



Legislative Bulletin.....June 14, 2011

**H.R. 2112 — FY 2012 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act**

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

*In Millions of Dollars*

	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12 Request</b>	<b>FY12 Committee</b>	<b>Cmte v. Request</b>	<b>Cmte v. FY11</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	19,922	22,291	17,250	-5,041	-2,672
<i>Emergency Approps</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	19,922	22,291	17,250	-5,041	-2,672

**Excluding Emergency Appropriations, the Committee Bill is:**

- **\$5.041 billion or 22.6% less than the request**
- **\$2.672 billion or 13.4% less than last year**

**Spending Discussion:** The bill provides a spending level of \$17.25 billion, \$2.7 billion (13.4%) *less* than last year. Last month, the House Appropriations Committee approved the 302(b) allocations for the twelve appropriations bills. Under this plan, total appropriations spending will amount to \$1.019 trillion—a reduction of \$30.4 billion or 2.9% compared to last year. The RSC budget resolution (see [here](#) for more information), would lead to a discretionary spending total of \$978 billion.

**Order of Business:** H.R. 2112 is scheduled to be considered under an open rule that provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The bill will be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

**Funding Summaries:**

*In Thousands*

	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2012 Request	FY 2012 Cmte	Cmte vs FY 2011	Cmte vs Request	Cmte vs FY 2011	Cmte vs Request
<b>Agriculture Programs</b>							
Office of the Secretary.....	5,051	5,883	4,293	-758	-1,559	-15.0%	-26.5%
Executive Operations.....	84,735	121,303	73,593	-11,142	-47,710	-13.1%	-39.3%
Hazardous Materials Management .....	3,992	5,125	3,393	-599	-1,732	-15.0%	-33.8%
Economic Research Service.....	81,814	85,971	70,000	-11,814	-15,971	-14.4%	-18.6%
Agriculture Research Service.....	1,133,230	1,137,690	993,345	-139,885	-144,345	-12.3%	-12.7%
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service S and E	866,799	837,418	793,200	-73,599	-44,218	-8.5%	-5.3%
Grain Inspection, Packer and Stockyards Admin...	40,261	44,192	37,000	-3,261	-7,192	-8.1%	-16.3%
Food Safety and Inspection Service.....	1,006,503	1,011,393	972,028	-34,475	-39,365	-3.4%	-3.9%
Farm Service Agency, S and E.....	1,208,290	1,357,065	1,176,500	-31,790	-180,565	-2.6%	-13.3%
Risk Management Agency .....	78,842	82,325	68,016	-10,826	-14,309	-13.7%	-17.4%
<b>Conservation Programs</b>							
Office of the Under Secretary.....	893	911	760	-133	-151	-14.9%	-16.5%
Conservation Operations.....	870,503	898,647	770,956	-99,547	-127,691	-11.4%	-14.2%
Watershed Rehabilitation.....	17,964	----	15,000	-2,964	15,000	-16.5%	NA
<b>Rural Development</b>							
Rental Assistance Program.....	953,724	906,653	890,000	-63,724	-16,653	-6.7%	-1.8%
Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants.....	36,926	----	22,000	-14,926	22,000	-40.4%	NA
Rural Housing Assistance Grants.....	40,319	11,520	32,000	-8,319	20,480	-20.6%	177.8%
Rural Business-Cooperative Service.....	85,280	89,857	64,500	-20,780	-25,357	-24.4%	-28.2%
Rural Development Loan Fund.....	12,316	17,265	8,500	-3,816	-8,765	-31.0%	-50.8%
Renewable Energy Programs.....	4,990	36,788	1,300	-3,690	-35,488	-73.9%	-96.5%
Rural Utilities Service.....	527,944	488,978	500,000	-27,944	11,022	-5.3%	2.3%
Dist Learning and Telemedicine Loans Subsidies.....	68,090	47,976	15,000	-53,090	-32,976	-78.0%	-68.7%
<b>Domestic Food Programs</b>							
Office of the Undersecretary.....	811	828	689	-122	-139	-15.0%	-16.8%
WIC.....	6,734,027	7,390,100	6,048,250	-685,777	-1,341,850	-10.2%	-18.2%
Commodity Assistance Program.....	246,126	249,619	192,500	-53,626	-57,119	-21.8%	-22.9%
<b>Foreign Assistance</b>							
Foreign Agriculture Service.....	192,080	236,195	181,465	-10,615	-54,730	-5.5%	-23.2%
McGovern-Dole Int'l School Lunch Program.....	199,101	200,500	180,000	-19,101	-20,500	-9.6%	-10.2%
PL 480 Program Appropriation.....	1,497,000	1,690,000	1,040,198	-456,802	-649,802	-30.5%	-38.4%
<b>Related Agencies and FDA</b>							
Salaries and Expenses Including Fees.....	2,447,021	2,730,910	2,163,451	-283,570	-567,459	-11.6%	-20.8%
Buildings and Facilities.....	9,980	13,055	8,788	-1,192	-4,267	-11.9%	-32.7%
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.....	202,270	308,000	171,930	-30,340	-136,070	-15.0%	-44.2%
Farm Credit Administration.....	59,400	62,000	62,000	2,600	----	-4.4%	0.0%

**Items of Note:**

**Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):**  
\$6.05 billion—\$685.8 million or 10.2% below last year, and \$1.342 billion or 18.2% below the request.

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** \$3.654 billion—\$3.4 million or 0.09% above last year, and \$567.5 million or 13.4% less than the request.

**Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program:** H.R. 2112 provides a loan level of \$0 (\$400 million below last year), a subsidy level of \$0 (\$22.3 million below last year), and an appropriation for grants of \$15 million (compared to \$45.8 million last year). Many conservatives have argued that this program duplicates what can already be provided by the private-sector.

**Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS):** \$175.0 million—\$10.6 million or 5.7% below last year, and \$54.7 million or 23.8% below the request. The FAS maintains attachés at 97 foreign posts to assist overseas development of markets for U.S. farm commodities—largely through collecting information regarding a foreign government’s policies, market conditions, etc. This function could be performed by the private sector that benefits from such services.

**Food for Peace Program (PL 480 Program):** \$1.04 billion—\$457 million or 30.5% below last year, and \$650 million or 38.5% below the request.

**Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC):** \$171.9 million—\$30.3 million or 15.0% below last year, and \$136.0 million or 44.2% less than the request.

**Food Safety and Inspection Service:** \$972 million—\$34.4 million or 3.4% less than last year, and \$39.4 million or 3.9% below the President’s request.

**Commodity Assistance Program:** \$192.5 million—\$53.6 million or 21.8% below last year, and \$57.1 million or 22.9% below the request. Previous Bush Administration budgets requested no funding for this program on the argument that the program duplicates two other federal nutrition assistance programs: the WIC program and the Food Stamp program.

**Purchase of Cars:** The bill allows the Department of Agriculture to purchase up to 461 passenger vehicles.

**Earmarks:** According to the Committee Report, “Neither the bill nor the report contains any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.”

**Committee Action:** H.R. 2112 was reported out of the House Appropriations Committee as an original measure on June 3, 2011.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The bill appropriates a total of \$17.25 billion in FY 2012.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No. The bill reduces spending by \$2.672 billion compared to last year.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No CBO score is available listing any possible mandates.

**Constitutional Authority:** The [Committee Report](#) states:

“The Committee on Appropriations bases its authority to report this legislation on clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States, which states ‘No money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law. . . .’ Appropriations contained in this Act are made pursuant to this specific power granted by the Constitution.”

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