EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. ROGERS OF KENTUCKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS REGARDING THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT ON H.R. 3547

CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

The following is an explanation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014.

This Act contains the twelve regular appropriations bills for fiscal year 2014. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division C – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division D – Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014;
- Division E – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2014;

funding level will allow NASS to carry out its full plan for fiscal year 2014 reports as presented in the budget.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $1,122,482,000 for the Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses.

The agreement does not accept the President's budget request regarding the termination of extramural research, reallocation of funds, or closure of six research locations. The agreement expects extramural research to be funded without the reductions assessed in fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

The agreement includes funding increases for human nutrition research, sustainable water use research, the National Agricultural Library, agroforestry, forage production, forest products, FOV Race 4, and improved scientific capacity.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The agreement provides $772,559,000 for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's research and education activities.

The agreement directs the Department to include in the budget for fiscal year 2015 the funding levels proposed to be allocated to and the expected publication date, scope, and allocation level for each request for awards to be published under (1) each priority area specified in section 2(b)(2) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)(2)); (2) each research and extension project carried out under section 1621(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5811(a)); (3) each grant awarded under section 1672B(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925b(a)); (4) each research, education, and extension project carried out under section 406 of the Research Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7626); and (5) each research and extension project carried out under section 412 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632). The term `request for awards' means a funding announcement published by NIFA that provides detailed information on funding opportunities at the Institute, including the purpose, eligibility, restrictions, focus areas, evaluation criteria, regulatory information, and instructions on how to apply for such opportunities.

The following table reflects the amounts provided by the agreement:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Research and Education Activities

(Dollars in Thousands)

Hatch Act	7 U.S.C. 361a-i	$243,701
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act	16 U.S.C. 582a through a-7	33,961
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen Program)	7 U.S.C. 3222	52,485
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	534(a)(1) of P.L. 103-382	3,439
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)	19,336
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	7 U.S.C. 3241	9,219
Education Grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions	7 U.S.C. 3156	3,194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 301 note	1,801
Capacity Building for Non Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	7 U.S.C. 3319i	4,500
Resident Instruction and Distance Education Grants for Insular Areas	7 U.S.C. 3222b-2, 3362 and 3363	1,800
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	7 U.S.C. 450i(b)	316,409
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	7 U.S.C. 3151a	4,790
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program	7 U.S.C. 3195	4,000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	7 U.S.C. 3319d	825
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	7 U.S.C. 178 et seq.	1,081
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship and Institution Challenge Grants	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)	9,000
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Education	7 U.S.C. 3152(j)	900
Aquaculture Centers	7 U.S.C. 3322	4,000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	7 U.S.C. 5811, 5812, 5831, and 5832	22,667
Farm Business Management	7 U.S.C. 5925f	1,450
Sun Grant Program	7 U.S.C. 8114	2,500
Improved Pest Control:		
Minor Crop Pest	7 U.S.C. 450i(c)	11,913

Management (IR-4)		
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	7 U.S.C. 5925	1,350
Special Research Grants:	7 U.S.C. 450i(c)	
Global Change/UV Monitoring		1,405
Potato Research		1,350
Aquaculture Research		1,350
Total, Special Research Grants		4,105
Necessary Expenses of Research and Education Activities:		
Grants Management System		7,830
Federal Administration—Other		6,303
Necessary Expenses for Research and Education Activities		
Total, Necessary Expenses		14,133
Total, Research and Education Activities		$772,559

NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

The agreement provides $11,880,000 for the Native American Institutions Endowment Fund.

HISPANIC-SERVING AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ENDOWMENT FUND

The agreement does not provide an appropriation for the Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities Endowment Fund.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

The agreement provides $469,191,000 for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's extension activities.

The following table reflects the amounts provided by the agreement:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Extension Activities

(Dollars in Thousands)

Smith-Lever, Section 3(b) and (c) programs and Cooperative Extension	7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c) and 208(c) of P.L. 93-471	$300,000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 3221	43,920
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)	4,446
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 3222b	19,730
Renewable Resources Extension	16 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.	4,060

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Rural Health and Safety Education Programs	7 U.S.C. 2662(i)	1,500
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	7 U.S.C. 7642	1,250
Women and Minorities in STEM Fields	7 U.S.C. 5925	400
Smith-Lever, Section 3(d):	7 U.S.C. 343(d)	
Food and Nutrition Education		67,934
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education Programs		4,610
New Technologies for Agricultural Extension		1,550
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk		8,395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program		3,039
Total, Section 3(d)		85,528
Necessary Expenses of Extension Activities:		
Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom		552
Federal Administration—Other Necessary Expenses for Extension Activities		7,805
Total, Necessary Expenses		8,357
Total, Extension Activities		$469,191

INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

The agreement provides $35,317,000 for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's integrated activities.

The following table reflects the amounts provided by the agreement:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Integrated Activities

(Dollars in Thousands)

Water Quality Program	7 U.S.C. 7626	$4,500
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	7 U.S.C. 7626	1,996
Organic Transition Program	7 U.S.C. 7626	4,000
Regional Rural Development Centers	7 U.S.C. 450i(c)	998
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	7 U.S.C. 3351	6,680
Crop Protection/Pest Management Program	7 U.S.C. 7626	17,143
Total, Integrated Activities		$35,317