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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4818) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

This conference agreement includes the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005; the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2005; the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005;

the Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; and other matters included in division J.

DIVISION A – AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

The purpose and intent of the ARS Buildings and Facilities account is to provide new, replacement, and modernized Federal laboratories and facilities needed to carry out and strengthen ARS research and to protect the Government's significant investment in these Federal assets. As noted in House Report 108-584 and Senate Report 108-340, there has been widespread interest in additional construction and renovation of the Department's research facilities throughout the country. The conferees encourage ARS to consider the development of a master plan that deals with ARS programs and related buildings priorities. This will be useful to the Committees in assessing and determining ARS in-house laboratory requirements.

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION SERVICE

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement provides \$660,781,000 for research and education activities instead of \$628,607,000 as proposed by the House and \$628,492,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes bill language for the following items: West Virginia State University as proposed by the Senate instead of West Virginia State College as proposed by the House; and, \$500,000 for resident instruction grants for insular areas as proposed by the House.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

**Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
 Research and Education Activities
 (Dollars in Thousands)**

	FY 2005 Conference
Hatch Act.....	\$180,148
McIntire Stennis Cooperative Forestry.....	22,384
Evans-Allen Program.....	37,000
National Research Initiative.....	181,000
Special Research Grants.....	136,564
Animal Health and Disease (Sec. 1433).....	5,098
1994 Institutions Research Program.....	1,087
Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration (NM, TX, MT).....	1,000
Graduate Fellowship Grants.....	3,000
Institution Challenge Grants.....	5,500
Multicultural Scholars Program.....	998
Hispanic Education Partnership Grants.....	5,645
Secondary/2-year Post-secondary.....	1,000
Capacity Building Grants (1890 Institutions).....	12,411
Payments to the 1994 Institutions.....	2,250
Alaska Native-serving and Native Hawaiian-serving Education Grants.....	3,500
Resident Instruction Grants for Insular Areas.....	500
Subtotal.....	599,085
Federal Administration:	
Ag-based Industrial Lubricants (IA).....	527
Agriculture Development in the American Pacific.....	490
Agriculture Waste Utilization (WV).....	654
Agriculture Water Policy (GA).....	898
Alternative Fuels Characterization Laboratory (ND).....	284
Animal Waste Management (OK).....	298
Aquaculture (OH).....	853
Aquaculture (PA).....	222
Biotechnology Research (MS).....	667
Botanical Research (UT).....	896
Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (IA).....	600
Center for Food Industry Excellence (TX).....	874
Center for Innovative Food Technology (OH).....	1,154
Center for North American Studies (TX).....	1,000
Climate Forecasting (FL).....	3,631
Cotton Research (TX).....	2,500
Council for Agriculture Science and Technology (Funded thru SRG in FY 2004).....	150
Data Information System (REEIS).....	2,444
Dietary Intervention (OH) (Funded thru SRG in FY 2004).....	1,148
Electronic Grants Administration System.....	1,944

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	FY 2005
	<u>Conference</u>
Feed Efficiency (WV).....	152
Global Environmental Management (Funded thru NRCS in 2004).....	1,000
High Value Horticultural Crops (VA).....	572
Hispanic Leadership in Agriculture (TX) (Funded thru SRG in House)	550
Greenhouse Nurseries (OH).....	732
Income Enhancement Demonstration (OH) (Funded thru Extension in FY 2004).	731
Information Technology (GA).....	372
Livestock Marketing Information Center (CO).....	175
Mariculture (NC).....	320
Mississippi Valley State University, Curriculum Development.....	933
Monitoring Agricultural Sewage Sludge Application (OH).....	1,287
Office of Extramural Programs (Grants).....	401
Pasteurization of Shell Eggs (MI).....	1,247
Pay Costs and FERS.....	2,665
Peer Panels.....	312
Phytoremediation Plant Research (OH).....	785
PM-10 Study (WA) (moved from SRG in FY 2004).....	390
Precision Agriculture, Tennessee Valley Research Center (AL).....	604
Produce Pricing (AZ).....	76
Rural Systems (MS).....	311
Salmon Quality Standards (AK).....	167
Shrimp Aquaculture (AZ, HI, MS, MA, SC, LA, TX).....	3,973
Sustainable Agricultural Freshwater Conservation (TX).....	1,820
Urban Silviculture (NY).....	270
Vitis Gene Discovery (MO).....	608
Water Pollutants (WV).....	569
Water Quality (ND).....	443
Wetland Plants (WV).....	190
Total, Federal Administration.....	<u>42,889</u>
Other:	
Alternative Crops.....	1,196
Aquaculture Centers (Sec. 1475).....	4,000
Critical Agricultural Materials Act.....	1,111
Sustainable Agriculture.....	12,500
Total, Other.....	<u>18,807</u>
Total, Research and Education Activities.....	<u>\$660,781</u>

16b.

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Research and Education Activities
Special Research Grants
(Dollars in Thousands)

FY 2005
Conference

Advanced Genetic Technologies (KY).....	\$650
Advanced Spatial Technologies (MS).....	943
Aegilops Cylindricum (Jointed Goatgrass) (WA).....	358
Agricultural Diversification (HI).....	113
Agricultural Diversity/Red River Corridor (MN, ND).....	597
Agriculture Science (OH).....	547
Agriculture Water Usage (GA).....	260
Agroecology (MD).....	390
Air Quality (TX).....	1,074
Alliance for Food Protection (NE, GA).....	316
Alternative Nutrient Management (VT).....	174
Alternative Salmon Products (AK).....	1,108
Alternative Uses for Tobacco (MD).....	335
Animal Disease Research (WY).....	336
Animal Science Food Safety Consortium (AR, KS, IA).....	1,444
Apple Fireblight (MI, NY).....	483
Aquaculture (AR).....	207
Aquaculture (WA, ID).....	770
Aquaculture (LA).....	332
Aquaculture (MS).....	521
Aquaculture (NC).....	280
Aquaculture (VA).....	190
Aquaculture Product and Marketing Development (WV).....	711
Armillaria Root Rot (MI).....	151
Asparagus Technology and Production (WA).....	250
Babcock Institute (WI).....	569
Beef Technology Transfer (MO).....	261
Berry Research (AK).....	1,790
Biobased Nanocomposite Research (ND).....	178
Biomass-based Energy Research (OK, MS).....	1,023
Biotechnology (NC).....	289
Biotechnology Test Production (IA).....	469
Bovine Tuberculosis (MI).....	355
Brucellosis Vaccine (MT).....	444
Center for Public Lands and Rural Economies (UT).....	225
Center for Rural Studies (VT).....	351
Chesapeake Bay Agroecology (MD).....	317
Childhood Obesity and Nutrition (VT).....	192
Citrus Canker (FL).....	474
Citrus Tristeza (WA).....	697

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FY 2005
Conference

Competitiveness of Agricultural Products (WA).....	652
Computational Agriculture (NY).....	241
Cool Season Legume Research (ID, WA).....	569
Cotton Fiber Quality (GA).....	474
Cranberry/Blueberry (MA).....	153
Cranberry/Blueberry Disease and Breeding (NJ).....	355
Crop Integration and Production (SD).....	297
Crop Diversification Center (MO).....	378
Crop Pathogens (NC).....	253
Dairy and Meat Goat Research (TX).....	100
Dairy Farm Profitability (PA).....	472
Delta Rural Revitalization (MS).....	246
Designing Foods for Health (TX).....	1,624
Diaprepes/Root Weevil (FL).....	450
Drought Mitigation (NE).....	213
Drought Management (UT).....	786
Efficient Irrigation (NM, TX).....	1,500
Environmental Biotechnology (RI).....	617
Environmental Research (NY).....	376
Environmental Risk Factors/Cancer (NY).....	219
Environmentally Safe Products (VT).....	746
Ethnobotany Research (AK).....	284
Exotic Pest Diseases (CA).....	1,945
Expanded Wheat Pasture (OK).....	275
Farm Injuries and Illnesses (NC).....	299
Feed Barley for Rangeland Cattle (MT).....	741
Feed Efficiency in Cattle (FL).....	297
Feedstock Conversion (SD).....	673
Fish and Shellfish Technologies (VA).....	457
Food Chain Economic Analysis (IA).....	419
Floriculture (HI).....	355
Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (IA, MO).....	1,549
Food Marketing Policy Center (CT).....	584
Food Quality (AK).....	344
Food Safety (AL).....	1,100
Food Safety (OK, ME).....	556
Food Safety (TX).....	189
Food Safety Research Consortium.....	900
Food Safety Risk Assessment (ND).....	1,377
Food Security (WA).....	401
Food Systems Research Group (WI).....	521
Forages for Advancing Livestock Production (KY).....	393
Forestry (AR).....	465
Fruit/Vegetable Market Analysis (AZ/MO).....	326
Functional Genomics (UT).....	1,484
Future Foods (IL).....	549

16d.

FY 2005
Conference

Generic Commodity Promotions, Research and Evaluation (NY).....	192
Genomics (MS).....	890
Geographic Information System.....	1,716
Global Change.....	2,000
Grain Sorghum (KS).....	137
Grapefruit Juice/Drug Interaction (FL).....	347
Grass Seed Cropping for Sustainable Agriculture (WA, OR, ID).....	454
Grazing Research (WI).....	262
Greenhouse Crop Production (AK).....	449
Horn Fly Research (AL).....	167
Human Nutrition (IA).....	655
Human Nutrition (LA).....	712
Human Nutrition (NY).....	585
Hydroponic Tomato Production (OH).....	180
Illinois-Missouri Alliance for Biotechnology.....	1,179
Improved Dairy Management Practices (PA).....	355
Improved Fruit Practices (MI).....	212
Increasing Shelf Life of Agricultural Commodities (ID).....	829
Infectious Disease Research (CO).....	784
Institute for Biobased Products and Food Science (MT).....	567
Institute for Food Science and Engineering (AR).....	1,119
Integrated Production Systems (OK).....	207
International Arid Lands Consortium (AZ).....	584
Iowa Biotechnology Consortium.....	1,789
Leopold Center Hypoxia Project (IA).....	224
Livestock and Dairy Policy (NY, TX).....	900
Livestock Genome Sequencing (IL).....	821
Livestock Waste (IA).....	268
Lowbush Blueberry Research (ME).....	236
Maple Research (VT).....	133
Meadow Foam (OR).....	262
Michigan Biotechnology Consortium.....	559
Midwest Advanced Food Manufacturing Alliance (NE).....	528
Midwest Agricultural Products (IA).....	617
Midwest Poultry Consortium (IA).....	688
Milk Safety (PA).....	709
Minor Use Animal Drugs.....	588
Molluscan Shellfish (OR).....	351
Montana Sheep Institute.....	574
Multi-commodity Research (OR).....	356
Multi-cropping Strategies for Aquaculture (HI).....	110
National Beef Cattle Genetic Evaluation Consortium (NY).....	786
National Biological Impact Assessment Program (VA).....	253
National Center for Soybean Technology (MO).....	948
Nematode Resistance Genetic Engineering (NM).....	140
Nevada Arid Rangelands Initiative (NV).....	484

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	FY 2005
	<u>Conference</u>
New Crop Opportunities (AK).....	447
New Crop Opportunities (KY).....	730
Nursery, Greenhouse, Turf Specialties (AL).....	275
Oil Resources from Desert Plants (NM).....	213
Organic Cropping (WA).....	362
Organic Waste Utilization (NM).....	94
Oyster Post Harvest Treatment (FL).....	450
Ozone Air Quality (CA).....	404
Pasture and Forage Research (UT).....	225
Peach Tree Short Life (SC).....	267
Perennial Wheat (WA).....	142
Pest Control Alternatives (SC).....	271
Phytophthora Root Rot (NM).....	183
Pierce's Disease (CA).....	2,088
Plant, Drought, and Disease Resistance Gene Cataloging (NM).....	235
Potato Research.....	1,509
Precision Agriculture (KY).....	680
Preharvest Food Safety (KS).....	193
Preservation and Processing Research (OK).....	200
Protein Utilization (IA).....	811
Rangeland Ecosystems (NM).....	284
Regional Barley Gene Mapping Project (OR).....	688
Regionalized Implications of Farm Programs (MO, TX).....	766
Rice Agronomy (MO).....	214
Ruminant Nutrition (MT, ND, SD, WY).....	474
Rural Development Centers (LA, ND).....	232
Rural Obesity (NY).....	189
Rural Policies Institute (NE, IA, MO).....	1,215
Russian Wheat Aphid (CO).....	292
Seafood Harvesting, Processing and Marketing (AK).....	1,067
Seafood and Aquaculture Harvesting, Processing and Marketing (MS)..	269
Seafood Safety (MA).....	439
Seed Research (AK).....	358
Seed Technology (SD).....	357
Small Fruit Research (OR, WA, ID).....	425
Soil and Environmental Quality (DE).....	283
Southwest Consortium for Plant Genetics and Water Resources (NM)...	376
Soybean Cyst Nematode (MO).....	708
Soybean Research (IL).....	963
STEEP III -- Water Quality in Northwest.....	645
Sudden Oak Death (CA).....	94
Sustainable Agriculture (CA).....	519
Sustainable Agriculture (MI).....	387
Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources (PA).....	192
Sustainable Beef Supply (MT).....	945
Sustainable Engineered Materials from Renewable Sources (VA).....	608

	FY 2005
	<u>Conference</u>
Swine and Other Animal Waste Management (NC).....	470
Tick Borne Disease Prevention (RI).....	144
Tillage, Silviculture, Waste Management (LA).....	428
Tri-state Joint Peanut Research (AL).....	567
Tropical Aquaculture (FL).....	213
Tropical and Subtropical Research/T-Star.....	9,474
Uniform Farm Management Program (MN).....	283
Value-added Product Development from Agricultural Resources (MT)..	408
Virtual Plant Database Enhancement Project (MO).....	711
Viticulture Consortium (NY, CA, PA).....	1,850
Water Conservation, (KS).....	75
Water Use Efficiency and Water Quality Enhancements (GA).....	474
Weed Control (ND).....	387
West Nile Virus (IL).....	500
Wetland Plants (LA).....	567
Wheat Genetic Research (KS).....	246
Wheat Sawfly Research (MT).....	525
Wine Grape Foundation Block (WA).....	325
Wood Utilization (OR, MS, NC, MN, ME, MI, ID, TN, AK, WV).....	6,285
Wool Research (TX, MT, WY).....	300
Subtotal, Special Research Grants.....	<u>121,284</u>
Improved Pest Control:	
Expert IPM Decision Support System.....	158
Integrated Pest Management.....	2,439
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4).....	11,235
Pest Management Alternatives.....	1,448
Total, Improved Pest Control.....	<u>15,280</u>
Total, Special Research Grants.....	<u>\$136,564</u>

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The conference agreement provides \$3,000,000 for Graduate Fellowship Grants instead of \$4,500,000 as proposed by the House, and \$2,883,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$5,645,000 for Hispanic Education Partnership Grants as proposed by the House instead of \$4,645,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$1,148,000 for Dietary Intervention in Ohio. Of this amount, \$735,000 is provided for Ohio State University and \$413,000 is for the University of Toledo.

The conference agreement provides \$316,000 for the Alliance for Food Protection. Of this amount, \$158,000 shall be used to continue integrated fruit and vegetable research at the University of Georgia.

The conference agreement provides \$1,108,000 for alternative salmon products research. Of this amount, \$443,000 shall be used to continue research into and development of baby food containing salmon.

The conference agreement provides \$1,549,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute. Of that amount, \$79,000 shall be used to fund the Center for Agricultural and Trade Policies for the Northern Plains Region at North Dakota State University.

The conference agreement provides \$1,790,000 for berry research. Of this amount, \$1,400,000 shall be used for nutraceutical research at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

The conference agreement provides \$528,000 for the Midwest Advanced Food Marketing Alliance in Nebraska. Of this amount, \$98,000 shall be used for food allergens research to be conducted at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Food Allergy Research & Resource Program.

NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

The conference agreement provides \$12,000,000 for the Native American Institutions Endowment Fund as proposed by both the House and Senate.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement provides \$449,225,000 for extension activities instead of \$440,349,000 as proposed by the House and \$443,061,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes bill language for the following: West Virginia State University as proposed by the Senate instead of West Virginia State College as proposed by the House; \$1,981,000 for payments for rural health and safety education as proposed by the Senate; and, \$2,667,000 for grants to youth organizations as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Extension Activities
(Dollars in Thousands)

FY 2005
Conference

Smith-Lever Sections 3(b) and 3(c).....	\$277,742
Smith-Lever Section 3(d):	
Farm Safety.....	4,600
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP).....	58,909
Indian Reservation Agents.....	1,774
Pest Management.....	10,000
Sustainable Agriculture.....	4,100
Youth at Risk.....	7,538
Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification.....	444
Total Section 3(d) Programs.....	87,365
1890 Colleges and Tuskegee.....	33,133
1890 Facilities Grants (Sec. 1447).....	16,912
Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA).....	4,093
Rural Health and Safety Education.....	1,981
Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions.....	3,273
Grants to Youth Organizations.....	2,667
Subtotal.....	427,166
Federal Administration and Special Grants:	
Ag in the Classroom.....	736
Agricultural and Entrepreneurship Education (WI).....	241
Alabama Beef Connection.....	393
Beef Producers Improvement (AR).....	182
Conservation Technology Transfer (WI).....	467
Dairy Education (IA).....	231
Dairy Industry Revitalization (WI).....	300
Diabetes Detection, Prevention (WA).....	1,093
E-commerce (MS).....	334
Efficient Irrigation (NM, TX).....	2,179
Entrepreneurial Alternatives (PA).....	336
Extension Specialist (MS).....	133
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (FARAD)...	812
Food Preparation and Marketing (AK).....	334
Food Product Development (AK).....	476
General Administration.....	5,842
Health Education Leadership (KY).....	850
Iowa Vitality Center.....	250

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	FY 2005
	<u>Conference</u>
National Center for Agriculture Safety (IA).....	243
National Wild Turkey Federation.....	225
Nursery Production (RI).....	297
Nutrition Enhancement (WI).....	973
Ohio-Israel Agriculture Initiative.....	569
Oquirrh Institute.....	284
Pilot Technology Transfer (OK, MS).....	300
Pilot Technology Transfer (WI).....	233
Potato Pest Management (WI).....	379
Range Improvement (NM).....	234
Resilient Communities (NY).....	131
Rural Business Enhancement (WI).....	190
Rural Development (AK).....	688
Rural Development (NM).....	351
Rural Technologies (HI, WI).....	312
Urban Horticulture (WI).....	817
Urban Market Development (NY).....	275
Web-based Agriculture Classes (MO).....	179
Wood Biomass as an Alternative Farm Product (NY)....	190
Total, Federal Administration.....	<u>22,059</u>
Total, Extension Activities.....	<u>\$449,225</u>

Within funds provided for the farm safety program, the conference agreement includes \$4,600,000 for the AgrAbility project as proposed by the House instead of \$3,312,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$736,000 for Ag in the Classroom. Of that amount, no less than \$125,000 shall be used to expand efforts in Illinois to promote consumption of healthy foods and proper school nutrition.

The conference agreement provides \$973,000 for nutrition enhancement. Of this amount, \$25,000 shall be used for a cooperative agreement with the Research Institute of Family Health and Wellness at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement provides \$55,153,000 for integrated activities instead of \$66,255,000 as proposed by the House and \$57,242,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

**Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Integrated Activities
(Dollars in Thousands)**

	FY 2005 <u>Conference</u>
Water Quality.....	\$12,971
Food Safety.....	14,967
Regional Pest Management Centers.....	4,200
Crops at Risk from FQPA Implementation.....	1,400
FQPA Risk Mitigation Program for Major Food Crop Systems...	4,500
Methyl Bromide Transition Program.....	3,131
Organic Transition Program.....	1,889
International Science and Education Grants Program.....	1,000
Critical Issues Program.....	750
Regional Rural Development Centers Program.....	1,345
Homeland Security, Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative.....	9,000
Total, Integrated Activities.....	<u>\$55,153</u>

19a.

OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

The conference agreement provides \$5,935,000 for Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers as proposed by both the House and Senate.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

The conference agreement provides \$721,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs as proposed by the House instead of \$733,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$814,623,000 for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) instead of \$831,823,000 as proposed by the House and \$786,866,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees direct that projects identified in House Report 108-193, Senate Report 108-107, and House Report 108-401 that were directed to be funded in fiscal year 2004 are not funded for fiscal year 2005 unless specifically mentioned in this conference report and the reports of the House and Senate that accompany this Act. Further, the conferees direct APHIS not to redirect funding for programs and activities without prior notification to and approval by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations in accordance with the reprogramming procedures specified in this Act.

The following table reflects the conference agreement: