

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Evans-Allen Program

The primary food and agricultural research program at the 1890 land-grant universities needs enhanced federal investment to benefit the unique stakeholders of the 1890 Institutions and the nation as a whole.

America's land-grant university system traces its origins to the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. The First Morrill Act established a land-grant university in every state and the Second Morrill Act extended land-grant status to historically-black public universities in southern and border states where, due to segregation, African-American students were barred from attending the 1862 land-grant universities.

The Evans-Allen Act of 1977 was approved by Congress to provide capacity funding for food and agricultural research at the 1890 land-grant universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 Institutions) in a manner similar to that provided to the 1862 universities under the Hatch Act of 1887. Research conducted under the Evans-Allen Program has led to hundreds of scientific breakthroughs of benefit to both the unique stakeholders of the 1890 Institutions and the nation as a whole.

The Evans-Allen Program has been extremely important in allowing the 1890 Institutions to attract top-notch scientists to their campuses, conduct high-quality research, and become more fully integrated within the land-grant system.

One agriculture dean described the Evans-Allen Program this way: *"Like the great George Washington Carver before us, we are working to address the issues and challenges of our times... advancing knowledge and practice in areas such as: plant and animal biotechnology; sustainability in food and environmental systems; cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other nutritional concerns that affect our nation and the world, especially those left behind."*

Congress recognized the enormous national value of the Evans-Allen program by providing modest increases in recent appropriations bills. A·P·L·U supports an FY 2012 funding level that is the same as the FY 2011 enacted amount.



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- Improved nutrition and health of urban and rural populations with an emphasis on obesity.
- Development of economically competitive and sustainable small-scale agricultural systems.
- Improved crop diversity and alternative crops and marketing strategies for farmers.
- Increased biobased energy production.
- Greater food safety and improved nutritional quality.
- Better natural resource and environmental stewardship.
- Creation of new value-added plant and animal products.
- A focus on the education of students from minority and economically disadvantaged communities for a strong and diverse agricultural workforce.

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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
Account	Research and Education Activities				
Program Name	Evans-Allen Program (1890 Universities and Tuskegee University)				
Requested Amount	\$50,898,000				
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 3222, (Sec. 1445, Research Act of 1977).				
Description	This NIFA program provides funding to support agricultural research at the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University. Funds are distributed to eligible institutions under a statutory formula.				
Benefits/Impacts	<p>The Evans-Allen program provides critical base funding for the agricultural research programs at the 1890 Institutions. America realizes a substantial return on this investment, as these campuses are powerful economic instruments of their states and the nation. Evans-Allen Program funding at the 1890 Institutions benefits the nation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Improved nutrition and health of urban and rural populations with an emphasis on obesity. ■ Development of economically competitive and sustainable small-scale agricultural systems. ■ Improved crop diversity and alternative crops and marketing strategies for farmers. ■ Increased biobased energy production. ■ Greater food safety and improved nutritional quality. ■ Better natural resource and environmental stewardship. ■ Creation of new value-added plant and animal products. ■ A focus on the education of students from minority and economically disadvantaged communities for a strong and diverse agricultural workforce. 				
Funding History					
FY 2012 President's Budget	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007
\$48,500,000	\$50,898,000	\$48,500,000	\$45,504,000	\$41,051,000	\$40,680,000
Misc. Information					
Matching Funds	By statute, eligible institutions are required to provide a 1:1 match.				
Final Recipients	1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 institutions).				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org				

