

National Research Initiative

Paragraph for member request letters going to the House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittees:

I support the president's budget request for the National Research Initiative. This is the flagship competitive grants program funded through USDA's Cooperative Research, Education, and Extension Service. Currently, CSREES is able to fund only a small fraction of the meritorious research proposals that it receives. I am a strong supporter of competitively-awarded agriculture research grants and believe that the NRI should be funded at \$180 million for F.Y. 2005.

Note: Form for House members on reverse of this sheet.

**Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
FY 2005 Funding Request Form**

For each and every project that is requested within your Member's letter, please enter the corresponding information on the form below. Each request requires a completed form. Requests will not be considered unless they are documented in either an official member letter or testimony and electronically transmitted via the form below. All member requests are due no later than March 25, 2004. Please follow the numerical steps and enter applicable information relating to your project request. An "*" indicates a required field. Please contact the Appropriations Committee staff at x5-2718 with questions, problems, or concerns about this form.

Step 1: Member Information

*Member Name: ▼

*Staff point of contact and direct phone number:

Related members or co-signers:

Step 2: Project Information

*Agency: ▼

Account: ▼

*Project Name:

Priority (1 is highest): ▼

New Project: ▼

Project Description:

Description of Project's Legal Authorization and previous funding:

*Request *Requesting Amount \$

FY 05 share: ▼ << Leave this blank

Local share: ▼ << Leave this blank

OR

*Request Description: