

**Tuesday, July 29**  
**11:30 am – 12:30 pm**  
**Hyatt Regency, Main Level, Lakeshore A**

**Session Title:** Assessing the NRC Committee Review of USDA's Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

**Organizer:** Steve Buccola, Oregon State University

**Speakers:**

Steve Buccola, Oregon State University

Phil Pardey, University of Minnesota

A committee of the National Research Council was recently brought together to assess the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, USDA's competitive-grant program. In the present session, two NRC committee members will review the newly released findings. Discussion will focus on AFRI program management; the size, duration, and complexity of awarded grants; and – perhaps – an initial look at the performance of the studies funded. Audience participation is welcome.