

FY 2023 Agriculture Appropriation – Enacted Consolidated Appropriations Act

On December 29, 2022, the President signed into law the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law No. 117-328), providing full-year funding for fiscal year 2023. A summary of provisions that impact NIFA follows:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Overall, NIFA received **\$1,708,031,000** in Discretionary funding, a \$48 million or 3% increase from the 2022 Enacted funding, and \$115 million or 6% decrease, below the 2023 President's Budget request. Mandatory funding received totals **\$231,978,000** which is \$26 million above the 2022 Enacted level, a 13% increase.

Research and Education Activities

The Agriculture Appropriations for NIFA is **\$1,094,121,000** for Research and Education Activities which is \$42 million above the 2022 Enacted level, and \$119 million below the FY 2023 President's Budget request. The 2023 Enacted Consolidated Appropriations Act includes:

- The Hatch Act is funded at \$265 million which is \$5 million above the 2022 Enacted level. Funding in the 2023 Omnibus remained the same as the 2023 President's Budget request.
- McIntire-Stennis is funded at \$38 million which is \$2 million above the 2022 Enacted level and \$5.3 million below the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Evans Allen is funded at \$89 million which is \$9 million above the 2022 Enacted level and \$3.8 million below the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Payments to the 1994 Institutions/Tribal Colleges Education Equity grants program is funded at \$7 million which is \$1.5 million above the 2022 Enacted level but \$8 million below the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Education Grants for 1890 Institutions is funded at \$30 million which is \$1.5 million above the 2022 Enacted level and \$4 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Education Grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions, and Research Grants for 1994 Institutions, all received additional funding above the FY 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request. Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions is funded at \$16 million which is \$2 million above the FY 2022 Enacted level and the 2023 President's Budget request. Education Grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions were funded at \$5 million which is \$1 million above the FY 2022 Enacted and \$1.8 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request. Research Grants for 1994 Institutions was funded at \$5 million which is \$500K above the FY 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Open Data Standards for Neutral Data Repository is funded at \$1M which is the same as the FY 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Capacity Building Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture is funded at \$6 million which is \$1 million above the FY 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.

- Grants for Insular Areas is funded at \$2.5 million which is \$500K above the FY 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- The AFRI competitive grant program is funded at \$455 million which is \$10 million more than the 2022 Enacted level, but \$109 million less than the requested amount in the FY 2023 President's Budget request which was \$564 million. The authorization level for AFRI is \$700 million.
- Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment is funded at \$10M which is \$500K above the 2022 Enacted level and \$1.5 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Veterinary Services Grant Program is funded at \$4M which is \$500K above the 2022 Enacted level and \$1 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education program received \$1 million which is \$100K above the 2022 Enacted level, matching the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program is funded at \$50 million which is \$5 million more than the 2022 Enacted level, but \$10 million less than the requested amount in the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Two additional programs received funding in the 2023 Omnibus that were not funded in the 2022 Enacted or requested in the 2023 President's Budget request. The Laying Hen and Turkey Research Program is funded at \$1 million. The Research Facilities Act is funded at \$2 million to make competitive grants for agricultural research facilities and to prioritize those grants to facilities that are located at or primarily benefit minority serving institutions.
- Farm Business Management program is funded at \$2.5 million which is \$500K above the 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Minor Crop Pest Management program is funded at \$15 million which is \$500K above the 2022 Enacted level but \$5 million below the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Alfalfa Seed and Alfalfa Forage Systems Research program is funded at \$4 million which is \$500K above the 2022 Enacted level and \$4 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Agricultural Genome to Phenome Initiative program is funded at \$2.5M which is \$500K above the 2022 Enacted level and \$2.5 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Special Research Grants is funded at \$7.6 million which is \$1.2 million above the 2022 Enacted level and \$3.7 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- The Federal Administration line for Research and Education was proposed at \$21.4 million and is funded at \$20.5 million which is \$577K above the 2022 Enacted level and \$892K below the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Programs that remained the same from the 2022 Enacted level:
 - Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions (\$10 million)
 - Centers of Excellence at 1890 Institutions (\$10 million)
 - New Beginning for Tribal Students (\$5 million)
 - Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research (\$4 million)
 - Supplemental and Alternative Crops (\$2 million)
 - Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship, and Institution Challenge Grants (\$10 million)
 - Aquaculture Centers (\$5 million)
 - Sun Grant Program (\$3.5 million)
 - Research Equipment Grants (\$5 million)

General Provisions (Research and Education Activities): The following General Provisions were funded in the 2022 Enacted but were not funded in the 2023 Omnibus.

- Open Data Standards for Neutral Data Repository which is now a budget line built into the main account and is funded at the same level as 2022 Enacted (\$1 million).
- Blue Ribbon Panel
- Farm of the Future

Extension Activities

The Agriculture Appropriations for NIFA is **\$572,410,000** for Extension Activities, which is \$15 million above the 2022 Enacted and \$1.3 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request. The Enacted Consolidation Appropriations Act includes:

- Smith-Lever 3(b)(c) is funded at \$325 million which is \$5 million above the 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Extension Services at 1890 Institutions is funded at \$72 million which is \$7 million above the 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Extension Services at 1994 Institutions is funded at \$11 million which is \$1.5 million above the 2022 Enacted level, but \$8 million below the 2023 President's Budget request.
- Women and Minorities in STEM doubled the amount of funding received in the 2022 Enacted level. This program is funded at \$2 million which is \$1 million above the 2022 Enacted level and \$305K below the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Smith-Lever Act, Section 3(d) is funded at \$91.3M which is \$805K above the 2022 Enacted level and \$3.3 million below the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Food and Agriculture Service Learning is funded at \$2M which is \$500K below the 2022 Enacted level and matches the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Programs that remained the same from the 2022 Enacted level:
 - Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions (\$21.5 million)
 - Renewable Resources Extension Act (\$4.060 million)
 - Rural Health and Safety Education (\$5 million)
 - Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (\$2.5 million)
 - Food Safety Outreach (\$10 million)
 - Farm Stress Assistance Network (\$10 million)
 - Agriculture in the K12 Classroom (\$1 million)
 - Federal Administration line for Extension Activities (\$8.1 million)

General Provisions

- Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans, \$5 million, to provide grants to enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans (GP Section 739).
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, to provide \$4 million for the Farm Opportunities Training and Outreach (GP Section 747). This funding is split between the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (\$2 million each).

Integrated

The Agriculture Appropriations for NIFA is **\$41,500,000** for Integrated Activities, which is \$8.5 million below the FY 2022 Enacted and \$2.5 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.

- Regional Rural Development Centers is funded at \$3 million which is \$500K above the 2022 Enacted level and \$1 million above the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Crop Protection/Pest Management is funded at \$21 million which is \$1 million above the 2022 Enacted level and the FY 2023 President's Budget request.
- Programs that remained the same from the 2022 Enacted level:
 - Methyl Bromide Transition Program (\$2 million)
 - Organic Transition (\$7.5 million)
 - Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative (\$8M)

General Provisions (Extension Activities): The following General Provisions were funded in the 2022 Enacted but were not funded in the 2023 Omnibus.

- Institute for Rural Partnership University of Vermont

Supplemental Appropriation

- The Bioproduct Pilot program was funded an additional \$5 million in the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (PL 117-58).

USDA Internal Apportionment

- Institute for Rural Partnerships (GP 769): \$15 million, to continue to dedicate resources to researching the causes and conditions of challenges facing rural areas and develop community partnerships to address such challenges.

Matching Funds Requirement (GP 744): The Secretary of Agriculture **may waive the matching funds** requirement under section 412(g) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)). The Specialty Crop Research Initiative and the Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program fall under this section.

Indirect Cost Share (GP 704): This GP continues the 10% indirect cost limitations on agreements with non-profits. Exact language from the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act reads "No funds appropriated by this Act may be used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative agreements or similar arrangements between the United States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institutions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest between the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are provided in this Act."