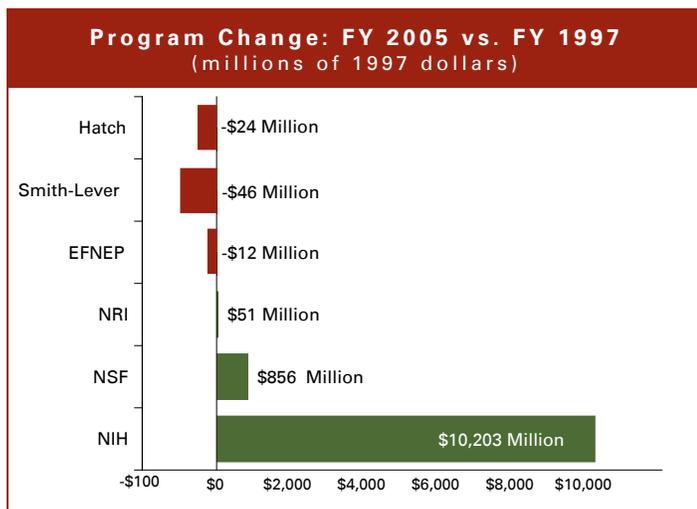


## FY 2007 CSREES Request – Base Funds

*Congress must reverse the continual erosion of base funding.*

**America’s Land-Grant University System**—with its integrated mission of research, education, and extension—is advancing human knowledge and scientific understanding in numerous fields and helping U.S. food and fiber producers maintain their global leadership. Unfortunately, the United States is not keeping pace with other nations (most notably China and India) when it comes to public expenditures on food, agriculture, and natural resources discovery, enlightenment, and outreach. Statistics released by the FAO’s Science Council in December 2005, show that India and China increased public agricultural R&D spending from 1981 to 2000 by 248 percent and 200 percent (respectively), while spending in the United States grew by only 51 percent.

Moreover, as shown in the chart below, funding for many key base programs at the USDA’s Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) have actually lost buying power over the past decade while other U.S. science programs have increased dramatically.



### THE LEVERAGING POWER OF BASE FUNDS

Base funding at America’s land-grant universities is provided through several statutory authorities and funding mechanisms, including the Hatch (agriculture research), McIntire-Stennis (cooperative forestry research), Evans-Allen (1890s research), and Smith-Lever (cooperative extension) Acts. While these base fund programs were authorized at different times and for different purposes, they share one important attribute: federal appropriations are matched—at least dollar-for-dollar and often at a much higher multiple—by state and county appropriations. Together, these combined county, state, and federal resources leverage billions of dollars in competitive grants and private funding. ***But, all of this starts with and depends upon the federal base fund appropriations.***

A sustained effort will be required for the United States to maintain its leadership position with respect to food, agriculture, and natural resources research, extension, and education. ***Congress must address this situation through significant increases in the base fund programs at CSREES.***

### NASULGC’S PRIORITY REQUESTS FOR FY 2007

- Hatch Act ..... \$195.0 M
- McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry..... 24.5 M
- Animal Health and Disease..... 5.5 M
- Evans-Allen Program ..... 41.0 M
- 1890s Extension..... 37.0 M
- Smith Lever 3(b) and 3(c)..... 300.0 M
- Expanded Food & Nutrition Ed. Program ..... 68.5 M
- Institution Challenge Grants..... 6.0 M