



# APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

## **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2026**

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill provides a total discretionary allocation of \$25.523 billion, which is \$1.163 billion (4.2%) below the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted level.

The bill prioritizes agencies and programs that protect our nation’s food and drug supply; support America’s farmers, ranchers, and rural communities; and ensure low-income Americans have access to nutrition programs. The bill is fiscally responsible and refocuses programs on their core mission while putting the health, safety, and prosperity of American producers and consumers first.

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- **Champions U.S. farmers, agriculture, and rural communities by:**
  - Continuing critical investments in agriculture research, rural broadband, and animal and plant health programs.
  - Providing funds to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and medical devices.
  - Ensuring low-income Americans have access to nutrition programs.
  - Reining in harmful regulations proposed during the Biden Administration that dictate how poultry and livestock producers raise and market their animals.
  - Increasing resources for the Food Safety and Inspection Service to fund frontline meat and poultry inspectors and bolster support for state inspection programs.
  - Providing a rider to block any revised energy standards for newly constructed homes financed by USDA that would increase costs for rural, lower-income households that was proposed during the Biden Administration.
- **Supports the Trump Administration and mandate of the American people by:**
  - Allocating the President’s requested total funding of \$6.8 billion for the FDA to keep food, drugs, and devices safe and for initiatives to Make America Healthy Again.
  - Delivering \$1.15 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which is a priority in the President’s budget to protect American agriculture from foreign pests and diseases.
  - Codifying President Trump’s executive orders by prohibiting funding for DEI activities and ending federal censorship of free speech.
  - Retaining the gene editing provision, which prohibits the “editing” of heritable genes or altering of genes that can be passed on to offspring.



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- Maintaining “Buy American” provisions that maximize the federal government’s use of services, goods, products, and materials produced and offered in the United States.
- Closing the hemp loophole that has resulted in the proliferation of unregulated intoxicating hemp products, including Delta-8 and hemp flower, being sold online and in gas stations across the country.
- **Bolsters U.S. national security and border protections by:**
  - Addressing foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land by improving the tracking system of foreign-owned land and adding the Secretary of Agriculture to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to review agricultural transactions, including purchases made by China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran.
  - Directing USDA to provide transparency into research funding spent collaborating with foreign governments including China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran.
  - Continuing a program to increase inspection of foreign drug manufacturing facilities in China and India.
  - Providing adequate funding for land-grant universities to conduct agricultural research to ensure American producers can compete with China.
- **Safeguards American taxpayer dollars and preserves core functions by:**
  - Capturing DOGE savings by reducing salaries and expenses where appropriate to account for staffing reductions and reducing grant programs that housed canceled grants.
  - Eliminating funding for the Biden-era Rural Partners Network initiative.
  - Including no funds for climate hubs or climate corps.
  - Eliminating funds for the Office of Urban Agriculture.

## DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

### Department of Agriculture

Provides \$21.9 billion for the Department of Agriculture, which is \$807 million below the FY25 enacted level.

- \$1.79 billion for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), which is \$2.5 million above the FY25 enacted program level.
  - Includes increases for high-priority initiatives, addresses emerging pests and diseases, and eliminates funding for climate hubs.
- \$1.654 billion for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), which is \$24.6 million below the FY25 enacted level.



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- Includes level funding for competitive research and capacity programs that support our nation's land-grant universities and reduces funding for several low-priority research programs.
- \$1.146 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which maintains the FY25 enacted level.
  - Provides increases for animal health and specialty crop programs.
  - Includes no funding for climate corps.
- \$190.3 million for the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), which is \$32.6 million below the FY25 enacted level.
  - Decreases Packers and Stockyards Division by \$8.3 million to eliminate new full-time equivalents (FTEs) to enact marketing rules.
- \$1.216 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), which is \$2 million above the FY25 enacted level, to fund our nation's frontline meat and poultry inspectors.
  - Includes a \$15 million increase for state inspection programs.
- \$1.1 billion for the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which is \$109 million below the FY25 enacted level.
  - Decreases funding to account for staffing reductions.
  - Increases funds to improve the tracking system of foreign land ownership.
- \$9.055 billion in FSA Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund program loan authorizations, equal to the FY25 enacted level.
- \$60 million for the Risk Management Agency (RMA), which is \$5.6 million below the FY25 enacted level.
- \$850 million for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which is \$45 million below the FY25 enacted level.
- \$3.77 billion for Rural Development programs, prioritizing funding for home ownership and infrastructure lending.
  - Provides \$90 million in ReConnect broadband funding to meet continued demand.
  - Provides an increase in loan authority to the Business and Industry loan program, and level loan authority for the Section 502 homeownership loan program.
  - Provides an increase in existing rental contracts to ensure rural residents will not be displaced, as requested by the President.
- \$35.784 billion for Child Nutrition programs, which is \$2.5 billion above the FY25 enacted level as requested by the President.
  - Includes mandatory funding for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Programs.
- \$7.597 billion for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), which is the same as the FY25 enacted level.
  - Rescinds \$100 million from carryover balances and reduces the WIC Cash Value Voucher by 10 percent to begin a reset to pre-COVID levels.
- \$118.1 billion in mandatory funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as requested by the President. This funding reflects the current authorization of the program and will be adjusted when Congress enacts new program changes.



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- \$425 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which is equal to the FY25 enacted level, to provide food for low-income seniors.
- \$900 million for the Food for Peace Program, which is \$787 million below FY25 levels.
  - The bill also transfers administration of the Food for Peace program from USAID to USDA to ensure this important domestic commodity program remains focused on supporting American farmers.
- \$220 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, \$20 million below FY25 levels.

## **Food and Drug Administration**

Provides \$6.79 billion for the Food and Drug Administration to support its work in protecting our food and drug supply, the same level as requested in the President's FY26 budget.

## **Commodity Futures Trading Commission**

Provides \$335 million for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), \$30 million below the FY25 enacted level.

## **Community Project Funding**

Includes \$643 million in Community Project Funding for 509 projects requested by 192 Members.