

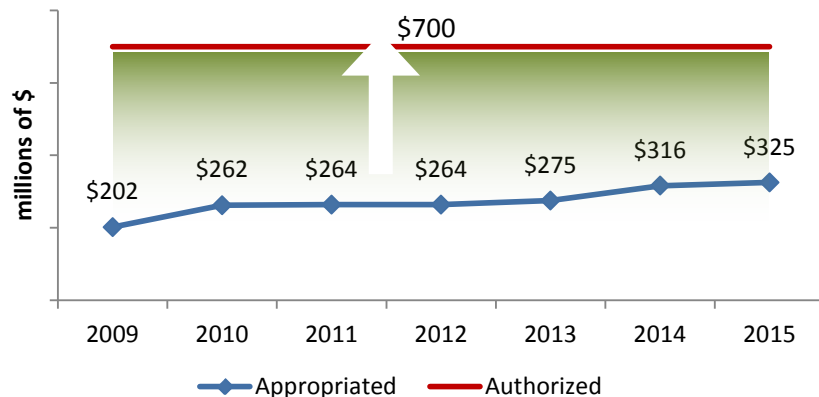
Support \$450 million for USDA Agriculture & Food Research Initiative



The success of the U.S. agriculture enterprise is due to the strong investments in food and agriculture research. Because of this, our nation is the global leader in food production and the U.S. farmer among the most efficient in the world.

However, meeting the challenges facing our world requires an even greater commitment to food and agriculture research.

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) is the premier agricultural competitive grants program for research on food, agriculture, natural resources, clean energy production, rural development and nutrition.

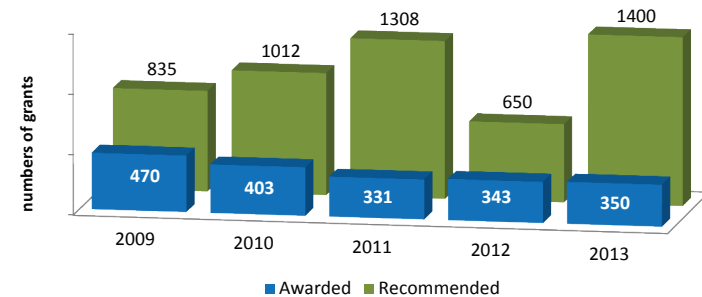


The gap between appropriated and authorized represents missed opportunities and a loss of innovation.

To close this innovation gap, we ask Congress to support \$450 million for AFRI in FY2016.

Loss of Innovation

Over half of highly innovative AFRI research proposals go unfunded.



Thriving Workforce



AFRI plays a critical role in training the next generation of food and agriculture researchers.

In FY 2012, AFRI supported 2,100 undergrads, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers.

Employment opportunities in advanced agriculture fields are projected to grow 5% the next five years, adding 33,100 new positions.

Global Competitiveness

From 2000-2010, U.S. investments in agriculture research remained stagnant, while other nations have significantly increased their investments.

