

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

FY 2010 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

*Funding Priorities of the Board on Agriculture Assembly
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
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The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is the extramural funding agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. NIFA provides support for numerous research, extension, and higher education programs at America's land-grant universities and related institutions. The Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) supports all NIFA programs, but we have identified four over-arching priorities and 13 individual budget lines that we believe should be targeted for enhancement. We also endorse five other initiatives sponsored by A.P.L.U. component organizations.

OVERALL PRIORITIES		TARGETED BUDGET LINES	A.P.L.U.
1	Adequate funding to support all NIFA capacity¹ programs.	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	\$300.0 M
		Smith Lever 3(b) - 3(c)	300.0 M
		Hatch Act	225.0 M
2	Substantial increase in Agriculture and Food Research Initiative to reach full authorized level within five years.	Evans-Allen Program (1890s Research)	49.0 M
		1890 Institutions Extension	43.0 M
		McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	30.0 M
3	Full funding for mandatory programs established in 2008 Farm Bill.	Higher Education Challenge Grants	23.2 M
		National Needs Fellowship Grants	4.5 M
		Extension at the 1994 Institutions	5.0 M
4	Funding at no less than FY 2009 level or President's FY 2010 budget request for all NIFA programs not listed in table at right.	1994 Institutions Research	3.0 M
		Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program	68.0 M
		Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	10.0 M
1. As defined in P. L. 110-246 (2008 Farm Bill).		New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	5.0 M

OTHER INITIATIVES ENDORSED BY BAA	A.P.L.U. SPONSOR	GOAL
1890 Institutions Capacity Building Grants	Council of 1890 Presidents/Chancellors	\$25.0 M
1890 Institutions Facilities Grants (Sec. 1447)	Council of 1890 Presidents/Chancellors	25.0 M
Renewable Resources Extension Act	Forestry Section, Board on Natural Resources	8.0 M
International Science and Education Grants	International Agriculture Section	4.0 M
Non-Land-Grant University Capacity Building	Non-Land Grant Members	10.0 M