



Funding for Agriculture and Forestry in the Build Back Better Act

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Title I of the House-passed Build Back Better Act (BBBA; [H.R. 5376](#)) would increase spending within the jurisdiction of the House Agriculture Committee by \$81.7 billion over the 10-year period FY2022-FY2031 ([Table 1](#)). The increase in spending is allowed under budget reconciliation instructions provided in [S.Con.Res. 14](#).

This amount does not include \$10 billion of increases through the BBBA for child nutrition programs that are within the jurisdiction of the House Education and Labor Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee. It also does not include funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58), such as \$2.9 billion for rural broadband and agricultural watersheds, and other funding for forestry.

In the BBBA, forestry programs would receive about \$27 billion to support climate change and wildfire reduction objectives. Agricultural conservation programs also would receive about \$27 billion. Rural development programs would receive about \$18 billion, including for rural electricity transition to clean or renewable energy, biofuels infrastructure and programs, and rural drinking water programs. Economically distressed farm loan borrowers would receive debt relief, estimated to add \$7 billion to an existing \$6 billion of debt relief and assistance in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA; [P.L. 117-2](#)) that has been blocked by the courts because of limitations on race. Agricultural research programs would receive \$2 billion, with half for research facilities at universities and the other half divided among an assortment of research and education grant programs.

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Table I. Agriculture and Forestry Provisions in the Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376)
(\$ in millions, FY2022-FY2031)

Subtitle of Title I (Agriculture)	Total Amount
Subtitle B: Forestry	
National Forest System Restoration and Fuels Reduction Projects (§11001)	17,100
Non-Federal Land Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction Projects and Research (§11002)	6,000
State and Private Forestry Conservation (§11003)	3,850
Administrative Costs (§11005)	200
Subtotal	27,150
Subtitle F: Conservation	
Additions to Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (§15002)	21,077
Soil Conservation Assistance (§15001)	5,048
Conservation Technical Assistance, Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Quantification Program, Regional Climate Hubs, and Administrative Costs (§15003)	950
Subtotal	27,075
Subtitle C, Part 1: Rural Development	
Rural Electric Cooperatives Clean Energy Transition (§12007)	9,700
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP, §12005, \$1,965 million), Biofuels Infrastructure and Product Market Expansion (§12006, \$960 million), and Rural Energy Savings Program (§12004, \$200 million)	3,125
Rural Electric Loans for Generation from Renewable Resources (§12003)	2,880
Rural Water Grants for Lead Remediation (§12002, \$970 million) and Rural Water Programs for Colonias, Insular Areas, Tribal Communities (§12001, \$97 million)	1,067
Rural Partnership Program (§12008, \$970 million) and Administrative Costs	1,523
Subtotal	18,295
Subtitle C, Part 2: Agricultural Credit	
Farm Debt Relief and Loan Modifications (§12101)	11,676
Offset: Rescinding Debt Relief in P.L. 117-2, Title I, §1005	-5,029
Assistance for Underserved Farmers (§12102)	1,384
Offset: Rescinding Outreach in P.L. 117-2, Title I, §1006	-1,010
Subtotal	7,021
Subtitle D: Research, Urban Agriculture (§13001)	
Research Facilities Act grants	1,000
Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (\$210 million), Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (\$210 million), and Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (\$120 million)	540
Other Agricultural Research Programs	460
Subtotal	2,000

Subtitle E: Miscellaneous	
Farm and Food Worker Relief Grants (§14002)	200
Office of Inspector General (§14001)	5
Subtotal	205
Total	81,746

Sources: CRS, using Congressional Budget Office, “[Estimated Budgetary Effects of Title I \(Agriculture\)](#), H.R. 5376,” November 15, 2021; [Rules Committee Print 117-18](#); and [P.L. 117-2](#).

Notes: Sorted by amount and subtitle and organized for comparative detail. Subtitle A is definitions only.

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