

Overall Research Goals of the T-STAR Program

(Valid for FY 2007 Funding)

1. Provide research that maintains and enhances production of established tropical and subtropical agricultural products.
2. Develop agricultural practices in the tropics and subtropics that are environmentally acceptable through an agroecosystems approach.
3. Enhance the role of value-added agriculture in tropical island ecosystems.
4. Expand and diversify presently unexploited food and fiber products which have potential for commercial production in the U.S. tropical and subtropical regions.
5. Expand tropical and subtropical agriculture's linkages to related industries and economic sectors.
6. Develop and deliver user-friendly decision support packages to help client needs.
7. Develop appropriate strategies and tactics to stem the influx of exotic diseases, insects and weeds and to control and/or eliminate extant non-indigenous species and diseases.
8. Enhance the linkages of agricultural and food production and consumption by designing foods and intervention strategies that lead to healthy and productive citizens in the tropical and sub-tropical regions.