

# The University of Wisconsin-Madison

## 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 Wisconsin (FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Hatch Act is leveraged by \$1.00 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)	\$5,593,939	\$5,807,156	\$6,482,407
State	\$5,593,939	\$5,807,156	\$6,482,407
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,187,878</b>	<b>\$11,614,312</b>	<b>\$12,964,814</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 WI AES:

- 63% provides graduate student support to conduct research relevant to WI
- 28% funds provides student hourly, travel for data collection, supplies and other miscellaneous expenses for research projects to meet Wisconsin's emerging needs in agriculture
- 9% funds UW-CALS farms and equipment 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  $\approx$  \$675,251. We would use such an increase to develop or expand research efforts and graduate student training in the following areas:

- Bioenergy resource development and technology
- Sustainable food production systems and crop pest management practices
- Livestock health and food safety
- Environmental services, including carbon sequestration
- Dairy management and dairy product development
- Climate change and ecosystem response
- Nutrition, human health and obesity prevention

## OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Soil resources, erosion, water quality and nutrient loads
- Biosecurity and risk analysis
- Pesticide resistance and invasive pest management
- Profitability and agricultural enterprises