

# University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension

## BACKGROUND

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 establishes the Cooperative Extension Service and provides federal funds for cooperative extension activities. The act requires that states provide a 100% match from non-federal resources (many states provide a greater match).

Funding under Smith-Lever sections 3(b) and 3(c) are distributed to cooperative extension units at eligible land-grant institutions under a statutory formula.

Congress has provided modest increases in the last two fiscal years, but this has barely slowed the steady erosion of this vital program in recent decades.

**The land-grant system strongly supports funding for Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) at \$350 million in FY 2011.**

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## VALUE OF SMITH-LEVER FUNDS

In Kentucky FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) appropriation is leveraged by \$3.53 in state funding. This in turn leverages \$5.34 in local funds. Combined state and local leveraging adds to a total \$8.87

### Funds Leveraged by Our Pro Rata Share of Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) Appropriation

	FY 2009 <sup>1</sup>	FY 2010 <sup>2</sup>	FY 2011 <sup>3</sup>
Federal (Smith-Lever)	8,771,447	9,111,818	10,757,785
State	30,975,000	30,822,400	30,822,400
Local/County	46,905,000	47,328,800	47,328,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86,651,447</b>	<b>\$87,263,018</b>	<b>\$88,908,985</b>

NOTES: (1) FY 2009 funds are actual amounts; (2) FY 2010 is estimated; (3) FY 2011 assumes a \$350 million appropriation (as requested by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities).

### Additional Program Data

- Maintain 120 offices in 120 Kentucky counties.
- Employ the equivalent of 736 people.
- UK Extension made more than 7.2 million contacts in 2009
- 234,062 youth were involved in 4-H Youth Development programs – 28% of those eligible.

## BENEFITS OF SMITH-LEVER FUNDS

As shown above, if Congress increases the FY 2011 Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) appropriation to \$350 million, our pro rata share would be ≈ \$10,757,785. We would use such an increase to:

- Retain critical employees to continue to help Kentuckians keep agriculture competitive in a global market.
- Assist Kentuckians in identifying life style changes to improve health and wellness
- Expand families and 4-H youth programs to improve nutrition and end child obesity.
- Work with farmers and consumers on energy conservation and biomass generation.

## OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- More that \$21 million in additional income was documented for Kentucky farmers who adopted new practices taught in Extension programs. Because this increased income will be spent and re-spent on local goods and services, the total impact is likely as much as three times that amount.
- More than 20,000 citizens in 101 communities increased their physical activity level by participating in Second Sunday. Sixty-six miles of highways and many miles of trails were used for such physical activities.
- Through its SET (Science, Engineering and Technology ) program 24,141 4-H youth participated in programs in robotics, biotechnology, geospatial relations, electronics and multimedia.
- Horse College conducted as a five-night educational program taught horse owners correct feeding, grooming, health, breeding and housing methods for their horses. 30 counties participated.