

## Senate Approves FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

On July 31, the Senate passed H.R. 6147, a four-bill FY 2019 minibuss appropriations bill. The package includes funding for Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Financial Services and General Government; Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies; and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. The package was approved 92-6 and provides \$145.1 billion in discretionary and mandatory funding for agriculture.

The bill increases total funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) by \$21.4 million to total \$1.483 billion for FY 2019. The bill increases funding to support research and education activities administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to \$901.535 million, including \$405 million for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), a \$5 million increase over FY 2018. The bill also includes \$488.7 million for NIFA extension activities, a \$6 million increase from FY 2018.

In addition to research and extension priorities, the package also includes \$1.004 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to support programs that control and eradicate pests and diseases and \$5 million for the Food-Safety Outreach Program to provide farm-level food safety, training, education, outreach, and technical assistance.

The table below highlights funding for APLU's six priority lines:

Account	FY 2018 Enacted	FY 2019 House	FY 2019 Senate	Difference vs. House	Difference vs. 2018	FY 2019 APLU Request
McIntire-Stennis	33.961	36.000	36.000	0.000	2.039	40.572
1890 Extension	45.620	45.620	48.620	3.000	3.000	54.500
Evans-Allen	54.185	55.000	57.185	2.185	3.000	64.732
Hatch Act	243.701	259.000	243.701	-15.299	0.000	291.138
Smith-Lever	300.000	315.000	300.000	-15.000	0.000	358.396
AFRI	400.000	415.000	405.000	-10.000	5.000	418.129

The following table provides the complete NIFA account level detail:

<b>National Institute of Food and Agriculture</b>				
<b>(All \$Millions)</b>				
	<b>FY 2018 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2019 PBR</b>	<b>FY 2019 House</b>	<b>FY 2019 Senate</b>
<b>Research and Education Activities</b>				
Hatch Act	243.701	243.238	259.000	243.701
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act	33.961	28.867	36.000	36.000
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen Program)	54.185	53.817	55.000	57.185

Payments to the 1994 Institutions (tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program)	3.439	3.416	3.439	3.439
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions	19.336	19.205	19.336	19.336
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.156	9.219	9.219
Education Grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions	3.194	3.172	3.172	3.194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	3.801	1.789	3.801	3.801
Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	5.000	0.000	5.000	5.000
Grants for Insular Areas	2.000	1.986	2.000	2.000
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	400.000	375.000	415.000	405.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	8.000	4.991	8.000	8.000
Veterinary Services Grant Program	2.500	0.000	2.500	3.000
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	0.000	4.000	4.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.000	0.825	1.000
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship and Institution Challenge Grants	9.000	0.000	9.000	9.000
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education	0.900	0.000	0.900	0.900
Aquaculture Centers	5.000	0.000	5.000	5.000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	35.000	19.009	30.000	37.000
Farm Business Management	2.000	0.000	2.000	2.000
Sun Grant Program	3.000	0.000	3.000	3.000
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	2.250	0.000	2.250	3.000
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.832	11.913	11.913
Special Research Grants				
Global Change/UV Monitoring	1.405	0.000	1.400	1.405
Potato Research	2.500	0.000	2.500	2.750
Aquaculture Research	1.350	0.000	1.350	2.000
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education Activities				
Grants Management Systems	7.830	7.424	7.830	7.830
GSA Rent and DHS Security Expenses	0.000	0 (moved to other)		
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses	11.862	11.577	11.577	11.862
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>887.171</b>	<b>794.479</b>	<b>915.012</b>	<b>901.535</b>
<b>Extension Activities</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>PBR</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
Smith-Lever Act, Sections 3(b) and (c) programs and Cooperative Extension	300.000	299.43	315.000	300.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	45.620	45.31	45.620	48.620

Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	6.446	4.416	6.446	6.446
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	19.596	19.730	19.730
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.060	0.000	4.060	4.060
Rural Health and Safety Education Programs	3.000	0.000	3.000	3.000
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	2.500	1.242	2.500	2.500
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	0.400	0.000	0.400	0.400
Food Safety Outreach Program	7.000	4.966	5.000	8.000
Smith-Lever Act, Section 3(d) programs:				
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	55.1	67.934	70.000
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	0.000	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Agriculture Extension	1.550	0.000	1.550	1.550
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	8.395	8.338	8.395	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	3.018	3.039	3.039
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities				
Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom	0.552	0.548	0.552	0.552
Federal Administration - Other Necessary Expenses for Ext. Activities	7.790	8.221	7.790	7.790
Federal Administration - Eliminated New Hires				
Federal Administration - Pay Costs				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>483.626</b>	<b>450.185</b>	<b>495.626</b>	<b>488.692</b>
	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
<b>Integrated Activities</b>	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>PBR</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	0.000	2.000	2.000
Organic Transition Program	5.000	0.000	4.000	6.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	2.000	0.000	2.000	2.000
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	8.000	0.000	8.000	8.000
Crop Protection / Pest Management Program	20.000	13.037	20.000	20.000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37.000</b>	<b>13.037</b>	<b>36.000</b>	<b>38.000</b>
	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
<b>Total NIFA</b>	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>PBR</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
	<b>1407.800</b>	<b>1257.701</b>	<b>1446.638</b>	<b>1428.227</b>

### Committee Report Highlights

- *Nutrition Education – Minority Outreach* – The Committee is concerned that extension

service resources do not reach minority, socially disadvantaged, and tribal communities in proportion to their participation in the agricultural sector. All institutions that receive extension activity funding should seek to ensure that an equitable percentage of their overall extension work reaches minority, socially disadvantaged, and tribal communities. The Committee directs NIFA to evaluate distribution of extension resources to these three populations and report to the Committee no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act.

### **Amendments Adopted**

During the Senate's consideration of the package, the following amendments related to research, extension or teaching were adopted:

- Gardner (R-CO) amendment to designate \$2 million in Agricultural Research Service funding for dryland agriculture research.
- Whitehouse (D-RI) amendment to establish a new research program on ocean agriculture in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Baldwin (D-WI) amendment to provide \$7 million in grants to State departments of agriculture, State cooperative extension services, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations to carry out programs and provide technical assistance to promote innovation, process improvement, and marketing relating to dairy products,
- Brown (D-OH) and Portman (R-OH) amendment to increase funding for Evans-Allen Programs and 1890 Extension by \$3 million each.

### **Next Steps**

In June, the House passed its version of a minibus, including two of the four bills passed in the Senate. The modified package containing all four bills will now move to a conference committee to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions with a goal to complete their work prior to September 30.

### **THE CORNERSTONE TEAM**