

Cornerstone Report from Washington

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House and Senate introduce FY 2017 omnibus spending bill

In the early hours of Monday, May 1, 2017, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees released the text of the FY 2017 omnibus appropriations bill.

The Omnibus bill includes wins for NIFA, receiving \$849.518 million in funding for research and education activities and \$477.391 for extension activities, a \$29.8 million and \$1.5 million increase over FY 2016 respectively. In total, funding levels increased by \$36.433 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 16 Enacted	FY 17 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	350.000	375.000
Total	1,033.714	1,058.714

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 FY 2016 appropriation.
- **Crop Protection/Pest Management** – The Committees provided a \$2.8 million increase in funding for the Crop Protection/Pest Management program.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2017

(All \$Millions)

Research and Education Activities	FY 2016	FY 2017
	Enacted	Final
Hatch Act	243.701	243.701
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act	33.961	33.961
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen Program)	54.185	54.185
Payments to the 1994 Institutions (tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program)	3.439	3.439
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions	19.336	19.336
1890s Capacity Coordination Initiative	0.000	0.000
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.219
Education Grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-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	5.000	5.000
Grants for Insular Areas	2.000	2.000
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	350.000	375.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	5.000	6.500
Veterinary Services Grant Program	2.500	2.500
Farm and Agriculture Resiliency Program for Military Veterans	0.000	0.000
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	4.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.825
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship and 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	24.667	27.000
Farm Business Management	1.450	1.450
Sun Grant Program	2.500	3.000
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	2.000	2.250
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.913
Special Research Grants		
Global Change/UV Monitoring	1.405	1.405
Potato Research	2.000	2.250
Aquaculture Research	1.350	1.350
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education Activities		
Grants Management Systems	7.830	7.830
GSA Rent and DHS Security Expenses	5.960	5.960
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses	6.549	6.549
Subtotal	819.685	849.518

Extension Activities	FY 2016	FY 2017
	Enacted	Final
Smith-Lever Act, Sections 3(b) and (c) programs and Cooperative Extension	300.000	300.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	45.620	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	3.000
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.250	1.250
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	0.400	0.400
Grants to Youth Organizations	0.000	0.000
Food Safety Outreach Program	5.000	5.000
Smith-Lever Act, Section 3(d) programs:		
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	67.934
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Agriculture Extension	1.550	1.550
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	8.395	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	3.039
Home Visits for Remote Areas	0.000	0.000
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities		
Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom	0.552	0.552
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses for Ext. Activities	7.805	7.805
Subtotal	475.891	477.391
Integrated Activities	FY 2016	FY 2017
	Enacted	Final
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	2.000
Organic Transition Program	4.000	4.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	1.000	2.000
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	6.700	8.000
Crop Protection / Pest Management Program	17.200	20.000
Subtotal	30.900	36.000
Total NIFA	FY 2016	FY 2017
	Enacted	Final
	1326.476	1362.909

Next Steps

The House is expected to take up the FY 2017 funding bill by Wednesday this week, with the Senate following soon after.

We will send you another update once the final FY 2017 omnibus appropriations bill is signed by the President.

THE CORNERSTONE TEAM