

# Agriculture & Food Research Initiative

## Appropriations Bill

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## Agency

National Institute of Food & Agriculture

## Account

Research and Education Activities

## Program

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative

## Requested Amount

\$264,470,000

## Description

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## Authorization

7 U.S.C. 450i(b), (National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977).

## Eligible / Final Recipients

1862, 1890, and 1994 land-grant institutions; other universities; government agencies; and many other eligible recipients.

## Matching Funds

There is no matching requirement.

## President's FY 2014 Budget Request

Unknown at this time

## Five-Year Funding History

FY 2013 Unknown at this time

FY 2012 \$264,470,000

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A·P·L·U requests that Congress provide no less than \$264.470 million for the Food and Agriculture Research Initiative at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

## Benefits / Impacts

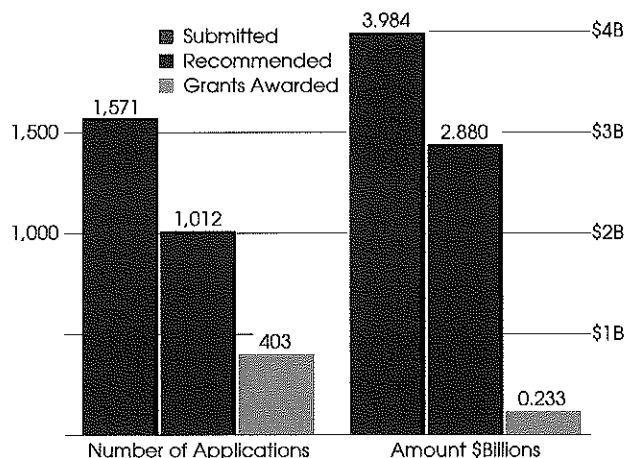
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- America's farmers and foresters with the genomic data and biotechnology tools to expand food and fiber production, processing, and international trade.
- U.S. healthcare professionals with insight into the relationships between diet and health.
- 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.

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AFRI advances fundamental sciences as well as translational research and development in support of agriculture and coordinates opportunities to build on these discoveries. The program also supports education and extension that delivers science-based knowledge to people, allowing them to make informed practical decisions.

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