

McIntire-Stennis

As Congress looks for alternatives to sequestration, completes the F. Y. 2013 appropriations process, and develops the F. Y. 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill, a sustained research investment is needed to keep U.S. forests healthy and productive and to provide wood products, clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, and myriad other benefits to the American public.

Foundational financial support for university-based forestry research and graduate education comes from National Institute of Food and Agriculture under authority of the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act of 1962. Funds are distributed to the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, with a dollar-for-dollar match required from the states.

For over 50 years, this program has benefitted America in numerous ways and this is the year to celebrate success as McIntire-Stennis leads us to a better future:

- Revolutionary nanotechnology, biotechnology, and spatial and engineering technologies are creating new jobs, reducing land management costs, and increasing forest productivity.
- Whole system analyses—crossing biophysical boundaries, ownerships, and agency jurisdictions—are integrating geophysical, ecological, and socioeconomic dimensions of natural resource issues, management, and policy to enhance the health and benefits of the nation’s forests.



A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry.....\$32.934 M

MAINTAIN MCINTIRE-STENNIS FUNDING!

1. Sequestration. Congress and the President must work out a fiscally-sound alternative to the scheduled sequestration cuts. *If it is not possible to avoid these reductions totally, then the effects on the McIntire-Stennis program must be minimized.*

2. F. Y. 2013 Appropriations. Congress must act expeditiously to complete the F.Y.2013 appropriations process and should maintain McIntire-Stennis funding at no less than the F.Y.2012 level of \$32.934 million.

3. F. Y. 2014 Appropriations. Once the F.Y.2013 appropriations decisions are final, Congress should complete the F.Y.2014 appropriations process in a timely way and fund the McIntire-Stennis program at no less than the F.Y.2012 level of \$32.934 million.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MCINTIRE-STENNIS SUCCESSES

- The program has provided over 24,000 years of graduate student support—producing 8,110 master’s degrees and 2,438 doctoral degrees—an estimated 37% of all U.S. graduate forestry degrees. (From FY 1964 to FY 2010.)
- In one year alone (FY 2010), McIntire-Stennis supported 670 research projects at 77 universities in 54 states and territories.
- According to the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs, McIntire-Stennis funds have been leveraged as high as 9:1 for forestry research projects, (meaning that every federal dollar of investment generates nine dollars from state and private sources).

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McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry

Appropriations Bill

Agriculture

Agency

National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Account

Research and Education Activities

Program

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry

Requested Amount

\$32,934,000

Program Description

Provides funding to support forestry research, (which includes forests and related rangelands) at land-grant and other public universities.

Authorization

16 U.S.C. 582a, et seq. (McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act of 1962).

Eligible / Final Recipients

1862 and 1890 land-grant institutions, or other state supported colleges and universities offering graduate training in the sciences basic to forestry and having a forestry school.

Matching Funds

A dollar-for-dollar match is required from the states.

President's FY 2014 Budget Request

Unknown at this time

Five-Year Funding History

FY 2013 Unknown at this time

FY 2012 \$32,934,000

FY 2011 \$32,934,000

FY 2010 \$29,000,000

FY 2009 \$27,535,000

A·P·L·U requests that Congress provide no less than \$32.934 million for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry program at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

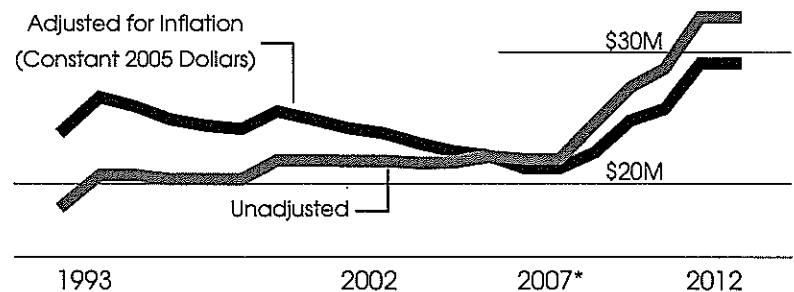
Benefits / Impacts

The McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry program continues to benefit the nation in myriad ways:

- America's forest resources are under continually increasing pressures from fires, storms, insects, diseases, urbanization, fragmentation, and lost economic opportunities. Research funded through the McIntire-Stennis program is essential to address these issues.
- The program develops new knowledge and innovations to sustain healthy, productive forests and address the challenges facing forest owners, forest products manufacturers, and all Americans who benefit from our forest resources.
- The program also supports capacity within each state to address issues essential to their private forest owners and develop new opportunities for economic benefit from their forests.
- McIntire-Stennis helps forestry researchers gain greater breadth of understanding in order to interpret and apply new knowledge and technologies to complex social and biological issues and challenges.
- Finally, the program is training the natural resource scientists of the future, helping them to understand specializations other than their own, apply analytical thinking and problem solving in a broad context, communicate through a wide range of media and to a variety of audiences, and develop strong leadership skills through ethical practice and scientific vision.

McIntire-Stennis Appropriation Must be Maintained

Basic federal support for forestry research and graduate education declined for more than 15 years until a bipartisan effort reversed the trend. Recent gains must be preserved.



*Data for FY 2007 not included in this chart because of a funding anomaly.