



# APPROPRIATIONS

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

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026, provides a total discretionary allocation of \$26.65 billion, which is level with the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted amount.

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**

- **Supports the Trump Administration and mandate of the American people by:**
  - Continuing critical investments in agriculture research, rural communities, and animal and plant health programs.
  - Providing funds to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and medical devices, and bolster support for both USDA and FDA state inspection programs.
  - Ensuring that low-income Americans have access to nutrition programs.
  - 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.
- **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.
  - Including \$1.16 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which is a priority in the Administration's budget to protect American agriculture from foreign pests and diseases, including New World Screwworm.
- **Safeguards American taxpayer dollars and preserves core functions by:**
  - Providing \$7.1 billion for the FDA to keep food, drugs and devices safe and for initiatives to Make America Healthy Again.
  - Capturing more than \$415 million in DOGE savings by reducing salaries and expenses where appropriate to account for staff reductions.



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- **Champions American values and principles by:**
  - Retaining the gene editing provision, which prohibits the “editing” of heritable genes or altering of genes that can be passed on to offspring.
  - 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, while preserving non-intoxicating CBD and industrial hemp products.

## DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

### Department of Agriculture

Provides \$23.2 billion for the Department of Agriculture.

- \$1.79 billion for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS).
  - Includes increases for high-priority initiatives and addresses emerging pests and diseases, including the ongoing HPAI outbreak, while slashing funding for Biden-era priorities like climate hubs.
- \$1.692 billion for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).
  - 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.
- \$1.16 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).
  - Provides increases for animal health and specialty crop programs.
  - Provides funding to combat emerging diseases, such as New World Screwworm, chronic wasting disease, and avian influenza.
  - Includes no funding for climate corps.
- \$211.4 million for the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).
- \$1.215 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to fund our nation’s frontline meat and poultry inspectors.
  - Includes a \$15.2 million increase for state inspection programs, as requested in the Administration’s budget request.
- \$1.125 billion for the Farm Service Agency (FSA).
  - Decreases funding to account for staffing reductions.
  - Increases funds to improve the tracking system of foreign land ownership.
- \$9.957 billion in FSA Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund program loan authorizations, maintaining FY25 loan enacted levels.
- \$60 million for the Risk Management Agency (RMA).
- \$850 million for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
- \$4.1 billion for Rural Development programs, prioritizing funding for home ownership and infrastructure lending.



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- Provides \$1.7 billion for affordable housing rental assistance to ensure rural residents will not be displaced, as requested by the Administration.
- Includes an increase in loan authority to the Business and Industry loan program to promote economic growth, and the Section 502 homeownership loan program.
- Provides \$109 million for rural broadband grants and loans to meet continued demand in the nation's hard-to-reach areas.
- \$37.84 billion for Child Nutrition programs.
  - Includes mandatory funding for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Programs.
  - Includes \$4.5 billion increase, as requested by the Administration.
- \$8.2 billion for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), which is \$603 million above the FY25 enacted level. The WIC contingency reserve is reimbursed to account for expenditures during the government shutdown.
- \$107.5 billion in mandatory funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as requested by the Administration. The SNAP contingency reserve is reimbursed to account for expenditures during the government shutdown.
- \$460 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which is \$35 million above the FY25 enacted level, to provide food to low-income seniors.
- \$1.2 billion for the Food for Peace Program, which is \$487 million below FY25 levels.
- \$240 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, level with FY25.

## **Food and Drug Administration**

Provides \$7.1 billion for the Food and Drug Administration, including \$3.4 billion in discretionary funding, to support its work in protecting our food and drug supply.

## **Community Project Funding**

The bill includes \$659 million in Community Project Funding for 510 projects among 192 House Members.