

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Hatch Act

Increased investment needed to support food and agricultural research capacity at land-grant universities and related institutions.

America's national network of state-based, federally-supported food and agricultural research laboratories is the envy of the world. These "State Agricultural Experiment Stations" were established pursuant to the Hatch Act of 1887 and receive funds appropriated by Congress through the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Hatch Act funds are distributed according to a statutory formula to each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories. A dollar-for-dollar match is required from the states, but this is the minimum requirement and many jurisdictions provide a greater amount.

Congress has long recognized the enormous value of the Hatch Act program and wisely provided modest increases in recent years.

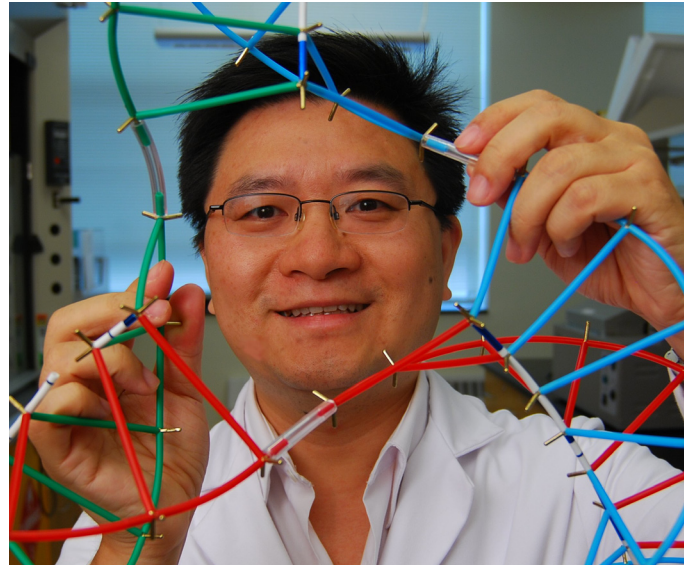
Nonetheless, measured in constant 2000 dollars, Hatch Act funding has fallen by more than \$26 million since fiscal year 1991. Therefore, A.P.L.U. urges Congress to provide an increased appropriation in FY 2010 for the food and agricultural research made possible by the Hatch Act program.

Additional Hatch Act research funds are needed to:

- Accelerate scientific progress on vital national priorities.
- Grow the research capabilities of the experiment stations.
- Underwrite essential infrastructure to respond to emergency situations.

A tremendous return on investment...

A 2004 study by economists Wallace Huffman (Iowa State) and Robert Evenson (Yale) found that between 1970 and 2000, investment of taxpayer funds for research in state agricultural experiment stations at land-grant universities contributed significantly to the increase in agricultural productivity, producing an annual return to society of approximately 50 percent.



A.P.L.U. PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2010

Hatch Act.....	\$225 M
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Hatch Act funds provide research capacity to...

- Develop new biofuels and bioproducts, enhance energy efficiency and reduce dependence on foreign oil.
- Improve knowledge concerning the complex linkages between food, nutrition, and human health.
- Protect America's food supply and ensure our biosecurity.
- Combat the twin epidemics of obesity and diabetes.
- Preserve the nation's natural resources
- Build strategies for producers, consumers, and communities to address climate change.
- Maintain competitiveness of U.S. food, fiber, and fuel producers in global marketplace.

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Hatch Act

Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture (formerly Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service)				
Account	Research and Education Activities				
Program Name	Hatch Act				
Requested Amount	\$225,000,000				
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 361a (Hatch Act of 1887, as amended).				
Description	This program provides funding to support the State Agricultural Experiment Stations enabling them to address critical national, multistate, state, and local problems. Funds are distributed to eligible institutions under a statutory formula.				
Benefits/Impacts	<p>Hatch Act funds benefit America by providing research capacity at 1862 land-grant universities and related institutions in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Develop new biofuels/bioproducts, enhance energy efficiency, reduce dependence on foreign oil. ■ Improve knowledge concerning the complex linkages between food, nutrition, and human health. ■ Protect America's food supply and ensure our biosecurity. ■ Combat the twin epidemics of obesity and diabetes. ■ Preserve the nation's natural resources. ■ Build strategies for producers, consumers, and communities to address climate change. ■ Maintain competitiveness of U.S. food, fiber, and fuel producers in global marketplace. 				
Funding History					
FY 2010 President's Budget	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006	FY 2005
\$207,106,000	\$207,106,000	\$195,812,000	\$322,597,000	\$176,969,000	\$178,707,000
Misc. Information					
Matching Funds	States are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match. However, Hatch funds are leveraged more than seven-fold nationwide.				
Final Recipients	State Agricultural Experiment Stations established pursuant to the Hatch Act of 1887 at the 1862 land-grant universities or such other substantially equivalent institutions as any state shall determine.				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org/kb.htm				

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, represents 217 U.S. universities and has members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.