

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

FY 2011 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

*Funding Priorities of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
February 2010*

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)—the extramural science funding agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture—provides research, extension, and higher education support for America’s land-grant universities and related institutions. The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (A•P•L•U) supports all NIFA programs. However, as set forth below, we have established four over-arching budget priorities (Table 1), identified seven funding lines that urgently need enhancement (Table 2), and endorsed a few other initiatives supported by A•P•L•U component organizations (Table 3).

OVER-ARCHING PRIORITIES
Increase the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative to reach its full authorized level by FY 2012.
Increase funding to grow all NIFA capacity programs listed in the 2008 Farm Bill.
Sustain full funding for mandatory programs established in the 2008 Farm Bill.
Funding at no less than the FY 2010 level or President’s FY 2011 Budget for all other NIFA programs.

BUDGET LINES TARGETED FOR ENHANCEMENT	FY 2010	PRESIDENT	A•P•L•U GOAL
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	262.482 M	428.845 M	428.845 M
Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c)	297.500 M	297.500 M	350.000 M
Hatch Act	215.000 M	215.000 M	240.00 M
Evans-Allen Program (1890s Research)	48.500 M	48.500 M	55.000 M
1890 Institutions Extension	42.677 M	42.677 M	50.000 M
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	29.000 M	29.000 M	35.000 M
Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions	4.321 M	5.321 M	8.000 M

OTHER INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY A•P•L•U COMPONENT ORGANIZATIONS	
1890 Institutions Capacity Building Grants	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk
1890 Institutions Facilities	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
1994 Institutions Research Program	Insular Area Institutions Capacity Building Grants
1994 Institutions Equity Grants	International Science and Education Grants
Native American Institutions Endowment Fund	New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)
Tribal Colleges Essential Community Facilities Program*	Non-Land-Grant Universities Capacity Building Grants
* USDA Rural Development program	Renewable Resources Extension Act