



# APPROPRIATIONS ALERT

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## AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS A SPENDING INCREASE OF 11.9 PERCENT H.R. 2997

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The fiscal year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill provides \$22.9 billion in regular discretionary budget authority [BA], an amount equal to its 302(b) suballocation. This represents an increase of \$2.4 billion, or 11.9 percent, over the regular 2009 enacted (scored) level, but \$80 million in BA below the President’s 2010 request. It is the fifth appropriations bill to reach the House floor, and is the first of three expected to be considered this week.

As reported to the House, the measure (H.R.2997; H.Rept. 111-181) contains no emergency-designated spending, advance appropriations, or funding associated with overseas deployments and the war against terrorism. It is below its budget-year outlay allocation by \$117 million. The bill complies with the fiscal year 2010 budget resolution (S.Con.Res. 13).

**Table 1: Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill**  
(dollars in millions)

	2009 Enacted <sup>a</sup>	2010 Request	302 (b) for 2010	H.R. 2997
Discretionary Budget Authority	21,456	22,980	22,900	22,900
Discretionary Outlays	21,945	24,904	25,000	24,883

<sup>a</sup> Rebased, excludes emergencies.

- **Changes in Mandatory Programs.** The bill contains numerous changes in mandatory programs that offset discretionary spending. These changes typically limit mandatory spending in the budget year for certain programs that would otherwise be allowed to spend more. In total, the net budget-year effect of such changes is a reduction of \$530 million in BA, and a reduction of \$118 million in budget year outlays.
- **Department of Agriculture.** Mandatory and discretionary spending for the Department of Agriculture total \$119.9 billion in BA and \$110.5 billion in outlays. A sum of \$20.4 billion in BA is for discretionary programs and activities, including \$545 million for the Natural Resources Conservation Service; \$1.2 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; \$1.8 billion for Rural Housing Services; and \$1.7 billion for the Farm Service Agency. Department funding also includes approximately \$86.1 billion for food programs – including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP], formerly called food stamps, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children [WIC] – of which \$78.2 billion is mandatory spending.

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- **Food and Drug Administration [FDA].** H.R. 2997 funds the FDA, which is within the Department of Health and Human Services, at \$2.4 billion in BA (net of offsetting collections), an amount identical to the President’s request, and an increase of \$296 million over the regular 2009 level.
- **Terminations and Reductions.** As reported, H.R. 2997 claims BA savings of \$275 million, or 1.2 percent, relative to the enacted 2009 level for certain programs. Of this amount, \$41 million or (15 percent) results from five terminations, and the remaining \$233 million comes from reductions. Compared with the administration, the bill provides \$15 million in terminations and \$599 million in reductions below the President’s budget-year request. The President requested \$111 million in program terminations, and this bill acts on \$40 million, or 36 percent, of that request.

**Table 2: Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill**  
(discretionary budget authority in millions of dollars)

	2009 Enacted <sup>a</sup>	2010 Request	2010 Reported	2010 Rept./Reqst	% Change Reqst./Rept.	% Change 2009/Rept.
Agricultural Research Service	1,187	1,103	1,191	88	8%	0%
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service	882	842	886	44	5%	0%
Food Safety and Inspection Service	972	1,019	1,019	0	0%	5%
Farm Service Agency	1,651	1,703	1,700	-3	0%	3%
Natural Resources Conservation Service <sup>b</sup>	968	360	545	185	51%	-44%
Rural Development	192	196	196	0	0%	2%
Rural Housing Service	1,755	1,896	1,805	-91	-5%	3%
Foreign Agricultural Service	1,494	2,073	2,070	-3	0%	39%
Food and Nutrition Service	7,235	8,165	7,942	-223	-3%	10%
Other Department of Agriculture Health and Human Services/Food and Drug Administration	2,916	3,108	3,036	-68	-2%	4%
Other Independent Agencies	2,054	2,350	2,350	0	0%	14%
	150	165	160	-1	-1%	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,456</b>	<b>22,980</b>	<b>22,900</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>7%</b>

<sup>a</sup> The 2009 levels have been rebased and exclude emergencies.

<sup>b</sup> The 2010 level reflects changes in mandatory proposals, not an actual reduction from the 2009 level.