

# Cornerstone Report from Washington

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## House Subcommittee and Senate Full Committee Approve FY 2015 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

The House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and Full Committee met this week and approved the FY 2015 spending bill for USDA agencies, including the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). As shown below, all of the system's seven core funding priorities would be funded at or above their FY 2014 levels.

### Land-Grant NIFA Priorities in House Mark (\$Millions)

Priority	F Y 13 Final	F Y 14 Final	F Y 15-House	FY 15 - Senate
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	271.618	300.000	300.000	300.000
Hatch-Act	218.342	243.701	243.701	243.701
Evans-Allen (1890s Research)	47.023	52.485	52.485	52.485
1890 Institutions Extension	39.349	43.920	43.920	43.920
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	30.427	33.961	33.961	33.961
1994 Research & Extension	7.065	7.885	7.885	7.885
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	276.980	316.409	325.000	325.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>890.804</b>	<b>998.361</b>	<b>1.006.592</b>	<b>1.006.952</b>

### Next Steps

The full House Appropriations Committee is expected to consider the Agriculture Appropriations bill on May 28th. Both bills may be considered on the House and Senate floor in June.

A full report covering all NIFA lines and relevant policy directives will follow in the next few days.

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

**THE CORNERSTONE TEAM**