

Dear Researchers, Breeders, Database Providers, Funders, Editors, Students, Software Engineers, and other Scientists,

Do you want easy access to better quality data? We are THRILLED to announce that AgBioData (<https://www.agbiodata.org/>) has received a three-year NSF RCN award to expand our community committed to improving quality and access to agricultural data. New activities will include organizing workshops, establishing new working groups, and developing FAIR curriculum for scientists. We are expanding the consortium and welcome new members, especially students, post-docs, big-data scientists, funding agency scientists and members of the scientific publishing community interested in solving common FAIR data issues.

We invite all of you to an important kickoff All-Hands Meeting on Sept 1st at 10 am PDT (find your local time - <https://bit.ly/389VeJA>). At this meeting you will hear about our RCN objectives, the benefits of joining AgBioData, and how YOU can make a difference in the biological data environment for years to come. **Please pre-register** for this meeting at https://iastate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcld-iqqD4vE9awJKcFGnmHwxtCNc_a7UJM

We are also hiring a scientist to coordinate AgBioData activities, outreach and curriculum development. Please help us publicize this opportunity! Applications should be submitted by August 31 to <https://phoenix-bioinformatics.hirehive.com/job/83452/scientific-program-coordinator-newark?source=TAIR>.

Thank you!

The AgBioData Steering Committee:

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About AgBioData: <https://www.agbiodata.org>

AgBioData RCN: https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=2126334