

McIntire-Stennis

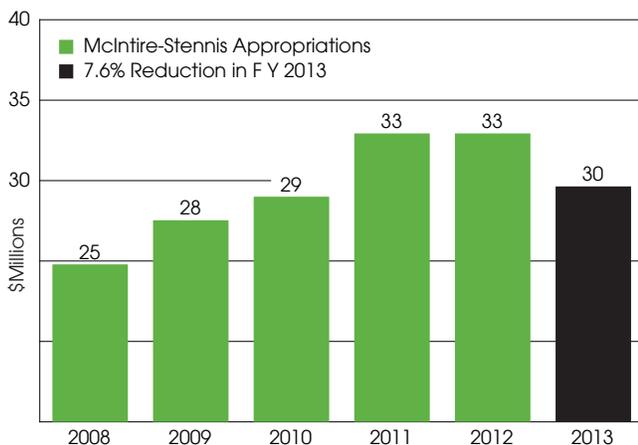
As Congress develops the FY2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill, McIntire-Stennis funding must be restored to its FY2012 level to help keep U.S. forests healthy and productive and to provide wood products, clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, and myriad other benefits to the American public.

Foundational financial support for university-based forestry research and graduate education comes from National Institute of Food and Agriculture under authority of the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act of 1962. Funds are distributed to the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, with a dollar-for-dollar match required from the states.

For over 50 years, this program has benefitted Americans in numerous ways and this is the year to celebrate success as McIntire-Stennis leads us to a better future:

- Revolutionary nanotechnology, biotechnology, and spatial and engineering technologies are creating new jobs, reducing land management costs, and increasing forest productivity.
- Whole system analyses—crossing biophysical boundaries, ownerships, and agency jurisdictions—are integrating geophysical, ecological, and socioeconomic dimensions of natural resource issues, management, and policy to enhance the health and benefits of the nation’s forests.

We all agree that addressing the federal budget deficit is necessary to ensure the country’s long-term financial security. But, as every farmer knows, as hungry as we may be right now for budgetary “fixes,” we simply cannot afford to eat our “seed corn.” Yet that is exactly what would happen if funding for the McIntire-Stennis program is not restored to \$32.934 million in the FY2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill.



A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST FOR F Y 2014

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry.....\$32.934 M

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MCINTIRE-STENNIS SUCCESSES

- The program has provided over 24,000 years of graduate student support—producing 8,110 master’s degrees and 2,438 doctoral degrees—an estimated 37% of all U.S. graduate forestry degrees. (From FY 1964 to FY 2010.)
- In one year alone (FY 2010), McIntire-Stennis supported 670 research projects at 77 universities in 54 states and territories.
- According to the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs, McIntire-Stennis funds have been leveraged as high as 9:1 for forestry research projects, (meaning that every federal dollar of investment generates nine dollars from state and private sources).

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McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry

Appropriations Bill

Agriculture

Agency

National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Account

Research and Education Activities

Program

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry

Requested Amount

\$32,934,000

Program Description

Provides funding to support forestry research, (which includes forests and related rangelands) at land-grant and other public universities.

Authorization

16 U.S.C. 582a, et seq. (McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act of 1962).

Eligible / 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.

Matching Funds

A dollar-for-dollar match is required from the states.

President's FY2014 Budget Request

\$32,934,000

Five-Year Funding History

FY2013	\$30,427,000
FY2012	\$32,934,000
FY2011	\$32,934,000
FY2010	\$29,000,000
FY2009	\$27,535,000

A·P·L·U requests that no less than \$32.934 million (the same amount as in FY2012 and the President's FY2014 Budget Request) be appropriated for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry program at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Benefits / Impacts

The McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry program continues to benefit the nation in myriad ways:

- America's forest resources are under continually increasing pressures from fires, storms, 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 program also supports capacity within each state to address issues essential to their private forest owners and develop new opportunities for economic benefit from their forests.
- McIntire-Stennis helps forestry researchers gain greater breadth of understanding in order to interpret and apply new knowledge and technologies to complex social and biological issues and challenges.
- Finally, the program is training the natural resource scientists of the future, helping them to understand specializations other than their own, apply analytical thinking and problem solving in a broad context, communicate through a wide range of media and to a variety of audiences, and develop strong leadership skills through ethical practice and scientific vision.

McIntire-Stennis Funding Must be Restored

