

Cornerstone Report from Washington

July 16, 2015

Senate Committee Approves FY 2016 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

The Senate Appropriations Committee met today and approved the FY 2016 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The spending bill funds the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative at the same level as the prior fiscal year. Also, the Senate Ag spending bill moves the Crop Protection/Pest Management (CPPM) program from Integrated Activities to the Smith-Lever 3(d) funding lines.

The following table provides the complete NIFA account level detail:

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS REPORT

National Institute of Food and Agriculture			
FY 2015, FY 2016 House			
(All \$Millions)			
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016
Research and Education Activities	Enacted	House	Senate
Hatch Act	243.701	243.701	243.701
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	33.961	33.961	33.961
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen)	52.485	52.485	52.485
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	3.439	3.439	3.439
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions (Capacity Building Grants)	19.336	19.336	19.336
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.219	9.219
Education Grants (Alaska and Hawaii Native-Serving Institutions)	3.194	3.194	3.194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	1.801	1.801	1.801
Capacity Building Grants for Non Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	4.500	0.000	5.000
Resident Instruction and Distance Learning Grants for Insular Areas	2.000	1.800	2.000
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	325.000	335.000	325.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	5.000	5.000	5.000
Veterinary Service Grant Program	0.000	0.000	2.500
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	4.000	4.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.000	.0825
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	0.000	0.000	0.000
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship & Institution Challenge Grants	9.000	9.000	9.000
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education	0.900	0.900	0.900
Aquaculture Centers	4.000	4.000	4.000

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	22.667	22.667	22.667
Farm Business Management	1.450	0.000	1.450
Sun Grant Program	2.500	0.000	2.500
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	1.350	0.000	2.000
Improved Pest Control			
Expert IPM Decision Support System			
Integrated Pest Management			
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.913	11.913
Pest Management Alternatives			
Special Research Grants	4.105	1.405	4.755
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education (Federal Admin.)	20.528	18.689	20.450
Subtotal	786.874	781.510	791.096
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016
Extension Activities	Enacted	House	Senate
Smith Lever Sections 3(b)-(c) & Cooperative Extension	300.000	300.000	300.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	43.920	43.920	43.920
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	4.446	4.446	4.446
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	19.730	19.730
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.060	4.060	4.060
Rural Health and Safety Education Programs	1.500	0.000	1.500
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.250	1.250	1.250
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	0.400	0.400	0.400
Food Safety Outreach	2.500	5.000	2.500
Smith Lever Section 3(d):			
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	67.934	67.934
Pest Management			17.200
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	1.550	1.550	1.550
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	8.395	8.395	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	3.039	3.039
Sustainable Agriculture Programs			
Ag in the Classroom	0.552	0.552	0.552
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities (Federal Admin.)	7.805	7.165	7.805
Subtotal	471.691	472.051	488.891
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016
Integrated Activities	Enacted	House	Senate
Water Quality Program	0.000	0.000	0.000

Regional Pest Management Centers			
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	2.000	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	6.700	6.700
Crop Protection / Pest Management	17.200	17.200	1/
Subtotal	30.900	30.900	13.700
1/ Moved from Integrated Activities to Smith-Lever 3(d)			
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016
	Enacted	House	Senate
	1,289.465	1,284.461	1,293.687

Next Steps

While consideration of the FY 2016 Agriculture spending bill on the House and Senate floors before Members leave for the August recess is a small possibility, neither are currently scheduled.

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

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