

## Cornerstone Report from Washington

December 16, 2015

### House and Senate Strike Deal on FY 2016 Omnibus Spending Bill

In the early hours of Wednesday, December 16, negotiated text of the \$1.1 trillion omnibus appropriations bill was publicly released.

The Omnibus bill includes wins for NIFA, receiving \$819.7 million in funding for research and education activities and \$475.9 for extension activities. In total, funding levels increased by \$37 million compared to last year. As shown in the table below, all BAA NIFA priorities increased or remained the same. These results could not have been accomplished without your hard work. We urge everyone reading this report to contact your Representative and Senators and let them know how grateful your institution is for these results.

#### Land-Grant NIFA Priorities (\$Millions)

Priority	FY 15 Enacted	FY 16 Final
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	300.000	300.000
Hatch-Act	243.701	243.701
Evans-Allen (1890s Research)	52.485	54.185
1890 Institutions Extension	43.920	45.620
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	33.961	33.961
1994 Research & Extension	6.247	6.247
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	325.000	350.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,005.314</b>	<b>1,033.714</b>

Below are a few items of importance we would like to bring to your attention:

- **AFRI** – The bill includes a \$25 million increase for AFRI above the 2015 appropriation.
- **1890 Institutions** – Funding increases of \$1.7 million each for Evans-Allen and 1890 Extension programs are intended to offset the addition of Central State University as an eligible institution for funds for 1890 universities.
- **Crop Protection/Pest Management** – The Committees provided funding for the Crop Protection/Pest Management program under “Integrated Activities” and included a prohibition in statute to prevent the assessment of indirect costs for extension grants awarded under the program.

# National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2015, FY 2016

(All \$Millions)

<b>Research and Education Activities</b>	<b>FY 2015 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2016 Final</b>
Hatch Act	243.701	243.701
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	33.961	33.961
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen)	52.485	54.185
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	3.439	3.439
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions (Capacity Building Grants)	19.336	19.336
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.219
Education Grants (Alaska and Hawaii Native-Serving Institutions)	3.194	3.194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	1.801	1.801
Capacity Building Grants for Non Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	4.500	5.000
Resident Instruction and Distance Learning Grants for Insular Areas	2.000	2.000
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	325.000	350.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	5.000	5.000
Veterinary Services Grant Program	0.000	2.500
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	4.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.825
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship & Institution Challenge Grants	9.000	9.000
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education	0.900	0.900
Aquaculture Centers	4.000	4.000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	22.667	24.667
Farm Business Management	1.450	1.450
Sun Grant Program	2.500	2.500
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	1.350	2.000
Improved Pest Control		
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.913
Special Research Grants	4.105	4.755
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education (Federal Admin.)	20.528	20.339
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>786.874</b>	<b>819.685</b>

<b>Extension Activities</b>	<b>FY 2015 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2016 Final</b>
Smith Lever Sections 3(b)-(c) & Cooperative Extension	300.000	300.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	43.920	45.620
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	4.446	4.446
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	19.730
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.060	4.060
Rural Health and Safety Education Programs	1.500	1.500
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.250	1.250
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	0.400	0.400
Food Safety Outreach	2.500	5.000
Smith Lever Section 3(d):		
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	67.934
Pest Management	1/	1/
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	1.550	1.550
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	8.395	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	3.039
Ag in the Classroom	0.552	0.552
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities (Federal Admin.)	7.805	7.805
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>471.691</b>	<b>475.891</b>

<b>Integrated Activities</b>	<b>FY 2015 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2016 Final</b>
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	2.000
Organic Transition Program	4.000	4.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	1.000	1.000
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	6.700	6.700
Crop Protection / Pest Management	17.200	17.200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30.900</b>	<b>30.900</b>

<b>FY 2015 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2016 Final</b>
<b>1,289.465</b>	<b>1,326.476</b>

**NOTES:**

1: Funded through Extension Activities "Pest Management" line

## **Next Steps**

Today, Congress will pass another short-term continuing resolution (CR) to extend funding for government operations until December 22. The current CR expires tonight. The House of Representatives is expected to adhere to Speaker Paul Ryan's promise of allowing three days of text review before a final vote, which would place a vote on the FY 2016 omnibus appropriations bill on Friday. The Senate is expected to pass the omnibus this weekend or early next week.

We will send you another update once the final FY 2016 omnibus appropriations bill is signed by the President.

**THE CORNERSTONE TEAM**