

# Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design

## 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 West Virginia (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)	\$2,870,872	\$2,940,496	\$3,330,211
State	\$2,870,872	\$2,940,496	\$3,330,211
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,741,744</b>	<b>\$5,880,992</b>	<b>\$6,660,422</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).

## BENEFITS OF HATCH FUNDS:

Hatch and matching State funds are used to support our University farms and forests, graduate education and research relevant to West Virginia and the Nation in the following areas:

- Economic Development and Quality of Life in Rural Communities.
- Environmental Quality and Stewardship.
- Sustainable Energy.
- Human Nutrition and Health with an Adequate, Safe, and High Quality Food Supply.
- Production Agriculture.
- Fundamental Plant and Animal Systems.
- Production Forestry Timber Management and Wood Utilization

## BENEFITS OF INCREASED HATCH FUNDING:

As shown above, if Congress increases the FY 2011 Hatch Act appropriation to \$240 million, our pro rata share would be ≈ \$779430. We would use such an increase to develop or expand research efforts and graduate student funding in the following areas:

- Childhood Obesity, Nutrition and Health.
- Energy and Materials Production from Biomass.
- Climate Change, Agriculture and Forestry.
- Niche Market Development and Local Foods.
- Land-use Change and Economic Development.
- Sustainable Community Design.

