

Cornerstone Report from Washington

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House Committee Approves FY 2017 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

The House Appropriations Committee met today and approved the FY 2017 Agriculture Appropriations bill which funds the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and other USDA Agencies. As we mentioned in our last report, the spending bill would give the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative a \$25 million boost, and all other core funding priorities would remain at FY 2016 levels.

The following table provides the complete NIFA account level detail:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture			
FY 2017			
(All \$Millions)			
Research and Education Activities	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2017
	Enacted	PBR	House
Hatch Act	243.701	243.701	243.701
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act	33.961	33.961	33.961
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen Program)	54.185	58.000	54.185
Payments to the 1994 Institutions (tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program)	3.439	3.654	3.439
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions	19.336	20.410	19.336
1890s Capacity Coordination Initiative	0.000	10.000	0.000
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.219	9.219
Education Grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions	3.194	3.194	3.194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	1.801	3.914	1.801
Capacity Building Grants for Non Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	5.000	0.000	0.000
Grants for Insular Areas	2.000	1.800	1.800
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	350.000	375.000	375.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	5.000	5.000	6.500
Veterinary Services Grant Program	2.500	0.000	2.500
Farm and Agriculture Resiliency Program for Military Veterans	0.000	2.500	0.000
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	0.000	4.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.000	0.000
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship and Institution Challenge Grants	9.000	0.000	9.000
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education	0.900	0.000	0.900
Aquaculture Centers	4.000	0.000	4.000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	24.667	29.967	24.667
Farm Business Management	1.450	0.000	0.000

Sun Grant Program	2.500	0.000	0.000
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	2.000	0.000	0.000
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.913	11.913
Special Research Grants:			
Global Change/UV Monitoring	1.405	1.405	1.405
Potato Research	2.000	0.000	2.000
Aquaculture Research	1.350	0.000	0.000
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education Activities:			
Grants Management Systems	7.83	9.790	7.830
GSA Rent and DHS Security Expenses	5.96	5.960	5.960
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses	6.549	7.527	6.549
Subtotal	819.685	836.915	832.860

Extension Activities	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2017
	Enacted	PBR	House
Smith-Lever Act, Sections 3(b) and (c) programs and Cooperative Extension	300.000	300.000	300.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	45.620	48.350	45.620
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	4.446	6.724	4.446
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	21.703	19.730
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.060	4.060	4.060
Rural Health and Safety Education Programs	1.500	0.000	3.000
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.250	0.000	1.250
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	0.400	0.000	0.400
Grants to Youth Organizations	0.000	1.000	0.000
Food Safety Outreach Program	5.000	5.000	5.000
Smith-Lever Act, Section 3(d) programs:			
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	68.034	67.934
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Agriculture Extension	1.550	0.000	1.550
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	8.395	8.395	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	5.839	3.039
Home Visits for Remote Areas	0.000	20.000	0.000
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities:			
Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom	0.552	0.000	0.552
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses for Ext. Activities	7.805	8.144	7.805
Subtotal	475.891	501.859	477.391

Integrated Activities	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2017
	Enacted	PBR	House
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	0.000	2.000
Organic Transition Program	4.000	4.000	4.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	1.000	1.000	1.000
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	6.700	10.000	6.700
Crop Protection / Pest Management Program	17.200	20.200	17.200
Subtotal	30.900	35.200	30.900

Total NIFA	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2017
	Enacted	PBR	House
	1,326.48	1,373.97	1,341.15

Next Steps

The FY 2017 Agriculture Appropriations Bill is not expected to be considered on the House floor until after May 15 at the earliest due to a House budget rule.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture will meet sometime in the coming weeks to begin work on their version of the FY 2017 Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

As always, we will continue to keep you informed as further developments occur.

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