

Cornerstone Report from Washington

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FY 2017 Omnibus Analysis

This week, the House and Senate passed the FY 2017 omnibus appropriations bill, sending the legislation to the White House for President Trump's signature. The legislation funds the government for the remaining five months of FY 2017.

Discretionary funding for the agriculture portion of the omnibus was funded at \$29.88 billion, which was \$623 million below the FY 2016 enacted level. However, total funding for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) saw increases for FY 2017. The ARS was funded at \$1.17 billion in FY 2017, an increase from \$1.144 billion in FY 2016. Research and education activities within NIFA saw an increase of \$29.8 million, extension activities received a \$1.5 million increase, and integrated activities saw an increase of \$5.1 million.

In addition to the APLU wins highlighted in the report sent on Monday, May 1, Cornerstone would like to highlight the following:

Indirect Costs: The bill again includes a 30% cap on indirect costs charged against research, education, or extension grant awards issued by NIFA.

CPPM: The bill provides a \$2.8 million increase for the Crop Protection/Pest Management program. The bill also continues the prohibition of charging indirect costs against any extension grants awarded under this program.

Veterans' pilot program: The bill provides \$5 million to establish a pilot program for NIFA to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for programs and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

ARS Buildings and Facilities: The bill provides \$99.6 million for ARS Buildings and Facilities, down from \$212.101 million in FY 2016.

ERS funding: The bill provides an increase for the Economic Research Service, at \$86.757 million, up from \$85.373 million in FY 2016.

NASS funding: The bill provides \$171.239 million for the National Agricultural Statistics Service, an increase from \$168.443 in FY 2016.

Admin proposed cuts to FY 2017: The Trump administration recommended several reductions for agriculture appropriations for FY 2017. Included in the proposal a cut of \$136 million from the McGovern-Dole international food for education and child nutrition program grants. However, the FY 2017 Omnibus provided level funding for the McGovern-Dole program. None of the proposed cuts targeted ARS or NIFA programs.

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