

Cornerstone Report from Washington

May 29, 2014

House Full Committee Approves FY 2015 Agriculture Spending Bill

As reported last week, the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and Full Committee met and approved the FY 2015 spending bill for USDA agencies, including the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Today, the full House Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2015 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

The following table provides the complete NIFA account level detail:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2014, FY 2015 – House and Senate

(All \$Millions)

Research and Education Activities	FY 2014 Final	FY 2015 House	FY 2015 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	4.500
Resident Instruction and Distance Learning Grants for Insular Areas	1.800	2.000	1.800
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	316.409	325.000	325.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	4.790	5.000	4.790
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	5.000	4.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.000	0.825
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	1.081	0.000	1.081
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
Improved Pest Control			
Expert IPM Decision Support System	<u>1/</u>		
Integrated Pest Management	<u>1/</u>		
	11.913	11.913	11.913

Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)			
Pest Management Alternatives	<u>1/</u>		
Special Research Grants	4.105	1.405	4.105
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education (Federal Admin.)	14.133	20.444	20.528
Alfalfa Research	1.350	0.000	1.350
Subtotal	772.559	774.465	787.545

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2015
Extension Activities	Final	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	2.500
Smith Lever Section 3(d):			
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	67.934	67.934
Pest Management	<u>1/</u>		
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	1.550	1.750	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	<u>2/</u>		
Ag in the Classroom	0.552	0.000	0.552
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities (Federal Admin.)	8.357	5.305	8.800
Subtotal	469.743	467.339	472.686

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2015
Integrated Activities	Final	House	Senate
Water Quality Program	4.500	0.000	4.500
Regional Pest Management Centers	<u>1/</u>		
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	1.996	2.000	1.996
Organic Transition Program	4.000	4.000	4.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	0.998	1.000	0.998
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	6.68	7.000	3.580
Crop Protection / Pest Management	17.143	18.000	17.143
Subtotal	35.317	32.000	32.217
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2015
	Final	House	Senate
	1,277.619	1273.804	1292.448

NOTES:

- 1: Funded through the new "Crop Protection / Pest Management"
- 2: Incorporated within Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Click [here](#) for a table detailing NIFA lines reported in the Senate and House bills respectively.

Item of Interest—Smith-Lever

The Committee adopted a Manager’s Amendment offered by Chairman Aderholt (R-AL) which included a Sense of Congress provision requested by Congressman Rooney (R-FL):

“Sec. 7xx. It is the sense of Congress that Congress --- (1) celebrates May 8, 2014, as the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act and recognizes the significance of the establishment of a nationwide Cooperative Extension System; (2) encourages the people of the United States to observe and celebrate the centennial with a focus on launching an innovative and sustainable future for the Cooperative Extension System; (3) honors the university faculty and local educators who dedicate careers to providing trusted educational programs to help people, families, youth, businesses, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future; (4) thanks the volunteers who provide thousands of hours to promote excellence for 4-H Clubs, the Master Gardeners program, the Family and Consumer Sciences program, and other programs of the Cooperative Extension System in their communities; (5) encourages continued collaboration and cooperation among Federal, State, and local governments to assure the sustainability of the Cooperative Extension System as the premiere non-formal educational network in the United States; and (6) celebrates millions of youth, adults, families, farmers, ranchers, community leaders., and others who engage in cooperative extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives.”

Next Steps

House floor consideration is tentatively scheduled for the second or third week of June.

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

THE CORNERSTONE TEAM