

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative

Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
Account	Research and Education Activities				
Program Name	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative				
Requested Amount	\$428,845,000				
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 450i(b), (National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977).				
Description	<p>This program provides peer-reviewed, competitively-awarded grants to support: (1) high priority fundamental and mission-linked research of importance in the biological, environmental, physical, and social sciences relevant to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural communities; and (2) competitively awarded research, extension, and education grants addressing key issues of national and regional importance to agriculture, forestry, and related topics.</p>				
Benefits/Impacts	<p>The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative is NIFA's flagship competitive grants program. It benefits the nation in numerous ways, providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ America's farmers and foresters with the genomic data and biotechnology tools to expand food and fiber production, processing, and international trade. ■ U.S. healthcare professionals with insight into the relationships between diet and health. ■ Extension specialists and their clients expanded knowledge about water quality to help protect the environment and safeguard our food systems. ■ University educators with the funding to train new generations of food, agriculture, and natural resource scientists. <p>USDA reports that of the meritorious AFRI proposals it received and peer-reviewed just 20% could be funded in FY 2009 and only 22% in FY 2008.</p>				
Funding History					
FY 2011 President's Budget	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006
\$428,845,000	\$262,482,000	\$201,504,000	\$ 190,883,000	\$ 190,229,000	\$ 181,170,000
Misc. Information					
Matching Funds	There is no matching requirement.				
Final Recipients	1862, 1890, and 1994 land-grant institutions; other universities; government agencies; and a wide variety of other eligible recipients.				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org/kb.htm				

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