

Senate Appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies - FY 2006 Measures

(In Thousands)

	FY 2005	2006 Request	FY 2006 House	FY 2006 Senate
Total bill	85,590,376	100,132,9	11 100,321,593	100,717,949
Agricultural programs	27,041,494			35,461,185
Conservation programs	991,901			963,987
Rural economic and community development programs	2,413,768			2,534,453
Domestic food programs	52,488,361			58,701,717
Foreign assistance and related programs	1,520,935			1,483,512
Related agencies	1,543,670			1,590,395
General provisions	-409,753			-17,300

As compared to:

Title I - Agricultural Programs	FY 2005	2006 Request	FY 2006 House	FY 2006 Senate	FY 2005
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Production, Processing, and Marketing					
Office of the Secretary	5,083	5,127	5,127	5,127	

Drought Mitigation.—The Committee is concerned by the lack of a coherent national policy to combat drought. When drought strikes, it is a very serious disaster bringing economic and personal hardships to large sections of the Nation. Long term drought conditions in the Intermountain West, as one example, have resulted in water supplies for agriculture falling below 50 percent of normal supply. The report of the National Drought Commission, "Preparing for Drought in the 21st Century", recommends that Congress pass a National Drought Preparedness Act. Such an act would establish a Federal/non-Federal partnership through a National Drought Council responsible for implementing a national drought policy. The Committee expects the Secretary to carry out the recommendations of the National Drought Commission and coordinate USDA mission areas to provide a response to droughtstricken areas in as prompt and meaningful a way as possible.

Executive Operations					
Chief Economist	10,234	10,539	10,539	10,539	
National Apprais Division	14,216	14,524	14,524	14,524	
Office of Budget and Program Analysis	8,162	8,298	8,298	8,298	
Homeland Security Staff	769	1,466	934	1,166	
Office of the Chief Information Officer	16,462	16,726	16,462	16,726	
Common Computing Environment	124,580	142,465	60,725	128,072	
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	5,696	5,874	5,874	5,874	
Working Capital Fund	12,747	0	0	0	
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights	811	821	811	821	
Office of Civil Rights	19,730	20,109	20,109	20,109	
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration	664	676	676	676	
Agriculture Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments	162,559	221,924	183,133	187,734	
Hazardous Materials Management	15,408	15,644	15,644	12,000	
Departmental Administration	22,445	23,103	23,103	23,103	
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations	3,821	3,846	3,821	3,846	
Office of Communications	9,290	9,509	9,509	9,509	
Office fo the Inspector General	77,663	81,045	79,626	81,045	
Office of the General Counsel	35,574	40,263	38,439	40,263	
Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics	587	598	598	598	
Economic Research Service	74,170	80,749	75,931	78,549	
National Agricultural Statistics Service	128,444	145,159	136,241	145,159	
Agricultural Research Service (ARS)					
Salaries and Expenses	1,102,000	996,107	1,035,475	1,109,981	
California related provisions					
Air Quality Research					
Arid Lands Research					

The challenges for agricultural production and natural resource management in the desert Southwest and adjoining border regions are immense. Technologies for arid land agriculture are needed for the remediation of arid and semiarid rangelands, sustainable agriculture production for growers of irrigated cotton and selected crops, and the restoration of disturbed lands.				
Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy				4,000
Albany, CA - pathophysiology of BSE	900			
Albany, CA - prion research	500			
Broomweed biological control				250
The Committee is concerned about increased infestations of exotic brooms and gorse weeds in the Western United States which are causing serious economic and environmental damage to agriculture and rangelands.				
Albany, CA - increased broomweed biological research				250
Ecology of Tamarix				400
Tamarix (salt cedar) are woody invasive plants which threaten aquatic systems by consuming large amounts of water, out competing native vegetation like willow and cottonwood trees for water. It is a serious problem in Nevada, California, Colorado, Texas, and other Western States. The Committee is aware of the ARS biocontrol field trials on China beetles to eradicate tamarix.				
Emerging Diseases of Livestock and Crops				2,500
The Committee provides an increase for research on crop diseases and pests including rust diseases, late blight, canker, Pierce's Disease, etc.				
Parlier, CA - rapid diagnostic research				300
Food and Nutrition Research				
The Committee concurs with the department's request to provide additional resources for human nutrition studies and food surveys that will lead to improved health for all Americans.				
Davis, CA				200
Food Safety Research				
Albany, CA - rapid pathogen detection from foods				100
Invasive Ludwaigia Research				
The invasive water prim rose (Ludwigia), is a fast growing and fast spreading aquatic weed native to South America				
Davis, CA				250
Invasive Species Research				
The Committee is concerned with the introduction of insects and pests which are destructive to American vegetation and cause severe economic losses. The Committee supports the department's request to initiate or expand research to control and eradicate these pests...[including] sudden oak death, tamarisk, emerlad ash borer, Asian Longhorned beetle and lobate scale.				
Mosquito Biological Control				350
Mosquitoes have reemerged as disease transmitters with the occurrence of West Nile Virus.				
Noxious Weeds in the Desert Southwest				0
Invasive and noxious weeds are expected to infest 140 million acres in the United States by the year 2010. Rangeland and pastures will be the primary land types invaded by these species.				
NutriCore				42
The Committee believes there is great potential benefit in the area of human nutrition from work proposed by the National Center for Excellence in Foods and Nutrition Research (NutriCore) headquartered in Indiana with regional hubs in Pennsylvania, California, Texas, Mississippi,				
Program Continuations - same funding as FY05				
Broomweed Biological Controls (Yellow Starthistle) (U of ID), Albany, CA				
Minor Use Pesticide (IR-4), Salinas, CA				
National Germplasm Resources Program, Davis, CA; Riverside, CA;				
Pierce's Disease, Parlier, CA				
Sudden Oak Disease, Davis, CA				
Buildings and Facilities	186,335	64,800	87,300	160,645
No specified funding for any California facilities				
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service				
Research and Education Activities	655,495	545,500	662,546	652,231

Special research grants	120,313	3,341		110,281
Citrus tristeza (CA)	691	0		691
Exotic pest diseases (CA)	1,929	0		1,929
Ozone air quality (CA)	401	0		401
Pierce's disease (CA)	2,071	0		2,175
Sudden oak death (CA)	93	0		98
Sustainable agriculture (CA)	515	0		0
Viticulture consortium (NY, CA, PA)	1,835	0		1,835
Improved pest control	15,158	15,006		15,158
Hispanic education partnership grants	5,600	5,645		5,600
National Research Initiative	179,552	250,000		190,000
Federal administration	42,546	8,832		38,193
No specified funding for any California programs				
Native American Institutions Endowment Fund	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Extension Activities	445,631	431,743	44,871	453,438
Pest management	9,920	10,759		9,920
Integrated Activities	54,712	35,013	15,513	55,784
Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers	5,888	5,935	7,810	5,888
Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs	715	724	724	724
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)				
Salaries and Expenses	808,106	855,162	823,635	807,768
Pest and disease exclusion	151,127	169,108		154,236
Import Inspection	12,771	11,989		12,993
Inspection and surveillance activities related to products entering California				1,500
Plant and animal health monitoring	194,991	238,572		201,352
Pest detection	26,915	44,048		26,767
California County Pest Detection Augmentation Program				
Pest and disease management programs	360,967	342,141		347,023
Emerging Plant Pests	100,754	126,700		101,952
Glassy-winged sharpshooter/Pierce's disease				24,503
Sudden oak death				3,076
Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza	22,816	22,837		11,837

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The Committee is aware of an outbreak in California of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza in poultry during 2002. The California strain of LPAI (H5N2) was identical to the LPAI strain in the 2002 outbreaks that occurred in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas. After depopulating their flocks to prevent the spread of the virus, producers in each of those States were indemnified by APHIS, yet California producers were not. Language was included in the fiscal year 2004 committee report urging the Department to compensate California producers for their losses. However, the Department has not acted on the Committee's direction. Therefore, the Committee again urges APHIS to provide indemnification to turkey producers in California who depopulated their flocks as a result of the 2002 LPAI outbreak and to report to the Committee within 90 days of enactment of this Act on the Service's actions regarding this matter.

Animal care	16,978	17,975		17,975
Scientific and technical services	75,405	86,002		77,490
Buildings and Facilities	4,927	4,996	4,996	4,996
Agricultural Marketing Service				
Marketing Services	75,092	84,114	78,032	76,643

The Committee encourages AMS to work with Hmong immigrant, Native American, and regional groups of farmers in Wisconsin and California to identify available funding sources to develop community agriculture and farmers' market systems.

Limitation on Administrative Expenses	64,459	65,667	65,667	65,667
Marketing Agreements and Orders	15,800	16,055	16,055	16,055
Payments to States and Possessions	3,816	1,347	1,347	3,847

The Committee is aware of and encourages the Department to give consideration to a grant application from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, if appropriate, for the California Association of Food Banks and the State's fruit and vegetable growers to design a statewide initiative to expand fresh produce distribution to low-income people in community based groups.

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Salaries and Expenses	37,001	15,717	38,400	38,443
Limitation on Inspection and Weighing Services Expenses	42,463	42,463	42,463	42,463
Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety	590	602	590	602
Food Safety and Inspection Service	817,170	710,717	837,264	836,818
Food safety inspection				
Federal	736,367	767,984		751,457
State	51,758	54,956		53,657
International	19,180	19,869		19,517
Codex Alimentarius	2,704	2,747		3,002
FAIM	7,161	4,161		9,185
Office of the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services	626	635	635	635
Farm Service Agency				
Salaries and Expenses	1,294,858	1,365,068	1,325,921	1,357,748
State Mediation Grants	3,698	4,500	4,250	4,250
Grassroots Source Water Protection Program	3,224	0	0	4,250
Dairy Indemnity Program	100	100	100	100
Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account	3,717,840	3,803,253		3,743,000
Loan Subsidies and Administrative Expenses Levels	455,898	471,229	456,485	467,967
Subsidies	156,548	154,092	151,358	150,830
Administrative Expenses	291,414	309,137	297,127	309,137
Risk Management Agency	71,468	87,806	77,806	73,448
Corporations				
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund	4,095,128	3,159,379	3,159,379	3,159,379
Commodity Credit Corporation Fund				
		25,690,00		
Reimbursement for Net Realized Losses	16,452,377	0	25,690,000	25,690,000
Hazardous Waste Management	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Title II - Conservation Programs				
Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment	735	744	744	744
Natural Resources Conservation Service				
Conservation Operations	830,661	767,783	773,640	819,561
Municipal Water District of Orange County - cooperative agreement				200
Watershed Surveys and Planning	7,026	5,141	7,026	5,141
Watershed and Flood Prevention operations	74,971	0	60,000	60,000
Watershed Rehabilitation Program	27,280	15,125	47,000	27,313
Resource Conservation and Development	51,228	25,600	51,360	51,228
Title III - Rural Development				
Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development	627	635	627	635
Rural Community Advancement Program	710,321	521,689	657,389	705,106
Community	88,467	27,806		86,770
The Committee is aware of and encourages the Department to give consideration to applications relating to community facilities for the following: City of Lindsey-Lindsey Wellness Center (CA)				
Business	73,587	44,221		90,221
The Committee is aware of and encourages the Department to consider applications for water and waste disposal loans and grants for the following projects: Lake County, Full Circle Project, rural wastewater and water treatment upgrade (CA)				
Utilities	548,267	449,662		528,115
Rural Development Salaries and Expenses	637,398	682,824		679,748
Rural Housing Service (loans and grants)	5,401,973	5,960,603		5,691,159
Rental Assistance Program	587,264	650,026	650,026	653,102
Rural Housing Voucher Program	0	214,000	0	16,000
Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants	33,728	34,000	34,000	34,000
Rural Housing Assistance Grants	43,640	41,000	41,000	43,976
Rural Business - Cooperative Service				
Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account				
Estimated loan level	33,939	34,212		34,212

Direct loan subsidy	15,741	14,718		14,718
Administrative expenses	4,281	6,656		6,656
Rural Economic Development Loans Program Account				
Estimated loan level	24,803	25,003		25,003
Direct loan subsidy	4,660	4,993		4,993
Rural Cooperative Development Grants	23,808	21,000	64,000	24,988
Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities Grant	12,400	0	10,000	12,400
Renewable Energy Program	22,816	10,000	23,000	23,000
Rural Utilities Service				
Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans Program Account	4,835,400	3,190,000		6,195,000
Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband Program	639,248	383,875		595,000

Title IV - Domestic Food Programs

Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services	590	599	599	599
Food and Nutrition Service				
		12,416,02		
Child Nutrition programs	11,782,000	7	12,412,027	12,412,027
School Lunch Program	6,801,286	7,194,237		7,194,237
School Breakfast Program	1,910,882	2,030,357		2,030,357
State administrative expenses	145,710	156,061		156,061
Summer Food Service Program	283,226	298,364		298,364
Child and Adult Care Food Program	2,066,197	2,174,293		2,174,293
Special Milk Program	16,868	14,819		14,819
Commodity procurement, processing and computer support	541,532	527,579		527,579
Coordinated review system	5,232	5,235		5,235
Team nutrition	10,015	10,025		10,025
Food safety education	998	1,000		1,000
Child nutrition program pay costs	57	57		57
Child nutrition program integrity funds	0	4,000		0
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	5,235,032	5,510,000	5,257,000	5,257,000
		40,711,39		
Food Stamp Program	35,154,554	5	40,711,395	40,711,395
Commodity Assistance Program	177,366	177,935	178,797	179,935
Nutrition programs Administration	138,818	140,761	140,761	140,761

Title VI - Related Agencies and Food and Drug Administration

Food and Drug Administration	1,800,541	1,874,489	1,865,741	1,866,772
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The Committee provides \$1,000,000 to create a Western Region FDA Center of Excellence at the University of California at Davis. This Center will focus on research relating to food defense and the critical issues dealing with imports of food products, especially from the Americas and Pacific Rim. The goals of this new Center include addressing increasing incidence and complexity of food-borne disease outbreaks, increased risk at the border of new food-borne pathogens entering our food systems, and the risk of attacks on our food supply.

Foods	435,526	461,227		450,179
Human drugs	291,488	294,089		295,589
Biologics	132,115	122,238		122,238
Animal drugs	90,486	90,486		90,486
Medical and radiological devices	214,965	220,961		22,792
Other activities	87,232	87,262		87,262