



National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research

F Y 2012 Appropriations Request: AFRI

Appropriations Bill	Agriculture
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture
Account	Research and Education Activities
Program Name	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
Requested Amount	\$350,000,000
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 450i(b), (National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977).
Description	This program provides peer-reviewed, competitively-awarded grants to support: (1) high priority fundamental and mission-linked research of importance in the biological, environmental, physical, and social sciences relevant to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural communities; and (2) competitively awarded research, extension, and education grants addressing key issues of national and regional importance to agriculture, forestry, and related topics.
Benefits/Impacts	<p>The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative is NIFA's flagship competitive grants program. It benefits the nation in numerous ways, providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ America's farmers and foresters with the genomic data and biotechnology tools to expand food and fiber production, processing, and international trade. ■ U.S. healthcare professionals with insight into the relationships between diet and health. ■ Extension specialists and their clients expanded knowledge about water quality to help protect the environment and safeguard our food systems. ■ University educators with the funding to train new generations of food, agriculture, and natural resource scientists. <p>USDA reports that of the meritorious AFRI proposals it received and peer-reviewed just 20% could be funded in FY 2009 and only 22% in FY 2008.</p>

Funding History

FY 2012 President's Budget	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007
\$324,655,000	\$264,470,000	\$262,482,000	\$201,504,000	\$ 190,883,000	\$ 190,229,000

Misc. Information

Matching Funds	There is no matching requirement.
Final Recipients	1862, 1890, and 1994 land-grant institutions; other universities; government agencies; and a wide variety of other eligible recipients.



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F Y 2012 Appropriations Request: ARS

Appropriations Bill	Agriculture
Agency	Agricultural Research Service
Account	Salaries and Expenses
Program Name	N/A
Requested Amount	\$1,179,639,000
Authorization	5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 1421; 7 U.S.C. 2221; 7 U.S.C. 427; and other laws.
Description	The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the principal inhouse research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
Benefits/Impacts	<p>The ARS mission is to conduct research to develop and transfer solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority and to provide information access and dissemination to: ensure high-quality, safe food, and other agricultural products; assess the nutritional needs of Americans; sustain a competitive agricultural economy; enhance the natural resource base and the environment; and provide economic opportunities for rural citizens, communities, and society as a whole. ARS programs benefit the nation in numerous ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nutrition, Food Safety, and Quality. Defines the role of food and its components in optimizing health for all Americans; develops tests and processes that keep the food supply safe; reduces and controls pathogens and toxins in agricultural products; and improves the economic viability and competitiveness of American agriculture. ■ Animal Production and Protection. Improves the health, well-being, and efficiency of livestock, poultry, and aquatic food animals to ensure a productive and safe food supply. ■ Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems. Develops the technologies and strategies needed to help farmers, ranchers, and other managers effectively steward the diverse agricultural mosaic spread across the nation. ■ Crop Production and Protection. Helps to sustain the Nation’s food supply through development of a continuous supply of improved plant varieties with protection from emerging diseases, insects, and damaging environmental conditions.

Funding History

FY 2012 President’s Budget	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007
\$1,137,690,000	\$1,133,229,998	\$1,179,639,000	\$1,140,406,000	\$1,128,944,000	\$1,135,004,000

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