

FY2024 Agriculture Appropriations: Status and Scope

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Status of Agriculture Appropriations

The Agriculture appropriations bill—formally known as the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—funds the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), excluding the U.S. Forest Service. It also funds the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the Department of Health and Human Services and, in even-numbered fiscal years, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

Table 1 shows the status for FY2024 and the previous two years. For FY2024, the House appropriations committee reported a bill that failed on the floor. The Senate committee reported a bill, and the Senate passed it in a three-bill minibus appropriation. Continuing resolutions are funding Agriculture appropriations through March 1, 2024.

Table 1. Status of FY2022-FY2024 Agriculture Appropriations

| FY2022 | | FY2023 | FY2024 | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|---------|
| Enacted ^a | Enacted ^b | Admin Request | House | | Senate | | CR | Enacted |
| | | | House Cmte | Floor | Senate Cmte | Floor | | |
| 3/15/2022 P.L. 117-103, Division A Cong. Rec. 3/9/2022, Book III | 12/29/2022 P.L. 117-328, Division A Cong. Rec. 12/20/2022 S7819 | 3/13/2023 OMB Appendix USDA FDA CFTC FCA | 6/14/2023 H.R. 4368 H.Rept. 118- 124 Vote of 34-27 | 9/28/2023 H.R. 4368 Failed by vote of 191-237 | 6/22/2023 S. 2131 S.Rept. 118- 44 Vote of 28-0 | 11/1/2023 H.R. 4366, Division B Vote of 82-15 | P.L. 118-15 9/30/2023 to Nov. 17 P.L. 118-22 11/16/2023 to Jan. 19 P.L. 118-35 1/19/2024 to Mar. 1 | — |

Source: CRS using Congress.gov, OMB, and agency websites.

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Notes: OMB = Office of Management and Budget; USDA = U.S. Department of Agriculture; FDA = Food and Drug Administration; FCA = Farm Credit Administration; CFTC = Commodity Futures Trading Commission; CR = continuing resolution.

- a. For FY2022, see House-reported [H.R. 4356](#), [H.Rept. 117-82](#), House-passed [H.R. 4502](#) (Division B), Senate-reported [S. 2599](#), and [S.Rept. 117-34](#).
- b. For FY2023, see House-reported [H.R. 8239](#), [H.Rept. 117-392](#), House-passed [H.R. 8294](#) (Division B), and Senate-introduced [S. 4661](#) with [unofficial explanation](#).

Scope of Agricultural Spending

The federal budget treats discretionary and mandatory spending differently. Congress organizes committees around these types of spending and their responsibilities for [authorizing and appropriating](#). Agricultural programs rely on both types of spending.

- **Discretionary spending** is the focus of the appropriations process. Budget enforcement is through resolutions and laws that set spending limits. Discretionary spending typically provides agency operations and grant programs. In FY2023, discretionary Agriculture appropriations were \$25.5 billion ([Table 2](#), [Figure 1](#)).
- **Mandatory spending** is minimally addressed during the appropriations process and supports entitlement programs. Budget enforcement occurs during the authorization process (e.g., [omnibus farm bills](#), which follow budget rules including Pay-As-You-Go). In FY2023, mandatory agriculture and nutrition spending was \$216 billion.

Appropriations Amounts

For agency operations, the House-reported bill proposes \$25.9 billion, a \$615 million reduction from FY2023 (-2%, [Table 2](#)). The House-reported bill also proposes \$8.4 billion of rescissions and scorekeeping adjustments, including \$5.8 billion from [farm loan debt relief and rural energy](#) programs in the Inflation Reduction Act (P.L. 117-169) and \$1.7 billion from limiting the [Commodity Credit Corporation](#) and [Section 32](#) accounts. This makes the official total of the House-reported bill \$17.8 billion (-31% from FY2023).

The Senate-passed bill proposes \$26.8 billion for agency operations, a \$292 million increase over FY2023 (+1%). The official total after rescissions and adjustments would be \$26.0 billion, \$517 million above FY2023 (+2%).

Table 2. Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY2022-FY2024

Budget authority in millions of dollars

| Agencies and Programs | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 | | | Proposed Change from FY2023 to FY2024: | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-------|--------|
| | P.L. 117-103 | P.L. 117-328 | Admin. request | House-reported H.R. 4368 | Senate-passed H.R. 4366 | Enacted | House | Senate |
| Discretionary Accounts | | | | | | | | |
| Research, Education, and Economics (Agricultural Research Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Economic Research Service) | 3,676 | 3,823 | 4,188 | 3,732 | 3,868 | — | -91 | +45 |

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| Marketing and Regulatory Programs (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service) | 1,341 | 1,413 | 1,448 | 1,355 | 1,420 | — | -58 | +7 |
| Food Safety and Inspection Service | 1,109 | 1,158 | 1,290 | 1,197 | 1,205 | — | +39 | +47 |
| Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency, Business Center | 1,868 | 1,923 | 2,020 | 1,904 | 1,946 | — | -19 | +22 |
| Natural Resources Conservation Service (Conservation Operations, Watershed and Flood Prevention, Watershed Rehabilitation, Healthy Forests, Urban Agriculture) | 1,005 | 1,034 | 1,227 | 911 | 1,015 | — | -122 | -19 |
| Rural Development (Rural Housing Service, Rural Business Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service) | 3,970 | 4,079 | 4,861 | 4,038 | 3,941 | — | -41 | -138 |
| Food and Nutrition Service (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; Commodity Assistance Programs; Nutrition Programs Administration) ^a | 6,709 | 6,741 | 7,066 | 6,638 | 7,027 | — | -102 | +286 |
| Foreign Agricultural Service (Food for Peace, McGovern-Dole) | 2,217 | 2,242 | 2,311 | 2,223 | 2,297 | — | -18 | +55 |
| USDA Departmental Administration and other appropriations in General Provisions | 666 | 578 | 733 | 416 | 545 | — | -162 | -33 |
| Food and Drug Administration | 3,317 | 3,543 | 3,915 | 3,504 | 3,563 | — | -39 | +20 |
| Subtotal: Agency Operations | 25,878 | 26,534 | 29,059 | 25,919 | 26,825 | — | -615 | +292 |
| Commodity Futures Trading Commission ^b | 382 | [365] | 295 | 345 | [365] ^c | — | -20 | [+0] |
| Rescissions, Changes in Mandatory Spending, Scorekeeping Adjustments | -1,139 | -1,061 | -462 | -8,430 | -836 | — | -7,369 | +225 |
| Total, Discretionary Budget Authority | | | | | | | | |
| Senate Jurisdiction ^b | [24,738] | 25,471 | 28,595 | [17,488] | 25,988 | — | -7,983 | +517 |
| House Jurisdiction ^b | 25,120 | [25,836] | 28,890 | 17,833 | [26,353] | — | -8,003 | [+517] |
| Mandatory Spending | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Crop Insurance Corporation | 12,281 | 15,395 | 14,695 | 14,695 | 14,695 | — | -700 | -700 |
| Commodity Credit Corporation | 14,402 | 16,832 | 10,612 | 10,612 | 10,612 | — | -6,220 | -6,220 |
| Section 32 (Funds for Strengthening Markets, Income, and Supply) | 1,391 | 1,483 | 1,574 | 574 | 1,574 | — | -910 | +90 |
| Child Nutrition Programs ^a | 26,789 | 28,456 | 32,009 | 31,973 | 32,001 | — | +3,517 | +3,545 |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Food & Nutrition Act Programs ^a | 140,438 | 153,861 | 149,641 | 121,992 | 122,133 | — | -31,869 | -31,728 |
| Total, Mandatory Spending | 195,301 | 216,027 | 208,531 | 179,846 | 181,015 | — | -36,182 | -35,013 |

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|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--|--------|
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| Loan Authority | | | | | | | | |
| Rural Development Programs | 46,208 | 46,870 | 44,874 | 45,979 | 45,884 | — | -891 | -986 |
| Farm Loan Program | 10,386 | 10,652 | 10,686 | 10,686 | 10,686 | — | +33 | +33 |

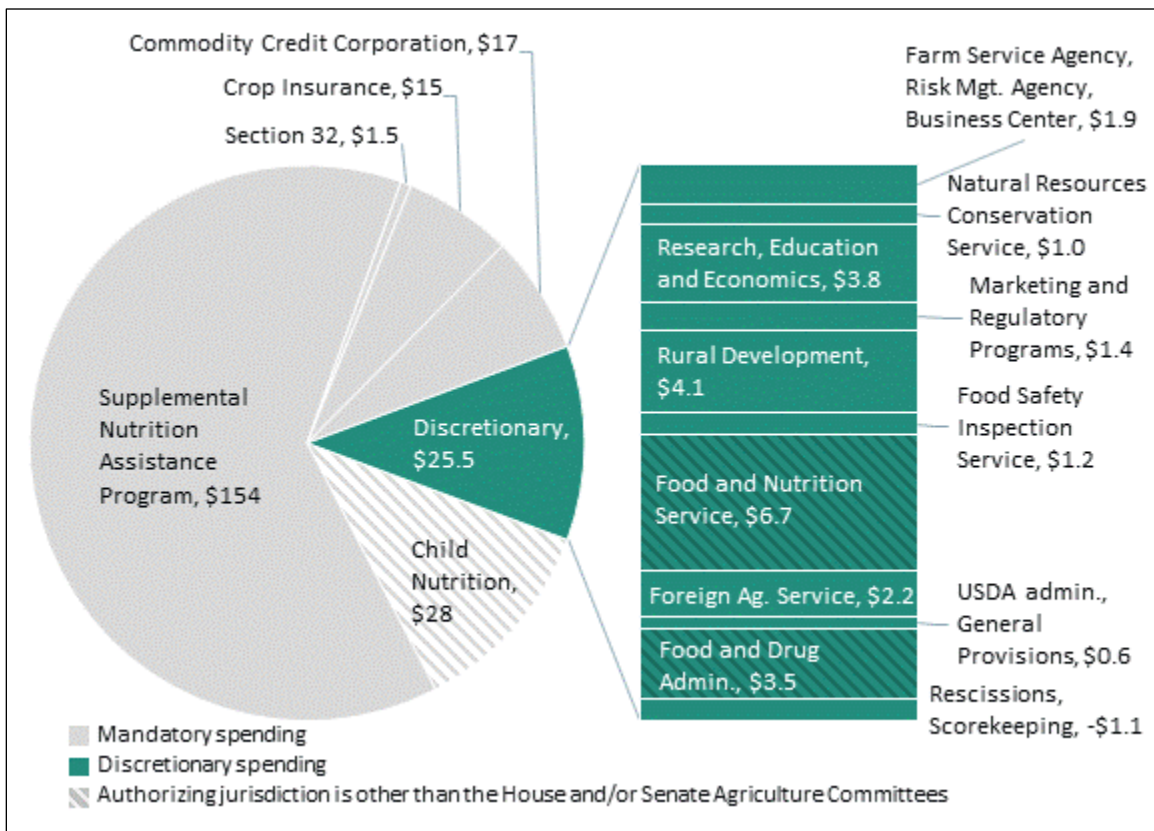
Source: CRS using appropriations text, reports, and unpublished Congressional Budget Office (CBO) tables.

Notes: Amounts are nominal budget authority. Numbers may not sum to totals shown because of rounding. Excludes supplemental appropriations.

- a. Reflects that CBO scores a portion of the Child Nutrition Program and SNAP as discretionary spending (usually less than \$100 million).
- b. Chamber notation refers to Agriculture appropriations jurisdiction. Bracketed amounts are noted for comparison. Enacted Commodity Futures Trading Commission appropriations rotate annually between Agriculture and Financial Services subcommittees.
- c. S. 2309, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024.

Figure 1. Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY2023

Budget authority in billions of dollars



Source: CRS, Table 2.

Related Products About Agricultural Spending

- CRS Report R47560, *Agricultural Conservation: FY2023 and FY2024 Appropriations*
- CRS In Focus IF12233, *Farm Bill Primer: Budget Dynamics*
- CRS Report R47659, *Expiration of the Farm Bill*

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