

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry

Greater research investment needed to keep U.S. forests healthy and productive and to provide wood products, clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, and myriad other benefits to the American public.

Approximately one-third of the United States is forested and these forests enhance our quality of life and economic vitality and are an invaluable source of renewable bioproducts, outdoor recreation, clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration.

Sustaining these forests in a healthy and productive condition requires a strong, continuing commitment to scientific research and graduate education.

Foundational financial support for university-based forestry research and graduate education comes from the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry program, funded through the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Funds are distributed according to a statutory formula to each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, with a dollar-for-dollar match required from the states.

Congress, recognizing the need to expand the McIntire-Stennis program has provided some small funding increases in the last five years. (See page two.) In response, the schools and colleges of forestry and natural resources developed a McIntire-Stennis strategic plan. As outlined in the strategic plan, significantly enhanced McIntire-Stennis funding is critical to:

- Deliver scientific results and management technologies to forest land owners, managers, and policy-makers.
- Prepare the future workforce in forestry and related natural resource science for the 21st Century.

A.P.L.U. urges Congress to fund the McIntire-Stennis program at \$35 million, which is the minimum necessary to sustain this critical research program. It is especially important to increase funding to this level in FY 2011 since the 2008 Farm Bill expanded eligibility to include the 1890 (historically black) land-grant institutions.



A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2011

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McIntire-Stennis funding must be increased to...

- Provide the additional scientific discoveries needed to address critical forest issues such as fires, storms, climate change, insects, diseases, urbanization, fragmentation, and lost economic opportunities.
- Develop new knowledge and innovations to sustain healthy, productive forests and address the challenges facing forest owners, forest products manufacturers and all Americans who benefit from our forest resources.
- Support research capacity within each state to address issues that are essential to their private forest owners, and develop new opportunities for economic benefit from their forests.

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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
Account	Research and Education Activities				
Program Name	McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry				
Requested Amount	\$35,000,000				
Authorization	16 U.S.C. 582a, et seq. (McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act of 1962).				
Description	This program provides funding to support forestry research, (which includes forests and related rangelands) at institutions offering graduate training in the sciences basic to forestry or having a forestry school.				
Benefits/Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ America's forest resources are under continually increasing pressures from fires, storms, climate change, insects, diseases, urbanization, fragmentation, and lost economic opportunities. Research funded through the McIntire-Stennis program is essential to address these issues. ■ The program develops new knowledge and innovations to sustain healthy, productive forests and address the challenges facing forest owners, forest products manufacturers and all Americans who benefit from our forest resources. ■ The McIntire-Stennis program provides base funding that has been leveraged as high as 9:1 for forestry research projects. ■ The program also supports capacity within each state to address issues that are essential to their private forest owners, and develop new opportunities for economic benefit from their forests. 				
Funding History					
FY 2011 President's Budget	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006
\$29,000,000	\$29,000,000	\$27,535,000	\$24,791,000	\$30,008,000	\$22,008,000
Misc.. Information					
Matching Funds	McIntire-Stennis funds are distributed to eligible institutions under a statutory formula. A dollar-for-dollar match is required from the states.				
Final Recipients	1862 and 1890 land-grant institutions, or other "state supported colleges and universities offering graduate training in the sciences basic to forestry and having a forestry school."				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org/kb.html				

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