

# The University of Guam

## 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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## VALUE OF HATCH ACT FUNDS

In >> INSERT STATE HERE << (FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Hatch Act is leveraged by \$0.60 in state funding:

### Funds Leveraged by Our Pro Rata Share of Hatch Act Appropriation

	FY 2009 <sup>1</sup>	FY 2010 <sup>2</sup>	FY 2011 <sup>3</sup>
Federal (Hatch)	805,894	834,412	834,412
State	500,000	500,000	500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,305,894</b>	<b>\$1,334,412</b>	<b>\$1,334,412</b>

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).

### Of the annual Hatch allocation to the Guam AES

- 77% provides funding for salaries
- 23% provides funding for research farms, equipment and laboratories needed for agricultural research

### 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 ≈ \$125,00. We would use such an increase to:

- Environmental research, soil and water quality
- Invasive species research

### OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Value added product development
- Food safety
- Development of aquaculture research