

University of Arkansas Division

VALUE OF HATCH ACT FUNDS

BACKGROUND

The Hatch Act provides basic capacity funding for State Agricultural Experiment Stations. The act requires that states provide a 100% match from non-federal resources (many states provide a greater match). Hatch Act funding is distributed by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture to eligible institutions under a statutory formula.

Congress has provided small increases in recent years, but this has barely slowed the steady, decades-long erosion of this vital program.

The land-grant system strongly supports Hatch Act funding at \$240 million in FY 2011.

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In Arkansas (FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Hatch Act is leveraged by \$ 3.62 in state funding:

Funds Leveraged by Our Pro Rata Share of Hatch Act Appropriation

	FY 2009 ¹	FY 2010 ²	FY 2011 ³
Federal (Hatch)	3,726,001	3,823,192	4,434,903
State	13,496,672	13,226,738	12,956,805
Total	\$	\$	\$

NOTES: (1) FY 2009 funds are actual amounts; (2) FY 2010 is estimated; (3) FY 2011 assumes a \$240 million appropriation (as requested by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities).

Additional Program Data

- These state and federal funds allowed faculty to generate an additional \$18,497,956 in extramural funds
- State figures are expenditures related to CRIS projects associated with Hatch & MSR projects
- 99% of the federal funds are invested in salaries of faculty conducting research in agriculture and 1% in travel

BENEFITS OF HATCH FUNDS

As shown above, if Congress increases the FY 2011 Hatch Act appropriation to \$240 million, our pro rata share would be \approx \$611,711. We would use such an increase to further research in these areas:

- Ensuring a safe, nutritious and sustainable food supply
- Genetic foundations that assist Arkansas producers and food processors contribute to feeding the world while remaining profitable
- Best management practices for environmental stewardship, renewable energy and climate change

OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: ADDITIONAL AREAS OF RESEARCH INCLUDE:

- Youth, family and community development
- Role of nutrition, exercise and personal choice in childhood obesity
- Strategies to promote sustainable food & fiber value chains



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