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A Summary of the President's FY 2009 Budget Proposal for CSREES-USDA as Presented To the Congress of the United States

Advancing Knowledge for the Food and Agricultural System



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Goals of the FY 2009 CSREES Budget Proposal

Sustain Program Activities from FY 2008 to FY 2009



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Goals of the FY 2009 CSREES Budget Proposal

- Expand competitive, peer-reviewed allocation of research base programs.
- Maintain support for extension base programs.
- Integrate research, education and extension under the NRI to discover and disseminate new knowledge and technology.
- Support information education for pest risk management.
- Expand diversity and opportunity through support to minority and insular institutions, and improve outreach to underserved communities.
- Utilize new technologies for agricultural extension.
- Promote the training of scientists and professionals in food and agricultural sciences.



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Hatch Act and McIntire-Stennis formula programs



- Expand the multi-State research programs under Hatch to approximately 70 percent from current base of 25 percent.
- Redirect 42 percent of Hatch funds to nationally, competitively awarded, multi-State/multi-institutional projects in first year with the remaining multi-State funds phased into competitive grants over a four year period.
- Use 67 percent of McIntire-Stennis funds to create a nationally, competitively awarded, multi-State research program.



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Extension base programs



- Sustain capacity to respond to locally-identified needs, and strengthen competitiveness in grant-supported programs.
- Assure responsiveness to critical national issues such as agricultural security, zoonotic diseases, and local, regional and national emergencies.



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Biofuels



- Support research and extension needed to develop and adopt renewable fuels in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner.
- Establish a Biobased Products and Bioenergy Academic Center of Excellence to create and deliver multidisciplinary undergraduate and graduate-level education, research, and extension programs and curricula.



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Resiliency in rural communities and families impacted by disaster

- Initiate new research to understand the factors and conditions which result in resiliency in communities and families.
- Strengthen programs which help citizens prepare for and respond to catastrophes.



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Integrated Research, Education and Extension Activities

- Move beyond water quality issues to water availability, reuse, and conservation.
- Broaden national integrated pest management beyond cropping systems to include forest, ornamental, livestock and other ecosystem management opportunities.



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National Diagnostic Laboratory System



- Cooperate with APHIS and other public agencies and organizations to develop sustainable systems to help manage threats to agriculture.
 - Utilize the Asian Soybean Rust Pest Information Platform for Education and Extension to maintain and enhance pest risk management tools for Asian soybean rust and other pathogens of legumes.



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Minority-Serving Institutions; Assistance to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers



- Enhance research and teaching programs in the U.S. and insular areas.
- Support outreach for disadvantaged farmers.



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eXtension

- Double the Federal support for the implementation of eXtension to redefine access, understanding, and usefulness of extension education.



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Higher education and international engagement



- Continue to examine and reshape priorities for support of academic programs in agriculture and related sciences.
- Build specific international initiatives such as the US / India Agricultural Knowledge Initiative (AKI).



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CSREES Highlights^{1,2}

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	FY 2008 CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT ³	FY 2009 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET
Research and Education Activities	\$683,375	\$550,857
Extension Activities	453,157	431,753
Integrated Activities	55,850	20,120
Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, Section 2501	6,395	6,930
Total	\$1,198,777	\$1,009,660

1. The President's FY09 Request is about \$26.3 mil or approximately 2.54% below the President's FY08 Request.
2. The Agency also administers the 1994 Endowment; Interagency transfers across all activities; and a large portfolio of multi-agency funded activities.
3. Reflects funding levels contained in the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act less .7 percent rescission.



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Program Accountability

- CSREES has completed external reviews of all major programs, and implements the recommendations of those reviews in planning and management.
- CSREES continues to improve the focus of grant recipient reporting on outcomes, and to increase planning and coordination with ARS regarding collection of stakeholder input.