

July 13, 2022

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
709 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
338 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Baldwin and Ranking Member Hoeven:

The undersigned organizations and institutions represent stakeholders from across the food and agricultural research enterprise. Individually and collectively, our organizations have submitted FY 2023 appropriations requests supporting the broad suite of research, education, and extension programs within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). As the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies continues its work on its FY 2023 appropriations bill, we encourage the Subcommittee members to prioritize increased investments to advance agricultural research at USDA.

Last month, the House Appropriations Committee approved the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies bill, which provides \$3.6 billion for food and agricultural research, extension, and education within the USDA Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area. We appreciate the House's leadership as these investments in research, education, and extension programs within USDA are critical to ensuring agricultural productivity, nutrition security, sustainability, and food system equity.

As you work with your colleagues on the Subcommittee to develop the Agriculture Appropriations bill, we urge you to make the following investments to *at least* the levels that were put forward by the House.

- Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AgARDA) \$2,000,000
- Agricultural Research Service (ARS) \$1,794,934,000
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) \$1,768,023,000
  - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) \$500,000,000
  - Hatch Act (Research and Education Programs) \$265,000,000
  - Evans-Allen (Research and Education Programs) \$92,837,000
  - Smith-Lever (Extension Activities) \$330,000,000
  - 1890 Extension (Extension Activities) \$76,000,000

Our organizations appreciate that the Subcommittee must make difficult choices, balancing the current challenges impacting producers and consumers with the future needs of the food and agricultural system. Multiple studies have demonstrated that a strategic investment in our nation's food and agricultural innovation, education, and extension will provide a significant return on that investment, providing both short- and long-term solutions.

We respectfully ask that you consider our request as you finalize spending priorities for the Senate's FY 2023 appropriations for USDA. Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact [Julie McClure](#) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association  
American Association of Mycobacterial Diseases  
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Dairy Coalition  
American Dairy Science Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
American Malting Barley Association  
American Phytopathological Society  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Animal Science  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Animal Health Institute  
APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly  
Aquatic Plant Management Society  
California Citrus Mutual  
Carbon180  
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University  
Colorado State University  
Council for Agricultural Science and Technology  
Crop Science Society of America  
Ecological Society of America  
Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative  
Entomological Society of America  
Extension Committee on Organization and Policy/Cooperative Extension System  
Farm Journal Foundation  
FASS  
Institute of Food Technologists  
Michigan State University, AgBioResearch  
Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals – Multistate Initiative  
National Association of Plant Breeders  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Improvement Committee  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Grange  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition  
North American Craft Maltsters Guild  
North American Meat Institute  
North Carolina State University College of Agriculture and Life Science  
North Central Weed Science Society

Northeastern Weed Science Society  
Purdue University  
SoAR Foundation  
Soil Science Society of America  
Southern Weed Science Society  
The Breakthrough Institute  
University of Florida/IFAS  
US Dairy Forage Research Center Stakeholder Committee  
Washington State University  
Weed Science Society of America  
Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors  
Western Society of Weed Science