

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

FY 2012 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Funding Priorities of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

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The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)—the extramural science funding agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture— supports research, extension, and higher education at America’s land-grant universities and related institutions. The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (A·P·L·U) supports *all* NIFA programs. However, as set forth below, we have identified four programs that need enhancement from their FY 2011 levels (Table 1), three programs that absolutely must be sustained at their FY 2011 enacted levels (Table 2), and other critical initiatives supported by A·P·L·U component organizations (Table 3).¹

1. PROGRAMS TARGETED FOR ENHANCEMENT	FY 2011	PRESIDENT	A·P·L·U GOAL
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	264.470	324.655	324.655
Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c)	293.911	282.625	310.000 ²
1890 Institutions Extension	42.592	42.677	44.290 ²
Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions	4.312	5.321	5.321

2. PROGRAMS THAT MUST BE SUSTAINED	FY 2011	PRESIDENT	A·P·L·U GOAL
Hatch Act	236.334	204.250	236.334
Evans-Allen Program (1890s Research)	50.898	48.500	50.898
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	32.934	27.550	32.934

3. CRITICAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY A·P·L·U COMPONENT ORGANIZATIONS	
International Science and Education Grants	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Program
1890 Institutions Capacity Building Grants	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
1890 Institutions Facilities	Insular Area Institutions Capacity Building Grants
1994 Institutions Research Program	New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)
1994 Institutions Equity Grants	Non-Land-Grant Universities Capacity Building Grants
Native American Institutions Endowment Fund	Renewable Resources Extension Act
Tribal Colleges Essential Community Facilities Program ³	Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program

1. All amounts are in \$ Millions.
2. To restore the FY 2011 reduction and provide a small increase.
3. USDA Rural Development program.