

PROPOSAL

Arizona Grain Research and Promotion Council
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TITLE: Small Grain Advisory

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DURATION: December, 2003 to May, 2004

BACKGROUND: Cooperative Extension has a history of sending advisories to their clientele. Examples include the Alfalfa Report and Cotton Advisory. These mailings help growers make crop management decisions. The Small Grain Advisory was started in the 2002-03 crop year at the request of the Arizona Grain Research and Promotion Council.

OBJECTIVES: Develop and distribute a bi-weekly Small Grain Advisory.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: A Small Grain Advisory will be developed for Yuma, La Paz, Mohave, Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, Graham, and Cochise Counties and distributed on a bi-weekly basis through County Cooperative Extension Offices. The advisories will begin in December and end in May. The advisories will contain estimates of crop growth stage and water use based on weather data from AZMET.

BUDGET: \$4500