Data Sharing Practices of Agricultural Researchers and Their Implications for the Land Grant University Mission

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Purpose: This project explores the data management practices and data sharing attitudes among agricultural researchers at two public land grant institutions. The researchers intend to determine how these practices and attitudes serve the mission of the land grant university as stated within the Morrill Act of 1862. This poster shares the initial results of the research project.

Summary & Looking Forward:
- Participants work with data across the life cycle. Fewer than half describe or preserve their data.
- What are the implications for data sharing and preservation as well as the dissemination mission of the Land Grant system?
- Participants relatively unlikely to seek help from librarians.
- Colleagues and Data Managers have influence and may be good sources of training and assistance.
- 44% provide downloadable data freely on the web. 85% say colleagues can request the data.