



FEDERAL FUNDING PRIORITIES

for FY 2016 for NIFA in USDA



McIntire-Stennis:

- Currently funded in FY 15 at \$33.961 million.
- This is the foundational program for supporting forestry and natural resource research at U.S. universities.
- McIntire-Stennis programs conduct research to help keep U.S. forests healthy and productive, help provide technological advances in wood products, maintain clean water and fish and wildlife habitat.
- Support funding in FY 16 at \$35.5 million.

RREA:

- Currently funded in FY 15 at \$4.06 million.
- Provide funding for FY 16 at no less than FY 15 amount or Administration's FY 16 request, whichever is greater.
- Support funding in FY 16 at \$4.6 million.

AFRI:

- Currently funded in FY 15 at \$325 million.
- This is the premier USDA competitive grants research program and the land-grant universities and USDA continue efforts to expand this critical program.
- Funds are needed to support the key thrusts of sustainable agricultural production systems; food safety and security; energy independence; climate change science; human nutrition; child obesity, and water for agriculture.
- Support the Administration request to increase the program to \$450 million.

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Research. Education. Extension

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What is **NAUFRP?**

An association that represents 80 of our nation's most prestigious universities that have programs devoted to forest resources.

Vision: **Mission:**

Long-term investment in university-based research, education and extension to enhance the benefits and intrinsic values offered by our nation's forests.

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Member Activities:

[1] Conduct research to provide the most reliable, objective and innovative information on the science of forest biology, management, utilization and policy.

[2] Educate the professionals, scientists and leaders who are the stewards of our nation's and global forests.

[3] Disseminate information to landowners, the general public, agencies, policy makers and private organizations to promote the sustainable use and conservation of forests.



FOREST BENEFIT PRIORITIES

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Integrated Science: **Energy Independence:** **Climate Mitigation & Sustainability:** **New Products & Technologies:** **Resilient Communities:** **Ecosystem Services:**

Whole system analysis that spans biology, social sciences and engineering to ensure **triple-bottom-line sustainability:** *Economic, social and environmental sustainability of our nation's forests.*

Information and technologies that **put forests at the forefront** of the new bioenergy economy **while sustaining the forests** and existing structures.

Quantification, management, public understanding and verification strategies for **climate change mitigation and adaptation.**

Biobased polymers, alternative fiber products, renewable energy and bioremediation to **create jobs and support a sustainable industry.** Nano-, bio-, spatial and engineering technologies to create jobs, reduce costs, increase forest productivity and ensure sustainability.

Promoting healthy populations and people, establishing **nature-place connectivity**, promoting long-term **ecological forest stewardship**, forest-based recreation, **linking forests and communities** and overcoming nature-deficit disorder.

Understanding, quantifying and valuing **all forest benefits:** *Clean water, clean air, carbon sequestration, biodiversity, erosion control, etc.*



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