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**Policy Brief..... Fiscal Year 2004 Agriculture Appropriations**

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

*Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars*

	<b>FY '03 Enacted*</b>	<b>FY '04 Request*</b>	<b>FY '04 Cmte Bill</b>
Appropriations	18,096	16,784	17,005
Supplemental Spending	479	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18,575</b>	<b>16,784</b>	<b>17,005</b>

\*CBO & Budget Cmte Figures

**Excluding Supplemental Spending, the Committee bill is:**

**\$1,091 million or 6% below last year and  
 \$221 million or 1.3% above the request.**

**Including Supplemental Spending, the Committee Bill is:**

**\$1,570 million or 8.5% below last year.**

NOTE: The figures for FY 03 and the President's Request provided by the Appropriations Committee differ from those provided by CBO and the Budget Committee. This box utilizes CBO and Budget Committee figures.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Drug Reimportation: Prohibits the FDA from preventing an individual who is not in the business of importing prescription drugs, a wholesaler, or a pharmacist from reimporting prescription drugs that comply with other FDA requirements.

FAIR ACT / A-76 Activities: Prohibits funds for the Chief Financial Officer from being obligated for FAIR Act or Circular A-76 activities until the Secretary has submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report on the Department's contracting out policies, including agency budgets for contracting out.

Rural Firefighters and Emergency Personnel Grant Program: Prohibits the payment of personnel to carry out this program as authorized in the most recent Farm Bill.

Review of the Agriculture Research Service: Prohibits the payment of personnel to conduct a review of the Agricultural Research Service and to conduct a review of the purpose, efficiency, effectiveness, and impact on agricultural research of the Agricultural Research Service as required by the most recent Farm Bill.

Country of Origin Labeling: Prevents the implementation of country of origin labeling for meat or meat products.

Wetlands Reserve Enrollment: Prohibits the payment of personnel to enroll in excess of 200,000 acres in calendar year 2004 in the wetlands reserve program.

Energy Improvement Grants: Prohibits the payment of personnel to make loans, loan guarantees, and grants to farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to (1) purchase renewable energy systems; and (2) make energy efficiency improvements as directed under the most recent Farm Bill.

Broadband loans: Prohibits the payment of personnel to carry out the mandatory broadband access loan program authorized in the most recent Farm Bill.

Value-Added Grants: Prohibits the payment of personnel to carry out the value-added agriculture product market development grant program authorized in the most recent Farm Bill.

### **Designation of Communities As Rural & Other Community Specific Provisions:**

Permits, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide financial and technical assistance for the Ditch 26 project in Arkansas; further provides that they shall provide financial and technical assistance to the DuPage County, Illinois, Kress Creek Watershed Plan, from funds available for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations program, not to exceed \$1,600,000, and Rockhouse Creek Watershed, Leslie County, Kentucky, not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Designates, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the County of Lawrence, Ohio; the City of Havelock, North Carolina; the City of Portsmouth, Ohio; the City of Atascadero, California; the City of Binghamton, New York; the Town of Vestal, New York; the City of Ithaca, New York; the City of Casa Grande, Arizona; and the City of Clarksdale, Mississippi, as meeting the eligibility requirements for loans and grants programs in the Rural Development mission area.

## **LANGUAGE & FUNDING OF NOTE:**

Farmer's Markets in Big Cities: Permits the use of funds for the design and development of wholesale and farmer market facilities for major metropolitan areas.

International School Lunch Program: Includes \$56.9 million for the McGovern-Dole International School Lunch Program

## EARMARKS:

The bill earmarks millions of dollars for specific agriculture research projects not requested by the Administration.

Among the Hundreds of Earmarks:

Wool Research: \$300,000

Wood Utilization Research: \$6,130,000

Midwest Poultry Consortium (IA): \$695,000

Cotton Fiber Quality (GA): \$500,000

Asparagus Technology & Production: \$278,000

Greenhouse Nurseries (OH): \$797,000 (NEW)

Monitoring Agriculture Sewage Sludge Application (OH): \$1,200,000 (NEW)

Sustainable Agriculture Freshwater Conservation (TX): \$2,000,000 (NEW)

See Pages 31 through 39 of the Committee Report for a complete list.

## FUNDING SUMMARIES:

*Budget Authority in Thousands of Dollars*

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Request	FY 2004 Cmte	Cmte Vs. FY 2003	Cmte Vs. Request	Cmte Vs. FY 2003	Cmte Vs. Request
<b>Agriculture Programs</b>							
Office of the Secretary.....	3,320	10,068	3,468	148	-6,600	4.46%	-65.55%
Executive Operations.....	194,150	252,915	184,068	-10,082	-68,847	-5.19%	-27.22%
Hazardous Materials Management.....	15,583	15,713	15,713	130	0	0.83%	0.00%
Economic Research Service.....	68,674	76,657	71,402	2,728	-5,255	3.97%	-6.86%
Agriculture Statistics Service.....	138,448	136,182	129,800	-8,648	-6,382	-6.25%	-4.69%
Agriculture Research Service S&E.....	1,035,130	987,303	1,014,000	-21,130	26,697	-2.04%	2.70%
<i>Supplemental</i>	<i>110,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-110,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-100.00%</i>	
Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension..	1,117,221	1,003,364	1,099,426	-17,795	96,062	-1.59%	9.57%
<i>Outreach to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers.....</i>	<i>3,470</i>	<i>4,003</i>	<i>3,470</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-533</i>	<i>0.00%</i>	<i>-13.32%</i>
Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service S&E.....	682,757	694,897	725,502	42,745	30,605	6.26%	4.40%
Agriculture Marketing Service.....	91,458	91,810	92,692	1,234	882	1.35%	0.96%
Grain Inspection, Packer & Stockyards Admin.....	39,690	41,688	39,690	0	-1,998	0.00%	-4.79%
Food Safety & Inspection Service.....	754,821	797,149	785,261	30,440	-11,888	4.03%	-1.49%
Farm Service Agency S&E.....	971,389	1,016,836	1,016,836	45,447	0	4.68%	0.00%
Loan Subsidies.....	226,801	210,695	200,161	-26,640	-10,534	-11.75%	-5.00%
Agriculture Credit Insurance Expenses.....	285,309	298,163	298,136	12,827	-27	4.50%	-0.01%
Risk Management Agency.....	70,248	78,488	71,509	1,261	-6,979	1.80%	-8.89%
<b>Conservation Programs</b>							
Office of the Under Secretary.....	745	918	745	0	-173	0.00%	-18.85%

Conservation Operations.....	819,641	703,605	850,004	30,363	146,399	3.70%	20.81%
Watershed Surveys & Planning.....	11,124	5,000	11,124	0	6,124	0.00%	122.48%
Watershed & Flood Prevention.....	109,285	40,000	90,000	-19,285	50,000	-17.65%	125.00%
Watershed Rehabilitation.....	29,805	10,000	40,000	10,195	30,000	34.21%	300.00%
Resource Conservation.....	50,668	49,943	52,894	2,226	2,951	4.39%	5.91%
Farm Bill Technical Assistance.....	0	432,160	0	0	-432,160		-100.00%

**Rural Development**

Office of the Under Secretary.....	636	913	636	0	-277	0.00%	-30.34%
Rural Community Advancement Program.....	901,837	477,864	701,006	-200,831	223,142	-22.27%	46.70%
Salaries & Expenses (Including Transfers).....	474,376	532,661	492,782	18,406	-39,879	3.88%	-7.49%
<i>Rural Housing Loan Authorization.....</i>	<i>4,156,048</i>	<i>4,319,012</i>	<i>4,364,727</i>	<i>208,679</i>	<i>45,715</i>	<i>5.02%</i>	<i>1.06%</i>
Rural Housing Loan Subsidy.....	303,532	212,764	232,426	-71,106	19,662	-23.43%	9.24%
Rental Assistance Program.....	721,281	740,000	731,000	9,719	-9,000	1.35%	-1.22%
Mutual & Self-Help Housing Grants.....	34,772	34,000	34,772	0	772	0.00%	2.27%
Rural Housing Assistance Grants.....	42,222	41,500	42,222	0	722	0.00%	1.74%
Farm Labor Program Account.....	36,071	35,018	36,307	236	1,289	0.65%	3.68%
<i>Rural Business-Cooperative Loan Authorization.....</i>	<i>54,967</i>	<i>55,002</i>	<i>56,120</i>	<i>1,153</i>	<i>1,118</i>	<i>2.10%</i>	<i>2.03%</i>
Rural Business Loan Subsidy.....	22,355	20,100	20,308	-2,047	208	-9.16%	1.03%
Rural Cooperative Development Grants.....	8,941	11,000	13,000	4,059	2,000	45.40%	18.18%
Rural Empowerment Zone Grants.....	14,870	0	10,967	-3,903	10,967	-26.25%	
Renewable Energy Programs.....	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	0		0.00%
<i>Rural Utility Loan Authorization.....</i>	<i>5,566,132</i>	<i>3,135,000</i>	<i>4,655,000</i>	<i>-911,132</i>	<i>1,520,000</i>	<i>-16.37%</i>	<i>48.48%</i>
Rural Utility Loan Subsidy.....	12,377	185	185	-12,192	0	-98.51%	0.00%
<i>Rural Telephone Bank Loan Authorization.....</i>	<i>174,615</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-174,615</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-100.00%</i>	
Rural Telephone Bank Loan Subsidy.....	2,394	0	0	-2,394	0	-100.00%	
<i>Dist. Learning, Telemedicine, Broadband Loan Auth</i>	<i>380,000</i>	<i>386,000</i>	<i>636,000</i>	<i>256,000</i>	<i>250,000</i>	<i>67.37%</i>	<i>64.77%</i>
Loan Subsidy & Grants.....	56,571	36,116	42,116	-14,455	6,000	-25.55%	16.61%

**Domestic Food Programs**

Office of the Under Secretary.....	599	786	599	0	-187	0.00%	-23.79%
WIC.....	4,696,000	4,769,232	4,588,310	-107,690	-180,922	-2.29%	-3.79%
<i>Contingency.....</i>	<i>125,000</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>125,000</i>	<i>20.00%</i>	<i>500.00%</i>
Commodity Assistance Program.....	163,431	166,072	166,072	2,641	0	1.62%	0.00%

**Foreign Assistance**

Foreign Agriculture Service.....	129,103	140,798	133,924	4,821	-6,874	3.73%	-4.88%
McGovern-Dole Int'l School Lunch Program.....	0	50,000	56,874	56,874	6,874		13.75%
PL 480 Program Appropriation.....	1,703,656	1,320,928	1,327,928	-375,728	7,000	-22.05%	0.53%

**FDA**

Salaries & Expenses Including Fees.....	1,621,739	1,973,932	1,668,249	46,510	-305,683	2.87%	-15.49%
Buildings & Facilities.....	7,948	11,500	6,000	-1,948	-5,500	-24.51%	-47.83%

**Other & General Provisions**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.....	85,426	88,435	88,435	3,009	0	3.52%	0.00%
Hunger Fellowships.....	2,981	0	3,000	19	3,000	0.64%	
Tree Assistance.....	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000		
Sheep Industry Improvement Center.....	496	0	499	3	499	0.60%	

