APLU FY2011 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (NIFA)

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
APLU FY2011 Request: $428.845 million
(PBR = $428.845M; FY2010 = $262.482M; FY2009 = $201.5M)
APLU strongly supports the Administration’s request for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, USDA’s flagship competitive grants program. AFRI provides peer-reviewed grants to support: (1) high priority fundamental and mission-linked research of importance in the biological, environmental, physical, and social sciences relevant to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural communities; and (2) competitively awarded research, extension, and education grants addressing key issues of national and regional importance to agriculture, forestry, and related topics.

AFRI benefits the nation in numerous ways, providing:
- America’s farmers and foresters with the genomic data and biotechnology tools to expand food and fiber production, processing, and international trade.
- U.S. healthcare professionals with insight into the relationships between diet and health.
- Extension specialists and their clients expanded knowledge about water quality to help protect the environment and safeguard our food systems.
- University educators with the funding to train new generations of food, agriculture, and natural resource scientists.

Capacity Funds: Formula and Block Grant Funding Programs of NIFA
APLU also supports increases for six NIFA funding lines that underwrite the basic research and extension capacity at America's land-grant universities and related institutions. All but one (1994s Extension) of these programs have state-matching requirements and are essential to sustain the national food, agriculture, and natural resources research and extension capabilities that benefit U.S. residents in both rural and urban areas.

- Hatch Act ($240 Million)
- Evans-Allen ($55 Million) for agricultural research
- McIntire-Stennis ($35 Million) for cooperative forestry research
- Smith-Lever ($350 Million)
- Extension Services at 1890 Institutions ($50 Million)
- Extension Services at 1994 Institutions ($8 Million)

Additional APLU FY2011 Agriculture Appropriations bill priorities and detailed justifications, as determined by the Association’s Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources Board on Agriculture Assembly, are available at: http://www.land-grant.org/kb.html