

F. Y. 2005 Budget Request for Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension

**Budget and Advocacy Committee — Board on Agriculture Assembly
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges**

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NASULGC supports the full range of research, teaching, and outreach programs funded through the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We also have four specific items that must be addressed by Congress:

- 1. Many CSREES programs were cut by 10% or more in the F.Y. 2004 Ag Appropriations bill.** NASULGC supports restoration of the \$20.6 million that was cut from 33 CSREES line items in the F.Y. 2004 bill.
- 2. Funding for 1890 Institution’s facilities and capacity building efforts and 1994 Institution’s research and extension programs (and other similar efforts) must be increased significantly.** These land-grant institutions, and the populations they serve, have tremendous unmet needs and great potential to contribute to agriculture research, education, and extension.

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>Requested Amounts</u>	<u>Net Increase²</u>
1890 Institution Capacity Building Grants	\$24,500,000	\$13,089,000
1890 Facilities (Sec. 1447)	24,500,000	9,589,000
1994 Institutions Research	3,000,000	1,321,000
1994 Institutions Extension	5,000,000	2,071,000
Hispanic Education Partnership	5,100,000	455,000
Resident Instruction and Distance Ed. Grants ¹	1,000,000	1,000,000

- 3. Funding for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) must be increased.** EFNEP, which celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2004, provides nutritional information to low-income families and children. We support restoration of the 10% cut from this highly-effective program in the F.Y. 2004 bill and a \$10 million increase spread over the next three years. Such an increase will permit the 1890 Institutions to participate in this program by 2006.

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Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program	\$62,000,000	\$9,943,000

- 4. CSREES competitive grant line items should be increased** so that in the near future the National Research Initiative and similar programs are capable of funding approximately 30% of meritorious proposals, a percentage on par with other science agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>Requested Amounts</u>	<u>Net Increase²</u>
National Research Initiative	\$180,000,000	\$15,974,000
Institution Challenge Grants	6,000,000	1,141,000
International Science & Education Grants	1,500,000	605,000

Notes:

¹ This is a new line item for land-grant institutions in insular jurisdictions.

² Net increase compared to the F.Y. 2004 as enacted level.