

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

\$23.395 billion in total base discretionary funding

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Agricultural Research:** The bill provides more than \$3.3 billion for agricultural research programs. This includes \$1.527 billion for the Agricultural Research Service and \$1.57 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 (APHIS):** The bill provides \$1.064 billion for APHIS, an increase of more than \$21 million above the FY20 enacted level. The funding will help protect the nation's animal and plant resources from diseases and pests such as chronic wasting disease and cotton pests.
- **Food Safety and Inspection Service:** The bill provides \$1.076 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 (FSA):** The bill provides \$1.157 billion for FSA, an increase of \$21.5 million above the FY20 enacted level. It prohibits the closure of FSA county offices and provides resources for IT improvements and personnel across county offices. The bill also increases funding for farm direct, guaranteed, and emergency loans to meet the expected demands.
- **Conservation Programs:** The bill provides \$833 million to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Conservation Operations and \$175 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations.
- **Rural Development (RD):** The bill provides \$3.23 billion to support RD's mission areas, including \$635 million for the ReConnect Broadband Pilot, \$65 million for Distance learning and Telemedicine grants, \$463 million for rural water and waste programs, and \$1.41 billion for rental assistance for affordable rental housing for low-income families and the elderly in rural communities. The bill also provides \$1.45 billion in loan authority for rural water and waste programs, \$24 billion in loan authority for the Single Family Housing guaranteed loan program, and \$1 billion in grants and loans for rural business and industry programs that promote small business growth in rural areas.

- **Nutrition Programs:** The bill provides full funding for nutrition programs to serve the estimated need for FY21. The bill also includes \$6 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and an increase of \$80 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).
- **International Food Assistance:** The bill provides \$1.74 billion for Food for Peace Title II Grants and \$230 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education program.
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** The bill provides \$3.215 billion in discretionary funding for the FDA, a \$43.25 million net increase to base funding for medical products, food safety activities, and crosscutting activities. Overall, total FDA funding, including user fee revenues, is \$5.89 billion. The bill also provides \$70 million as authorized in the 21st Century Cures Act.
- **Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP) Plus:** The bill repurposes certain unobligated funds to ensure that the Department of Agriculture (USDA) can provide disaster payments to producers for crop losses due to hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters in 2018 and 2019.