

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2022

\$25.125 billion in total base discretionary funding

The Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Agriculture Appropriations bill provides a discretionary total of \$25.125 billion, a \$1.73 billion increase (7.4%) above the FY21 enacted level. The bill carries the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) in even-numbered fiscal years. When accounting for CFTC, the allocation amounts to a 6% increase over the FY21 enacted level. This bill prioritizes agencies and programs that promote the health and safety of the American public, serve the needs of those in rural America, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, as well as safe and effective medicines and medical devices.

- Supports U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) agriculture, rural development, conservation programs, and food and drug safety.
- Provides essential nutrition assistance for children, families, and seniors.
- Provides an increase of \$217 million for USDA research programs to foster innovation and productivity in agriculture.
- Does not include limitations on mandatory Farm Bill funding.
- Includes \$486.6 million for Rural Broadband Pilot (ReConnect), in addition to the \$2 billion USDA received for broadband efforts in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act.

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

Agricultural Research: The bill provides more than \$3.5 billion for agricultural research programs. This includes \$1.63 billion for the Agricultural Research Service and \$1.64 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 \$1.11 billion for APHIS, an increase of more than \$46 million above the FY21 enacted level. The funding will help protect the nation's animal and plant resources from diseases and pests. The bill also includes \$250 million to offset a loss of user fees from international passenger and commerce vehicles to ensure that APHIS and CBP can continue inspections and interceptions of foreign animal and plant pests and diseases before they enter the United States.

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS): The bill provides \$226 million for AMS programs to improve domestic and international opportunities for our nation's farmers and ranchers. Funding increases are provided for oversight and enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act, as well as the establishment of a Cattle Contract Library pilot program.

Food Safety and Inspection Service: The bill provides \$1.11 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. The bill includes increased funding to reduce user fees for small and very small processing facilities and for public health veterinarian retention efforts. The bill also includes language modifying overtime requirements for inspectors.

Farm Service Agency (FSA): The bill provides \$1.173 billion for FSA. It prohibits the closure of FSA county offices and provides resources for IT improvements and personnel across county offices. The bill also provides \$10.385 billion in total Program Loan Authorizations, an increase of \$527 million above FY21. This includes an increase of \$200 million for Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loans and an increase of \$300 million for Direct Farm Ownership Loans to meet anticipated loan demand needs.

Conservation Programs: The bill provides \$904 million to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Conservation Operations to assist with conservation planning and implementation assistance. The bill also provides \$100 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations to protect and restore watersheds across the country.

Rural Development (RD): The bill provides \$3.9 billion to support RD's mission areas, including \$486.6 million for the ReConnect Broadband Pilot, \$62.5 million for Distance learning and Telemedicine grants, \$490 million for rural water and waste grants, and \$1.45 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, \$30 billion in loan authority for the Single Family Housing guaranteed loan program, and \$1.3 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 FY22. The bill also includes \$6 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), an increase of \$7 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and an increase of \$1.5 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

International Food Assistance: The bill provides \$1.74 billion for Food for Peace Title II Grants and \$237 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education program.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA): The bill provides \$3.3 billion in discretionary funding for the FDA, \$102.2 million over the FY21 enacted level. Overall, total FDA funding, including user fee revenues, is \$6.09 billion. The increases for FDA include \$29 million for medical product safety, \$29.5 million for food safety activities, \$41.3 million for cross-cutting initiatives supporting both medical and food safety, and \$2.4 million for infrastructure investments. The bill also provides \$50 million as authorized in the 21st Century Cures Act.