely positioned as the world's leading publicly-funded partnership for research and development for sustainable agri-food systems.

We greatly appreciate the interest of NIFA in exploring increased collaboration with the CGIAR, and we look forward to developing these ideas further through additional correspondence and agreements.

Sincerely,



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