

Farm Bill Roadmap

- Research, Extension and Education (REE) becomes **REE Office (REEO)**
 - Undersecretary for REE becomes “**Chief Scientist**” for USDA
 - Required to develop an annual USDA science “roadmap”
 - Enhanced staff to coordinated research, extension and education among agencies
 - REEO has six divisions:
 - Renewable energy, resources, and environment
 - Food safety, nutrition, and health
 - Plant health and production and plant products
 - Animal health and production and animal products
 - Agriculture systems and technology
 - Agriculture economics and rural communities

- **President’s budget request** will contain a single line item for research, extension and education activities

- Cooperative State Research, Extension and Education Service (CSREES) becomes **National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA)**
 - NIFA Director to be a distinguished scientist appointed by the President to a six year term
 - NIFA includes both capacity (formula) and competitive programs

- **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)** combines authorities of the National Research Initiative (NRI) and Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems (IFAFS)
 - AFRI funding authorized at \$700 million per year (up from \$500 million for NRI)
 - Appropriated funding to be divided 60% for basic research and 40% for applied research
 - A minimum of 30% of grants to integrated activities
 - AFRI general priority areas same as REEO divisions

- **Indirect cost rate** on competitive grants increased from 19% to 22%

- **New mandatory research funding** to be administered by NIFA and distributed through peer-reviewed, competitive awarded grants:
 - Organic Agriculture Research & Extension: \$78 million total over with FY2009 – 2012 period plus an additional \$25 million per year authorized for appropriations
 - Specialty Crops Research: \$230 million total over the FY2008 – 2012 period plus an additional \$100 million authorized for appropriations
 - New Farmer and Rancher Development: \$75 million total over the FY2009 – 2012 period plus an additional \$30 million authorized for appropriations
 - Biomass Research and Development (in the Energy Title): \$118 million total over the FY2009 – 2012 period plus an additional \$35 million authorized for appropriations

- **Reauthorizes all formula based capacity programs funding**
 - Capacity program critical base funding level established at FY2006 level for certain programs
 - Funding above base should emphasize 1890, 1994 and small 1862 land-grants, non-land grant colleges of agriculture and Hispanic serving institutions
- **Competitive program critical base funding level**, defined as the FY2006 level for certain CSREES programs is established. Funding above the “competitive program critical base funding level” should emphasize emerging problems and solutions.
- **1890 Programs**
 - Evans-Allen funding authorization increased from 25 to 30 percent of Hatch funds
 - 1890’s Extension funding authorization increased from 15 to 20 percent of Smith-Lever 3(b) funds
- **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)**
 - 1862 and 1890 land-grants will each receive minimum of \$100,000 per year
 - 1890’s will receive an escalated percentage of any increase in EFNEP funding
 - University of District of Columbia eligible to participate in EFNEP
- **Plan of Work** reporting requirements retained