

# The University of New Hampshire

## 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 New Hampshire (FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Hatch Act is leveraged by **\$2.73** 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)	\$1,596,383	\$1,596,383	\$1,851,804
State	\$4,351,949	\$4,310,400	\$4,400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,948,332</b>	<b>\$5,906,783</b>	<b>\$6,251,804</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).

### Additional Program Data

- New Hampshire leverages the federal Hatch funds by nearly 3 to 1, creating an outstanding investment of federal taxpayer dollars, while returning federal taxes to our state.
- Our activities directly support NH and regional agriculture, food, natural resources and related tourism industries.
- Federal funding has been relatively flat, increasing the reliance on NH taxpayers.
- Substantial majority of funds directly enter the New Hampshire economy.

### BENEFITS OF HATCH FUNDS

As shown above, if Congress increases the FY 2011 Hatch Act appropriation to \$240 million, the NH pro rata share would be  $\approx$  \$1.85 million. We would use such an increase to:

- Increase efforts related to local foods, sustainable agriculture, farm-to-restaurant, and other opportunities that NH citizens are demanding.
- Train and support our faculty to be more successful in bringing federal competitive funds back to NH.
- Multiply opportunities for student support, training and hands-on experiences.
- Increase abilities to meaningfully integrate research with extension and instruction.

### OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Hatch covers partial salary of about 40 faculty and 20 staff, replacing the need for state dollars.
- A Hatch project develops regionally-appropriate methods to combine on-farm resources to minimize production cost, produce renewable energy, and reduce environmental impact of dairy operations.
- Another Hatch project identifies the skill sets of NH citizens, the needs of potential employers, and seeks to join these to improve rural employment opportunities and business success.
- Hatch funds development of dozens of new and improved varieties of healthy fruits and vegetables. These create new economic opportunities for local producers, improve nutrition of our citizens, and reduce health care costs.