

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2021

\$23.330 billion total funding

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Agricultural Research:** The bill provides more than \$3.3 billion for agricultural research programs. This includes \$1.51 billion for the Agricultural Research Service and \$1.54 billion for National Institute of Food and Agriculture, including a \$10 million increase for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI). This funding will support investments in the research and development of new technologies and varieties to improve the productivity, sustainability, and quality of American agriculture. The bill also fully funds the President's request to support the continued establishment of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility.
- **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service:** The bill provides \$1.06 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), an increase of more than \$14 million above FY20 enacted levels. The funding will help protect the nation's animal and plant resources from diseases and pests such as chronic wasting disease and Asian giant hornets.
- **Food Safety and Inspection Service:** The bill provides \$1.07 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, which fully funds the food safety and inspection programs that ensure safe and healthy food for American families. The bill promotes the safety and productivity of the nation's \$186 billion meat and poultry industry by supporting more than 8,000 frontline inspection personnel for meat, poultry, and egg products at more than 6,400 facilities in the United States.
- **Farm Service Agency:** The bill provides \$1.434 billion for the Farm Service Agency, an increase of \$20 million above FY20 enacted levels. It also prohibits the closure of FSA county offices and provides resources for IT improvements and personnel across county offices.
- **Conservation Programs:** The bill provides \$832 million to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Conservation Operations and \$175 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations.
- **Rural Development:** The bill provides \$3.1 billion for Rural Development (RD) to support RD's mission areas, including \$400 million for the ReConnect Broadband Pilot. The bill also funds the relocation of staff from the Goodfellow Federal Center in St. Louis, MO.
- **Nutrition Programs:** The bill provides full funding for regular nutrition program needs for FY21. The bill includes \$6 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and an increase of \$18 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

- **International Food Assistance:** The bill provides \$1.725 billion for Food for Peace Title II Grants and \$220 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education program.
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** The bill provides \$3.21 billion in discretionary funding for the FDA, a \$40 million net increase to base funding for medical products, food safety activities, and infrastructure needs. Overall, total FDA funding, including user fee revenues, is \$5.88 billion. The bill also provides \$70 million as authorized in the 21st Century Cures Act.