

## ■ Research—A Sound Investment

**R**EE serves people along the entire food and fiber chain—from the farm gate to the consumer's kitchen table. Sound science provides new technology and information useful to Americans as well as people all over the world in their daily lives. The REE agencies develop new products and new uses, improve farming and processing efficiency, explore profitable marketing strategies, increase food safety,

improve human nutrition, and find resource-saving technologies. Studies demonstrate that consumers reap the benefits of investing in agricultural research; every tax dollar invested in the U.S. agricultural system has paid back at least \$1.35. These returns have been broadly shared through lower prices for American consumers, increased international competitiveness for farmers, jobs for working families, and increased profitability in agricultural industries.