



The University of Nebraska

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 Nebraska (FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Hatch Act is leveraged by \$9.53 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)	3,697,802	3,697,802	4,289,450
State	35,224,097	37,338,443	37,338,443
Total	\$38,921,899	\$41,036,245	\$43,802,997

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 Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station:

- 62% partially contributes towards faculty salaries for individuals that conduct research relevant to Nebraska.
- 38% provides materials and supplies for faculty research projects that meet Nebraska's emerging needs in agriculture, life sciences, natural resources, and families.

BENEFITS OF HATCH FUNDS

As shown above, if Congress increases the FY 2011 Hatch Act appropriation to \$240 million, our pro rata increase would be ≈ \$591,648. We would use such an increase to develop or expand research efforts in the following areas:

- The life sciences, ranging from molecular to global systems;
- Sustainable food, fiber and natural resource systems that support a bio-based economy;
- Economics and environments for a sustainable future; and
- Developing Nebraska's human capital: children, youth and families

OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station conducts research in the following areas:

- Animal Agriculture
- Plant and Crop Systems
- Sustainable Natural and Water Resources
- Bio- and Renewable Energy Systems
- Basic Human, Animal, and Plant Life Sciences
- Human Nutrition and Food/Fiber Value-added Processing
- Children, Youth and Families
- Agricultural Policy and Economics

