

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

FY 2013 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Funding Priorities of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

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The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)—the extramural science funding agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture—supports research, extension, and higher education at America’s land-grant universities and related institutions. The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (A·P·L·U) strongly supports full funding for all NIFA programs. However, as set forth below, we have identified seven core priorities (Table 1) that should be funded at their FY 2012 levels or the President’s Budget Request (which ever is higher), and other critical initiatives supported by A·P·L·U component organizations (Table 2) that should also be funded at the highest possible level.

| 1. CORE PRIORITIES (\$Millions) | FY 2012 | PRESIDENT | A·P·L·U GOAL |
|---|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) | 264.470 | 325.000 | 325.000 |
| Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c) | 294.000 | 292.411 | 294.000 |
| Hatch Act | 236.334 | 234.834 | 236.334 |
| Evans-Allen | 50.898 | 50.898 | 50.898 |
| 1890 Institutions Extension | 42.592 | 42.592 | 42.592 |
| McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry | 32.934 | 32.934 | 32.934 |
| 1994 Institutions Research and Extension Programs | 6.113 | 6.113 | 6.113 |

| 2. OTHER CRITICAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY A·P·L·U COMPONENT ORGANIZATIONS | |
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| 1890 Institutions Capacity Building Grants | Higher Education Competitive Grants |
| 1890 Institutions Facilities Grants | New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension) |
| 1994 Institutions Equity Grants | Renewable Resources Extension Act |
| Insular Area Competitive Grants | Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program |
| Non-Land-Grant Universities Capacity Building Grants | Animal Health and Disease Research |

