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Cornerstone Report from Washington

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Senate Appropriations Committee Approves FY 2014 Agriculture Spending Bill

The Senate Appropriations Committee met today and reported the FY 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill to provide funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and other USDA agencies. As described in our report of June 18, the Senate bill not only restores the funds cut from the land-grant system's core capacity programs in FY 2013 but makes modest increases to the system's core capacity programs and a substantial increase to the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI).

The Senate NIFA results are more than we expected and came about through the outstanding leadership of Subcommittee Chair Mark Pryor (D-AR) and Ranking Member Roy Blunt (R-MO), members of the subcommittee, and the land-grant community who successfully rallied their senators to restore the FY 2013 cuts and provide a strong AFRI appropriation.

As shown in the following table, the Senate Appropriations Committee also restored/increased many other NIFA accounts that were reduced by the sequester and FY 2013 across-the-board cuts:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014 - House & Senate

(All \$Millions)

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2014
Research and Education Activities	Final	Final	House	Senate
Hatch Act	236.334	218.342	236.334	243.701
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	32.934	30.427	32.934	33.961
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen)	50.898	47.023	50.898	52.485
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	3.335	3.081	3.335	3.439
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions (Capacity Building Grants)	19.336	17.864	19.336	19.336
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	8.517	9.219	9.219
Education Grants (Alaska and Hawaii Native-Serving Institutions)	3.194	2.951	3.194	3.194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	1.801	1.664	1.801	1.801
Capacity Building Grants for Non Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	4.500	4.157		4.500
Resident Instruction and Distance Learning Grants for Insular Areas	1.650	1.524	1.800	1.650
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	264.470	276.980	290.657	316.409
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	4.790	4.425	4.790	4.790

Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	3.695	4.000	4.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.762		0.825
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	1.081	0.999		1.081
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship & Institution Challenge Grants	9.000	8.315	9.000	9.000
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education	0.900	0.831	0.900	0.900
Aquaculture Centers	3.920	3.700	3.920	4.000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	14.471	13.369	19.049	22.667
Farm Business Management	1.450	1.340		1.450
Sun Grant Program	2.200	2.325		2.500
Improved Pest Control				
Expert IPM Decision Support System	0.153	0.141	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Integrated Pest Management	2.362	2.182	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.006	11.913	11.913
Pest Management Alternatives	1.402	1.295	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Special Research Grants	4.000	4.090	1.405	4.105
Necessary Expenses of Research & Education (Federal Admin.)	10.500	13.336	14.229	14.368
Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Research	0.961			
Competitive Grants for Policy Research	4.000			
Alfalfa Research				1.500

Subtotal	705.599	684.344	718.714	772.794
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	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2014
Extension Activities	Final	Final	House	Senate

Smith Lever Sections 3(b)-(c) & Cooperative Extension	294.000	271.618	294.000	300.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	42.592	39.349	42.592	43.920
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	4.312	3.984	4.312	4.446
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	18.228	19.730	19.730
Renewable Resources Extension Act	3.700	3.418	3.700	4.060
Rural Health and Safety Education Programs	1.500	1.386		1.500
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.000	0.924	1.250	1.000
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	0.400	0.370	0.400	0.400
Grants to Youth Organizations	0.750	0.672		
Smith Lever Section 3(d):				
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	67.934	62.762	67.934	67.934
Pest Management	9.918	9.163	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs	4.610	4.259	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	1.550	1.432	1.550	1.750
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	7.600	7.021	7.600	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	2.808	3.039	3.039
Sustainable Agriculture Programs	4.696	4.339	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities (Federal Admin.)	7.852	7.929	8.294	8.615

Subtotal	475.183	439.661	459.011	469.399
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	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2014
Integrated Activities	Final	Final	House	Senate

Water Quality Program	4.500	4.157		4.500
Regional Pest Management Centers	4.000	3.695	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>

Methyl Bromide Transition Program	1.996	1.844	1.996	1.996
Organic Transition Program	4.000	3.695	4.000	4.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	0.998	0.922	0.998	0.998
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	5.988	5.532	7.000	5.988
Crop Protection / Pest Management			17.143	17.835
Subtotal	21.482	19.847	31.137	35.317
	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2014
	Final	Final	House	Senate
	1,202.264	1,143.852	1,208.862	1,277.510

NOTES:

1: These pest management programs would be funded through the new "Crop Protection / Pest Management" funding line.

2: Incorporated within the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education funding line.

Important Developments

- **Crop Protection / Pest Management.** As you can see from the table above, the Senate Committee agreed to the proposal contained in the President's FY 2014 Budget Request to consolidate several Research and Extension Crop Protection and Pest Management funding lines into a single line under the Integrated Activities heading. This consolidated program would receive \$17.835 million.
- **Sustainable Agriculture.** The Committee also consolidated the Smith-Lever 3(d) Sustainable Agriculture line within the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education line, which falls under the Research and Education heading.
- **SNAP-Ed.** The Senate, unlike the House, did not impose any limitations on SNAP-Ed mandatory funding. [The House set FY 2014 SNAP-Ed mandatory funding at \$350 million, which is \$51 million less than existing law, but still \$65 million above the final FY 2013 level.]
- **Indirect Costs.** The Committee again included language capping indirect cost recovery at 30% versus the 22% contained in permanent law.

Next Steps

The House of Representatives is expected to take up the FY 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill shortly, perhaps as early as next week. Timing in the Senate is less certain. As always, we will keep you informed as developments occur.

If you haven't done so already, we urge you to contact your two senators to express your support for the tremendous outcome represented in the Committee reported bill.

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