

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES PRO-  
GRAMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

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Mr. BONILLA, from the committee of conference,  
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2744]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2744) “making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes”, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

*That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, namely:*

*TITLE I*

*AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS*

*PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING*

*OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY*

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, \$5,127,000: Provided, That not to exceed \$11,000 of this amount shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary.*

*tural Research Center: Provided further, That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replacement of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): Provided further, That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to the purchase of land at Florence, South Carolina: Provided further, That funds may be received from any State, other political subdivision, organization, or individual for the purpose of establishing or operating any research facility or research project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized by law: Provided further, That the Secretary, through the Agricultural Research Service, or successor, is authorized to lease approximately 40 acres of land at the Central Plains Experiment Station, Nunn, Colorado, to the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, for its Shortgrass Steppe Biological Field Station, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary deems in the public interest: Provided further, That the Secretary understands that it is the intent of the University to construct research and educational buildings on the subject acreage and to conduct agricultural research and educational activities in these buildings: Provided further, That as consideration for a lease, the Secretary may accept the benefits of mutual cooperative research to be conducted by the Colorado State University and the Government at the Shortgrass Steppe Biological Field Station: Provided further, That the term of any lease shall be for no more than 20 years, but a lease may be renewed at the option of the Secretary on such terms and conditions as the Secretary deems in the public interest: Provided further, That the Agricultural Research Service may convey all rights and title of the United States, to a parcel of land comprising 19 acres, more or less, located in Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 14 East in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, originally conveyed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi, and described in instruments recorded in Deed Book 306 at pages 553-554, Deed Book 319 at page 219, and Deed Book 33 at page 115, of the public land records of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, including facilities, and fixed equipment, to the Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, in their "as is" condition, when vacated by the Agricultural Research Service: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available to carry out research related to the production, processing, or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products.*

#### BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

*For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture, where not otherwise provided, \$131,195,000, to remain available until expended.*

#### COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION SERVICE

##### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

*For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and for other expenses, \$676,849,000, as follows: to carry out the provisions of the Hatch*

Act of 1887 (7 U.S.C. 361a-i), \$178,757,000; for grants for cooperative forestry research (16 U.S.C. 582a through a-7), \$22,230,000; for payments to the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University (7 U.S.C. 3222), \$37,591,000, of which \$1,507,496 shall be made available only for the purpose of ensuring that each institution shall receive no less than \$1,000,000; for special grants for agricultural research (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)), \$128,223,000; for special grants for agricultural research on improved pest control (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)), \$14,798,000; for competitive research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), \$183,000,000; for the support of animal health and disease programs (7 U.S.C. 3195), \$5,057,000; for supplemental and alternative crops and products (7 U.S.C. 3319d), \$1,187,000; for grants for research pursuant to the Critical Agricultural Materials Act (7 U.S.C. 178 et seq.), \$1,102,000, to remain available until expended; for the 1994 research grants program for 1994 institutions pursuant to section 536 of Public Law 103-382 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), \$1,039,000, to remain available until expended; for rangeland research grants (7 U.S.C. 3333), \$1,000,000; for higher education graduate fellowship grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(6)), \$3,738,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); for a veterinary medicine loan repayment program pursuant to section 1415A of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), \$500,000; for higher education challenge grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1)), \$5,478,000; for a higher education multicultural scholars program (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)), \$998,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); for an education grants program for Hispanic-serving Institutions (7 U.S.C. 3241), \$6,000,000; for noncompetitive grants for the purpose of carrying out all provisions of 7 U.S.C. 3242 (section 759 of Public Law 106-78) to individual eligible institutions or consortia of eligible institutions in Alaska and in Hawaii, with funds awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Hawaii, \$3,250,000; for a secondary agriculture education program and 2-year post-secondary education (7 U.S.C. 3152(j)), \$1,000,000; for aquaculture grants (7 U.S.C. 3322), \$3,968,000; for sustainable agriculture research and education (7 U.S.C. 5811), \$12,400,000; for a program of capacity building grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4)) to colleges eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321-326 and 328), including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University, \$12,312,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); for payments to the 1994 Institutions pursuant to section 534(a)(1) of Public Law 103-382, \$2,250,000; for resident instruction grants for insular areas under section 1491 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3363), \$500,000; and for necessary expenses of Research and Education Activities, \$50,471,000, of which \$2,587,000 for the Research, Education, and Economics Information System and \$2,051,000 for the Electronic Grants Information System, are to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available to carry out research related to the production, processing, or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products: Provided further, That this paragraph shall not apply to research on the medical, biotechnological, food, and industrial uses of tobacco.

## NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

*For the Native American Institutions Endowment Fund authorized by Public Law 103-382 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), \$12,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

*For payments to States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$455,955,000, as follows: payments for cooperative extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, to be distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of said Act, and under section 208(c) of Public Law 93-471, for retirement and employees' compensation costs for extension agents, \$275,730,000; payments for extension work at the 1994 Institutions under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)), \$3,273,000; payments for the nutrition and family education program for low-income areas under section 3(d) of the Act, \$62,634,000; payments for the pest management program under section 3(d) of the Act, \$9,960,000; payments for the farm safety program under section 3(d) of the Act, \$4,563,000; payments for New Technologies for Ag Extension under section 3(d) of the Act, \$1,500,000; payments to upgrade research, extension, and teaching facilities at the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University, as authorized by section 1447 of Public Law 95-113 (7 U.S.C. 3222b), \$16,777,000, to remain available until expended; payments for youth-at-risk programs under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act, \$7,728,000; for youth farm safety education and certification extension grants, to be awarded competitively under section 3(d) of the Act, \$444,000; payments for carrying out the provisions of the Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.), \$4,060,000; payments for Indian reservation agents under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act, \$1,996,000; payments for sustainable agriculture programs under section 3(d) of the Act, \$4,067,000; payments for rural health and safety education as authorized by section 502(i) of Public Law 92-419 (7 U.S.C. 2662(i)), \$1,965,000; payments for cooperative extension work by the colleges receiving the benefits of the second Morrill Act (7 U.S.C. 321-326 and 328) and Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University, \$33,868,000, of which \$1,724,884 shall be made available only for the purpose of ensuring that each institution shall receive no less than \$1,000,000; for grants to youth organizations pursuant to section 7630 of title 7, United States Code, \$2,000,000; and for necessary expenses of Extension Activities, \$25,390,000.*

## INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

*For the integrated research, education, and extension grants programs, including necessary administrative expenses, \$55,792,000, as follows: for competitive grants programs authorized under section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7626), \$45,792,000, including \$12,867,000 for the water quality program, \$14,847,000 for the food safety program, \$4,167,000 for the regional pest management centers program, \$4,464,000 for the Food Quality Protection Act risk mitigation program for major food crop systems, \$1,389,000 for the*

crops affected by Food Quality Protection Act implementation, \$3,106,000 for the methyl bromide transition program, and \$1,874,000 for the organic transition program; for a competitive international science and education grants program authorized under section 1459A of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3292b), to remain available until expended, \$1,000,000; for grants programs authorized under section 2(c)(1)(B) of Public Law 89-106, as amended, \$744,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007 for the critical issues program, and \$1,334,000 for the regional rural development centers program; and \$10,000,000 for the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative authorized under section 1484 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Act of 1977, to remain available until September 30, 2007.

OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279), \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to administer programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; the Agricultural Marketing Service; and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; \$724,000.

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary to prevent, control, and eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases; to carry out inspection, quarantine, and regulatory activities; and to protect the environment, as authorized by law, \$815,461,000, of which \$4,140,000 shall be available for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, animal diseases and for control of pest animals and birds to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions; of which \$39,000,000 shall be used for the boll weevil eradication program for cost share purposes or for debt retirement for active eradication zones; of which \$33,340,000 shall be available for a National Animal Identification program: Provided, That no funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucellosis eradication program for the current fiscal year that does not require minimum matching by the States of at least 40 percent: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed four, of which two shall be for replacement only: Provided further, That, in addition, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the agricultural production industry of this country, the Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds available to the agencies or corporations of the Department such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be available

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION  
SERVICE

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement provides \$676,849,000 for research and education activities instead of \$662,546,000 as proposed by the House and \$652,231,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$500,000 for resident instruction grants for insular areas.

The conference agreement provides \$500,000 for the implementation of the National Veterinary Medical Services Act.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
Research and Education Activities	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	2006
	Conference
Hatch Act.....	\$178,757
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry.....	22,230
Evans-Allen Program.....	37,591
National Research Initiative.....	183,000
State Agricultural Experiment Station Competitive Grants Program (SAES).....	0
Special Research Grants.....	143,021
Animal Health and Disease (Sec. 1433).....	5,057
1994 Institutions Research Program.....	1,039
Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration (NM, TX, MT).....	1,000
Graduate Fellowship Grants.....	3,738
Institution Challenge Grants.....	5,478
Multicultural Scholars Program.....	998
Hispanic Education Partnership Grants.....	6,000
Secondary/2-year Post-secondary.....	1,000
Capacity Building Grants (1890 Institutions).....	12,312
Payments to the 1994 Institutions.....	2,250
Alaska Native-serving and Native Hawaiian-serving Education Grants.....	3,250
Resident Instruction Grants for Insular Areas.....	500
Veterinary Medical Services Act.....	500
Subtotal.....	607,721
Federal Administration:	
Ag-based Industrial Lubricants (IA).....	549
Agriculture Development in the American Pacific.....	486
Agriculture Waste Utilization (WV).....	690
Agriculture Water Policy (GA).....	891
Alternative Fuels Characterization Laboratory (ND).....	282
Animal Waste Management (OK).....	396
Applied Agriculture and Environmental Research (CA).....	1,000
Aquaculture (OH).....	900
Aquaculture (PA).....	220
Biodesign and Processing Research Center (VA).....	950
Biotechnology Research (MS).....	687
Botanical Research (UT).....	900
Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (IA).....	595
Center for Food Industry Excellence (TX).....	1,367
Center for Innovative Food Technology (OH).....	1,145
Center for North American Studies (TX).....	1,000
Climate Forecasting (FL).....	3,602
Cotton Research (TX).....	2,500
Council for Agriculture Science and Technology.....	149
Data Information System (REEKS).....	2,587
Dietary Intervention (OH).....	1,250
Electronic Grants Administration System.....	2,051

Feed Efficiency (WV).....	160
Global Environmental Management.....	1,000
High Value Horticultural Crops (VA).....	725
Hispanic Leadership in Agriculture (TX).....	546
Greenhouse Nurseries (OH).....	726
Income Enhancement Demonstration (OH).....	0
Information Technology (GA).....	369
Livestock Marketing Information Center (CO).....	174
Mariculture (NC).....	317
Mississippi Valley State University, Curriculum Development.....	1,433
Monitoring Agricultural Sewage Sludge Application (OH).....	1,287
NE Center for Invasive Plants (CT, VT, ME).....	425
Office of Extramural Programs (Grants).....	423
Pasteurization of Shell Eggs (MI).....	1,350
Pay Costs and FERS.....	3,112
Peer Panels.....	310
Phytoremediation Plant Research (OH).....	779
PM-10 Study (WA).....	387
Precision Agriculture, Tennessee Valley Research Center (AL).....	599
Produce Pricing (AZ).....	100
Rio Grande/Rio Bravo (TX) Physical Assessment.....	350
Rural Systems (MS).....	308
Salmon Quality Standards (AK).....	166
Shrimp Aquaculture (AZ, HI, MS, MA, SC, LA, TX).....	4,200
Sustainable Agricultural Freshwater Conservation (TX).....	1,850
University of Hawaii.....	3,000
Urban Silviculture (NY).....	270
Vitis Gene Discovery (MO).....	608
Water Pollutants (WV).....	600
Water Quality (ND).....	500
Wetland Plants (WV).....	200
Total, Federal Administration.....	50,471
Other:	
Alternative Crops.....	1,187
Aquaculture Centers (Sec. 1475).....	3,968
Critical Agricultural Materials Act.....	1,102
Sustainable Agriculture.....	12,400
Total, Other.....	18,657
Total, Research and Education Activities.....	676,849

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
Research and Education Activities	
Special Research Grants	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	2006
	Conference
Advanced Computing Research and Education (UT).....	\$545
Advanced Genetic Technologies (KY).....	645
Advanced Spatial Technologies (MS).....	936
Aegilops Cylindricum (Jointed Goatgrass) (WA, ID).....	355
Agricultural Diversification (HI).....	221
Agricultural Diversity/Red River Corridor (MN, ND).....	622
Agriculture Science (OH).....	570
Agriculture Water Usage (GA).....	0
Agroecology (MD).....	406
Air Quality (CA).....	300
Air Quality (TX, KS).....	1,574
Alliance for Food Protection (NE).....	157
Alternative Nutrient Management (VT).....	182
Alternative Salmon Products (AK).....	1,099
Alternative Uses for Tobacco (MD).....	332
Animal Disease Research (WY).....	350
Animal Science Food Safety Consortium (AR, KS, IA).....	1,432
Apple Fire Blight (MI, NY).....	500
Aquaculture (AR).....	205
Aquaculture (FL, CA, TX).....	600
Aquaculture (WA, ID).....	764
Aquaculture (LA).....	329
Aquaculture (MS).....	517
Aquaculture (NC).....	325
Aquaculture (VA).....	200
Aquaculture Product and Marketing Development (WV).....	750
Armillaria Root Rot (MI).....	151
Asparagus Technology and Production (WA).....	248
Avian Bioscience (DE).....	190
Babcock Institute (WI).....	600
Barley for Rural Development (MT, ID).....	735
Beef Technology Transfer (MO).....	259
Beef Improvement Research (TX, MO).....	1,000
Berry Research (AK).....	1,300
Biobased Nanocomposite Research (ND).....	177
Biomass-based Energy Research (OK, MS).....	1,200
Biotechnology (NC).....	287
Biotechnology Research (IL).....	100
Biotechnology Test Production (IA).....	465
Bovine Tuberculosis (MI).....	356
Brucellosis Vaccine (MT).....	440
Center for Public Lands and Rural Economies (UT).....	300
Center for Rural Studies (VT).....	365
Chesapeake Bay Agroecology (MD).....	314
Childhood Obesity and Nutrition (VT).....	201
Citrus Canker (FL).....	500
Citrus Tristeza (WA).....	691
Competitiveness of Agricultural Products (WA).....	679
Computational Agriculture (NY).....	239
Cool Season Legume Research (ID, WA, ND).....	564
Cotton Fiber Quality (GA).....	0
Cotton Insect Management (GA).....	494
Cranberry/Blueberry (MA).....	160
Cranberry/Blueberry Disease and Breeding (NJ).....	650
Crop Integration and Production (SD).....	300
Crop Diversification Center (MO).....	375
Crop Pathogens (NC).....	325
Dairy and Meat Goat Research (TX).....	150
Dairy Farm Profitability (PA).....	500

Delta Rural Revitalization (MS).....	250
Designing Foods for Health (TX).....	2,000
Diaprepes Root Weevil (FL).....	500
Drought Mitigation (NE).....	222
Drought Management (UT).....	800
Efficient Irrigation (NM, TX).....	1,675
Environmental Biotechnology (RI).....	643
Environmental Research (NY).....	373
Environmental Risk Factors/Cancer (NY).....	217
Environmentally Safe Products (VT).....	750
Ethnobotany Research (AK).....	250
Exotic Pest Diseases (CA).....	1,929
Expanded Wheat Pasture (OK).....	323
Farm Injuries and Illnesses (NC).....	0
Feed Barley for Rangeland Cattle (MT).....	0
Feed Efficiency in Cattle (FL).....	400
Feedstock Conversion (SD).....	675
Fish and Shellfish Technologies (VA).....	476
Food Chain Economic Analysis (IA).....	416
Floriculture (HI).....	352
Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (IA, MO).....	1,612
Food Marketing Policy Center (CT).....	579
Food Quality (AK).....	275
Food Safety (AL).....	1,146
Food Safety (OK, ME).....	552
Food Safety (TX).....	200
Food Safety Research Consortium (NY).....	1,000
Food Safety Initiatives (ND).....	1,425
Food Security (WA).....	398
Food Systems Research Group (WI).....	550
Forages for Advancing Livestock Production (KY).....	390
Forestry Research (AR).....	461
Fruit and Berry Crop Trials for Rural Villages (AK).....	500
Fruit and Vegetable Market Analysis (AZ, MO).....	350
Functional Genomics (UT).....	1,485
Future Foods (IL).....	666
Generic Commodity Promotions, Research and Evaluation (NY).....	191
Genetically Enhanced Plants for Micro-nutrients and	0
Bio-renewable Oils (MO).....	740
Genomics (MS).....	1,140
Geographic Information System.....	1,802
Global Change/ Ultraviolet Radiation.....	2,184
Grain Sorghum (KS, TX).....	736
Grapefruit Juice/Drug Interaction (FL).....	344
Grass Seed Cropping for Sustainable Agriculture (WA, OR, ID).....	450
Grazing Research (WI).....	260
Greenhouse Crop Production (AK).....	300
Hardwood Scanning (IN).....	300
Horn Fly Research (AL).....	200
Human Nutrition (IA).....	650
Human Nutrition (LA).....	706
Human Nutrition (NY).....	580
Hydroponic Tomato Production (OH).....	179
Illinois-Missouri Alliance for Biotechnology.....	1,170
Improved Dairy Management Practices (PA).....	352
Improved Fruit Practices (MI).....	212
Increasing Shelf Life of Agricultural Commodities (ID).....	863
Infectious Disease Research (CO).....	817
Institute for Biobased Products and Food Science (MT).....	563
Institute for Food Science and Engineering (AR).....	1,119
Integrated Fruit and Vegetable Research (GA).....	256
Integrated Production Systems (OK).....	255
International Arid Lands Consortium (AZ).....	579
Iowa Biotechnology Consortium.....	1,775
Leopold Center Hypoxia Project (IA).....	222
Livestock and Dairy Policy (NY, TX).....	1,000
Livestock Genome Sequencing (IL).....	815
Livestock Waste (IA).....	266

Lowbush Blueberry Research (ME).....	246
Maple Research (VT).....	139
Meadow Foam (OR).....	260
Michigan Biotechnology Consortium.....	555
Midwest Advanced Food Manufacturing Alliance (NE).....	500
Midwest Agricultural Products (IA).....	612
Midwest Poultry Consortium (IA).....	682
Milk Safety (PA).....	788
Minor Use Animal Drugs.....	588
Molluscan Shellfish (OR).....	365
Montana Sheep Institute.....	597
Multi-commodity Research (OR).....	353
Multi-cropping Strategies for Aquaculture (HI).....	0
National Beef Cattle Genetic Evaluation Consortium (NY, CO, GA).....	880
National Biological Impact Assessment Program (VA).....	264
National Center for Soybean Biotechnology (MO).....	987
Nematode Resistance Genetic Engineering (NM).....	139
Nevada Arid Rangelands Initiative (NV).....	504
New Crop Opportunities (AK).....	443
New Crop Opportunities (KY).....	760
Nursery, Greenhouse, Turf Specialties (AL).....	0
Oil Resources from Desert Plants (NM).....	211
Organic Cropping (WA).....	359
Organic Waste Utilization (NM).....	93
Oyster Post Harvest Treatment (FL).....	446
Ozone Air Quality (CA).....	401
Pasture and Forage Research (UT).....	225
Peach Tree Short Life (SC).....	278
Perennial Wheat (WA).....	141
Pest Control Alternatives (SC).....	282
Phytophthora Research (GA).....	258
Phytophthora Research (MI).....	500
Phytophthora Root Rot (NM).....	182
Pierce's Disease (CA).....	2,211
Plant, Drought, and Disease Resistance Gene Cataloging (NM).....	233
Potato Research.....	1,497
Precision Agriculture (KY).....	675
Preharvest Food Safety (KS).....	202
Preservation and Processing Research (OK).....	250
Protein Utilization (IA).....	845
Rangeland Ecosystems (NM).....	282
Regional Barley Gene Mapping Project (OR).....	682
Regionalized Implications of Farm Programs (MO, TX).....	860
Rice Agronomy (MO).....	250
Ruminant Nutrition Consortium (MT, ND, SD, WY).....	494
Rural Development Centers (LA, ND).....	230
Rural Obesity (NY).....	187
Rural Policies Institute (NE, IA, MO).....	1,205
Russian Wheat Aphid (CO).....	306
Seafood Harvesting, Processing and Marketing (AK).....	0
Seafood and Aquaculture Harvesting, Processing and Marketing (MS).....	0
Seafood Safety (MA).....	458
Seed Research (AK).....	0
Seed Technology (SD).....	360
Small Fruit Research (OR, WA, ID).....	443
Soil and Environmental Quality (DE).....	295
Southwest Consortium for Plant Genetics and Water Resources (NM).....	392
Soybean Cyst Nematode (MO).....	802
Soybean Research (IL).....	1,076
STEEP III -- Water Quality in Northwest.....	640
Sudden Oak Death (CA).....	98
Sustainable Agriculture (CA).....	515
Sustainable Agriculture (MI).....	384
Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources (PA).....	190
Sustainable Beef Supply (MT).....	984
Sustainable Engineered Materials from Renewable Sources (VA).....	700
Swine and Other Animal Waste Management (NC).....	489
Tick Borne Disease Prevention (RJ).....	150

Tillage, Silviculture, Waste Management (LA).....	500
Tri-state Joint Peanut Research (AL).....	591
Tropical Aquaculture (FL).....	211
Tropical and Subtropical Research/T-Star.....	9,548
Uniform Farm Management Program (MN).....	298
Value-added Product Development from Agricultural Resources (MT).....	405
Virtual Plant Database Enhancement Project (MO).....	705
Viticulture Consortium (NY, CA, PA).....	2,100
Water Conservation, (KS).....	74
Water Use Efficiency and Water Quality Enhancements (GA).....	494
Weed Control (ND).....	384
West Nile Virus (IL).....	0
Wetland Plants (LA).....	563
Wheat Genetic Research (KS).....	344
Wheat Sawfly Research (MT).....	521
Wine Grape Foundation Block (WA).....	322
Wood Utilization (OR, MS, NC, MN, ME, MI, ID, TN, AK, WV).....	6,435
Wool Research (TX, MT, WY).....	298
Subtotal, Special Research Grants.....	128,223
Improved Pest Control:	
Expert IPM Decision Support System.....	157
Integrated Pest Management.....	2,420
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4).....	10,785
Pest Management Alternatives.....	1,436
Total, Improved Pest Control.....	14,798
Total, Special Research Grants.....	143,021

The conference agreement does not provide funding, within the National Research Initiative, for the competitive grants program as authorized under section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement provides \$1,000,000 for Applied Agricultural and Environmental Research of which \$150,000 shall be for California State–Poly, and the remaining funds shall be equally divided among California State–Fresno, California State–San Luis Obispo, California State–Pomona, and California State–Chico.

The conference agreement provides \$350,000 to continue physical assessments of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo watershed to evaluate the hydrological feasibility of water management improvements.

The conference agreement provides \$300,000 for air quality research of which \$150,000 each shall be for the University of California at Davis and Fresno State University to supplement existing research initiatives for bovine emissions and manure lagoon emissions.

The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the House regarding Polymer-based University Research.

The conference agreement provides \$1,612,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute. Of that amount, the conferees provide an increase of \$75,000 above the fiscal year 2005 level for the Center for Agricultural and Trade Policies for the Northern Plains Region at North Dakota State University.

The conference agreement provides \$736,000 for grain sorghum research of which \$210,000 is for Texas Tech, \$149,000 is for Texas A&M, and \$377,000 is for Kansas State.

The conference agreement provides \$9,548,000 for the Tropical and Subtropical Research program for Florida and Hawaii as proposed by the House instead of \$4,699,000 for Hawaii as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$600,000 for aquaculture research of which \$300,000 shall be for Florida, and \$150,000 each for California (Hubbs Research Institute) and Texas (Mote Marine Laboratory/University of Texas).

#### 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 \$455,955,000 for extension activities instead of \$444,871,000 as proposed by the House and \$453,438,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 for grants to youth organizations instead of \$2,646,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees note that the Extension Indian Reservation Program supports extension agents on large American Indian reservations to address the unique needs and problems of American Indian tribal nations. The funds provided are managed by the 1862 land-grant university in the state in which the reservation is located,

providing access to the university's knowledge base and structure to deliver needed information and programs. The conferees recognize the need for additional Indian extension agents, and urge the Department to work with tribal nations to develop a benchmark for appropriate staffing levels.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
Extension Activities	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	2006 Conference
Smith-Lever Sections 3(b) and 3(c).....	\$275,730
Smith-Lever Section 3(d):	
Farm Safety.....	4,563
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP).....	62,634
Indian Reservation Agents.....	1,996
New Technologies for Ag Extension.....	1,500
Pest Management.....	9,960
Sustainable Agriculture.....	4,067
Youth at Risk.....	7,728
Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification.....	444
Total Section 3(d) Programs.....	92,892
1890 Colleges and Tuskegee.....	33,868
1890 Facilities Grants (Sec. 1447).....	16,777
Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA).....	4,060
Rural Health and Safety Education.....	1,965
Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions.....	3,273
Grants to Youth Organizations.....	2,000
Subtotal.....	430,565
Federal Administration and Special Grants:	
Ag in the Classroom.....	865
Agricultural and Entrepreneurship Education (WI).....	250
Alabama Beef Connection.....	850
Beef Producers Improvement (AR).....	180
Conservation Technology Transfer (WI).....	486
Dairy Education (IA).....	229
Dairy Industry Revitalization (WI).....	298
Diabetes Detection, Prevention (WA).....	1,093
E-commerce (MS).....	331
Efficient Irrigation (NM, TX).....	2,325
Entrepreneurial Alternatives (PA).....	333
Extension Specialist (MS).....	132
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (FARAD).....	806
Food Preparation and Marketing (AK).....	331
Food Product Development (AK).....	350
General Administration.....	6,922
Health Education Leadership (KY).....	843
Income Enhancement Demonstration (OH).....	1,247
Iowa Vitality Center.....	248
National Center for Agriculture Safety (LA).....	241
National Wild Turkey Federation.....	234
Northern Aquaculture Demonstration (WI).....	500
Nursery Production (RI).....	295
Nutrition Enhancement (WI).....	1,100
Ohio-Israel Agriculture Initiative.....	593
Oquirrh Institute.....	300
Pilot Technology Transfer (OK, MS).....	300
Pilot Technology Transfer (WI).....	250
Potato Pest Management (WI).....	400
Range Improvement (NM).....	244
Resilient Communities (NY).....	0
Rural Business Enhancement (WI).....	190
Rural Development (AK).....	683
Rural Development Through Tourism (NM).....	348
Rural Technologies (HI, WI).....	315

