

FY '07 APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS (UPDATED 8/1/06)

PROGRAM	AUTHORIZED LEVEL	FY04	FY05 (OMNIBUS)	FY06	FY07 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET	OFRF'S FY07 RECOMMENDATIONS	HOUSE FLOOR FY 2007	SENATE COMMITTEE FY 2007
USDA Agricultural Research Service		Report language urging increase to organic research	Report language urging increase to organic research	N/a	n/a	\$10 m for Strategic Regional Programming for Organic Agricultural Research	n/a	n/a
CSREES Organic Transitions	N/a	\$1.9 m	\$1.88 m	\$1.88 m	\$0 (integrated into the NRI)	\$5 m, separate from the NRI	\$5 m	\$1.9 m
Organic Data Initiatives	Unfunded farm bill provision	NASS: \$0 AMS: \$0 ERS: \$500,000 w/ Report Language	NASS: \$0 w/ Report Language AMS: \$0 w/ Report Language ERS: \$495,850 w/ Report Language	NASS: \$0 w/ Report Language AMS: \$0 ERS: \$500,000 w/ Report Language	NASS: n/a AMS: n/a ERS: n/a	NASS: \$1 m for organic follow up survey to the agriculture census AMS: \$1 m for organic price reporting ERS: \$750,000 for data collection	NASS: \$0 Census Language AMS: \$0 ERS: \$500,000	NASS: \$0 AMS: \$0 ERS: \$500,000
AMS Organic Standards (Including National Organic Program)	n/a	\$ 1,969,000 (\$1.5m for the NOP)	\$1.98 m	"no less than" \$2.026 m	\$3.13 m	\$3.13 m	\$3.13 m	\$2.6 m
Organic Certification Cost Share	\$5m mandatory available until expended	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1.5 m	n/a	\$.5 m
IFAFS	\$160 m (Mandatory)	\$33.0 m	\$36.2 m	\$40.2 m	\$74.4 m (30% of NRI)	30% of total NRI	n/a	\$57.1 m
Alternative Technology Transfer for Rural Areas	n/a	\$2.5m (level funded)	\$2.48m	\$2.5m	\$0	\$3.4m	\$3.0 m	\$2.5 m
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	\$40 m	Chap 1: \$12.3 m Chap 3: \$4.4 m	\$12.4 m	Chap 1: \$12.4 m Chap 3: \$4.067 m	Chap 1: \$9.1 m Chap 3: \$3.8 m	Chap 1: \$15 m Chap 3: \$5 m	\$12.1 m	\$12.3 m

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REPORT LANGUAGE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS IN THE FY '07 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

PROGRAM	SENATE COMMITTEE	HOUSE FLOOR
<p>Organic Data Initiatives:</p>	<p>ERS: "The Committee directs that no less than the fiscal year 2006 level is used to implement the 'Organic Production and Market Data Initiative' included in section 7407 of Public Law 107-171. (Steve's note: this means no less than \$500,000)."</p> <hr/> <p>NASS: "The Committee is pleased that NASS is working to expand the quantity of organic questions included in the Census of Agriculture, and is aware that there has been interest expressed in the need for a follow-up survey. Therefore, the Committee encourages NASS to take all necessary steps, including a follow-up survey, to collect in-depth coverage on acreage, yield, production, inventory, production practices, sales and expenses, marketing channels, and demographics of the organics industry."</p> <hr/> <p>ARS: "The Committee notes the growing importance of organic agriculture production and processing. Accordingly, the ARS is encouraged to direct funding, as appropriate, to research activities that benefit this sector of the agricultural sector. "</p>	<p>ERS: "The Committee provides \$500,000, the same as the fiscal year 2006 level, for the continuation of the organic data surveys, the compilation of non-survey data on organic production and marketing, the merger and reconciliation with any new survey information, analysis that reveals patterns, similarities and differences from comparisons among organic, other differentiated markets, and bulk or homogeneous product markets, and the development of policy- relevant findings from a full portfolio of data and information."</p> <hr/> <p>NASS:</p> <hr/> <p>ARS: "The Committee recommendation includes an increase of \$5,000,000, as requested, to develop an Agricultural and Rural Development Information System, a comprehensive data collection and research program to monitor the changing economic health and well-being of farm and non-farm households in rural areas. "</p>
<p>USDA AMS Organic Standards (Including the National Organic Program (NOP), and Organic Certification Cost-Share)</p>	<p>"The Committee recommends \$3,130,000 for the National Organic Program [NOP]. Of this amount, \$500,000 is for continuation of the National Organic Cost Share Certification Program. The Committee is encouraged that AMS has hired an Executive Director for the National Organic Standards Board [NOSB], as well as a new Director for the National Organic Program. The Committee also notes that the audits performed by the American National Standards Institute in 2004 and by the USDA Office of Inspector General in 2005 made strong recommendations about changes needed in the administration of the NOP. The Committee expects AMS to take the necessary actions to comply with these recommendations, and to provide a written report to the Committee within 120 days of enactment of this Act regarding the process in implementing these recommendations. In addition, the Committee is aware of complaints that NOP has received regarding potential violations of the organic standards, and would like to receive updates on the progress of AMS in investigating and responding to these complaints. The Committee also expects the NOP to work closely with the NOSB to implement the Peer Review Panel requirements of the Organic Foods Production Act and USDA's organic regulations. The Committee also encourages AMS to continue collection of organic price information."</p>	<p>"The Committee provides an increase of \$1,137,000 for activities relating to Organic Standards for a total of \$3,130,000. The recommendation does not include \$2,212,000 in standardization user fees, as proposed in the President's budget. The Committee does not recommend establishing such fees in annual appropriations acts, but will consider such fees should they achieve authorization."</p>

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