



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SUMMARY: 2009 AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATIONS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Bill Total

2008 Enacted:	\$18.0 billion
Bush Request:	\$18.6 billion
2009 Bill:	\$20.5 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH

Food and Drug Administration: \$2 billion, \$335 million above 2008, to help FDA improve the safety of domestic and imported food and medical products.

Food Safety and Inspection Service: \$972 million, \$41 million above 2008, to keep our food safe and implement new farm bill requirements.

HELPING THOSE HIT HARDEST BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): \$6.9 billion, \$1.2 billion above 2008, to provide proper nutrition to mothers and their children. Rising food costs and the economic downturn are expected to increase participants to 9.1 billion Americans in 2009 - 400,000 more than 2008.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program: \$160.4 million, \$20.7 million above 2008, to provide nutritious food to nearly a half million low-income women, infants, children, and elderly citizens struggling with rising food costs.

International Food Aid (P.L. 480): \$1.2 billion, \$15 million above 2008 for P.L. 480 and \$100 million for the McGovern-Dole program, to address world hunger at a time when rising food costs are creating a global food crisis.

REINVESTING IN RURAL AMERICA

National Animal Identification: \$14.5 million, \$4.8 million above 2008, to meet the technology needs of the new animal tracking system and to continue efforts to enroll stockyards in the system to prevent the spread of disease, improve food safety, and protect the farm economy. Roughly 1/3, or 500,000 of the 1.4 million U.S. livestock premises are currently registered.

Rural Development: \$2.7 billion, for USDA programs important to rural communities including rural housing, water projects, community facilities and economic development efforts.

Animal and Plant Health: \$881 million, \$13.7 million above 2008, to fund programs that protect American agriculture against animal and plant diseases.

Agricultural Research: \$1.1 billion for the Agricultural Research Service and \$1.2 billion for the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service for important agricultural research.

CONSERVATION

Conservation Programs: \$968 million, \$32 million above 2008, for the Natural Resources Conservation Service to improve service in the field, deliver conservation efforts to protect the environment, and upgrade aging flood control dams at risk of catastrophic failure.

OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT

Commodity Futures Trading Commission: \$146 million, \$34.7 million above 2008, to increase staff and improve technology in order to strengthen oversight and enforcement capabilities at a time of turmoil in the commodity futures markets.

Ensuring Livestock Competition: \$40.3 million, \$1.8 million above 2008, to assure fair competition and fair trade practices, safeguard farmers and ranchers, and to protect consumers and members of the livestock, meat, and poultry industries from unfair, deceptive, discriminatory and monopolistic practices.

IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS

Imported Poultry Products from China: Prohibits USDA from moving forward with a rule to allow potentially unsafe poultry products from China into the U.S.

Country of Origin Labeling (COOL): Implements the program requiring country of origin labeling for fresh fruits and vegetables, meats and other products by providing \$9.6 million for the Agricultural Marketing Service to administer and oversee COOL labeling requirements.

Inspection Pilot Program: Prohibits FSIS from implementing a pilot program to inspect certain facilities using a risk-based model until FSIS implements changes recommended by the USDA Inspector General.