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FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR LEGUME SYSTEMS RESEARCH

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The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Legume Systems Research fosters dynamic, profitable, and environmentally sustainable approaches that contribute to resilience, productivity, and better nutrition and economic opportunities. The lab is managed by Michigan State University.

From the Management Office

LAST CALL

Grant Writers Workshop concept notes due 2/28

Learn effective strategies on communicating your science to donors and receive individualized expert feedback on how to write winning proposals while competing for start-up grant research funds.

This unique opportunity is **free** to selected candidates.

The two-week virtual grant writers workshop is followed by a proposal writing competition with up to six start-up grants awarded for research in any aspect of the legume value chain specific to cowpea, pigeon pea, or common bean for

work in any of the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Zambia.



The workshops will be led by science communication expert, Mark Bayer of Bayer Strategic Concepts and host of the weekly podcast, [When Science Speaks](#).

Mark empowers and teaches technical professionals to boil down their work into jargon-free engaging narratives that advance their priorities with key decision makers.

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ANNUAL GLOBAL CONVENING **RESCHEDULED**

The public forum for this event has been rescheduled to March 29-30

A banner with a blue top section and a green bottom section. The top section contains the Feed the Future logo and the text 'FEED THE FUTURE The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative'. The middle section features a photograph of a legume field with people working. The bottom right section is a green box with white text: 'Third Annual Global Convening Public Forum March 29-30, 2022'.

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Attention Legume Lab Researchers:
Please also save March 31 for internal project meetings

In the News

Irv Widders and Cynthia Donovan bestowed with knighthood by government of Burkina Faso

Irvin (Irv) E. Widders and Cynthia Donovan were bestowed a knighthood by the West African country of Burkina Faso for their work as past directors of the USAID Feed the Future Legume Innovation Lab led by Michigan State University. Both were recognized for their support of the cowpea research program of L'Institut de l'Environnement et de Recherches Agricoles du Burkina Faso (INERA) and honored for improving the livelihoods of thousands of women artisan cowpea seed producers.

“Irv and Cynthia are both very deserving of this honor. Their individual commitments represent life-long dedication in promoting global food security. It has been a privilege to work with them.” said Barry Pittendrigh, Director of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Legume Systems Research led by Michigan State University.



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Featured Legume of the Month

Cannellini Beans



Cannellini beans are a great way to add fiber, protein, and nutrients into your diet.

Sometimes referred to as Italian white kidney beans, cannellini beans normally are harvested between 75-90 days from planting. They are heart healthy and very popular in Mediterranean cooking and Italian cuisine.

Cooking with Cannellini Beans...

PIZZA BEANS

This Pizza Beans recipe from [Pulses.org](https://pulses.org) is great as an appetizer or snack. You could also make it your main course on a meatless Monday.

In just 20 minutes you will transform canned cannellini beans, cherry tomatoes, fresh basil and mozzarella, along with olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper, and finely grated Parmesan cheese into a warm and comforting dip or topping for your favorite toasted Italian bread.

A great new way to enjoy "pizza"!



[Get the recipe here](#)

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