

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Hatch Act

Increased research investment needed to maintain vibrant agricultural economies relevant to each state and a strong national emergency response capability at land-grant universities and related institutions.

America's national network of state-based, federally-supported food and agricultural research laboratories is the envy of the world. These "State Agricultural Experiment Stations" were established under the Hatch Act of 1887 and receive appropriations through the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Funds are distributed by statutory formula to each of the 50 states, D.C., and the territories. A dollar-for-dollar match is required from the states, but this is the minimum requirement and many jurisdictions provide a greater amount.

Congress has long agreed with the land-grant system's proposition that strong Hatch Act funding is critical to maintaining vibrant agricultural economies relevant to each state and region with opportunities and needs identified at the state level. Congress has also concurred with our argument that modest growth in the Hatch Act appropriation is essential to maintain a strong national emergency response capability and the research infrastructure required to meet both U.S. imperatives and global food security requirements.

Nonetheless, despite modest growth in recent years, Hatch Act funding has eroded by more than \$35 million since 1991 (as measured in constant 2005 dollars.) Therefore, A·P·L·U urges Congress to provide a greatly increased appropriation in FY 2011 for the food and agricultural research made possible by the Hatch Act program.

Agricultural R&D, Farm Productivity, and Food Security

The Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) has released a report stating that: "a failure to revitalize (federal) agricultural R&D spending will likely have enduring and global consequences in terms of the world's supply of basic foods and feeds. Some political constituents are farmers, but all constituents consume food." (Pardey and Alston, "U.S. Agricultural Research in a Global Food Security Setting," CSIS, Jan. 2010.)



A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2011

Hatch Act.....\$240 M

Priority Areas for Hatch Funding Touch Every State:

- Develop new biofuels and bioproducts, enhance energy efficiency and reduce dependence on foreign oil.
- Improve knowledge concerning the complex linkages between food, nutrition, and human health.
- Combat the twin epidemics of obesity and diabetes.
- Protect America's food supply and ensure our biosecurity.
- Preserve the nation's natural resources.
- Build strategies for producers, consumers, and communities to address climate change.
- Maintain competitiveness of U.S. food, fiber, and fuel producers in global marketplace.

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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
Account	Research and Education Activities				
Program Name	Hatch Act				
Requested Amount	\$240,000,000				
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 361a (Hatch Act of 1887, as amended).				
Description	This program provides funding to support the State Agricultural Experiment Stations enabling them to address critical national, multistate, state, and local problems. Funds are distributed to eligible institutions under a statutory formula.				
Benefits/Impacts	<p>Hatch Act funds benefit America by providing research capacity at 1862 land-grant universities and related institutions in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Develop new biofuels/bioproducts, enhance energy efficiency, reduce dependence on foreign oil. ■ Improve knowledge concerning the complex linkages between food, nutrition, and human health. ■ Protect America's food supply and ensure our biosecurity. ■ Combat the twin epidemics of obesity and diabetes. ■ Preserve the nation's natural resources. ■ Build strategies for producers, consumers, and communities to address climate change. ■ Maintain competitiveness of U.S. food, fiber, and fuel producers in global marketplace. 				
Funding History					
FY 2011 President's Budget	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006
\$215,000,000	\$215,000,000	\$207,106,000	\$195,812,000	\$322,597,000	\$176,969,000
Misc. Information					
Matching Funds	States are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match. However, Hatch funds are leveraged more than seven-fold nationwide.				
Final Recipients	State Agricultural Experiment Stations established pursuant to the Hatch Act of 1887 at the 1862 land-grant universities or such other substantially equivalent institutions as any state shall determine.				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org/kb.html				

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, represents 218 U.S. universities and has members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.