



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, excluding the U.S. Forest Service. It also funds the Food and Drug Administration in the Department of Health and Human Services and, in even-numbered fiscal years, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Table 1 shows the status for FY2024 and the previous two years. For FY2024, the House passed a six-bill minibus appropriation with Agriculture as Division B on March 6, 2024, following four continuing resolutions.

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Table I. Status of FY2022-FY2024 Agriculture Appropriations

FY2022	FY2023	FY2024						Final
		Admin Request	House		Senate		CR	
Enacted ^a	Enacted ^b	House Cmte	Floor	Senate Cmte	Floor	CR	House-passed	
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 P.L. 118-40 3/1/2024 to Mar. 8.	3/6/2024 H.R. 4366, Division B Joint Explan. Statement

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

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 initial House-reported bill proposed \$25.9 billion, a \$615 million reduction from FY2023 (-2%, [Table 2](#)) with \$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 made the official total of the House-reported bill \$17.8 billion (-31% from FY2023).

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

A compromise six-bill minibus appropriation passed the House on March 6, 2024, with a \$26.2 billion discretionary total, \$392 million (1.5%) greater than FY2023. The compromise includes a \$1 billion increase for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and reductions to most other program areas (Table 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	House-passed H.R. 4366	\$	%	
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	3,802	-21	-0.6%	
Marketing and Regulatory Programs (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service)	1,341	1,413	1,448	1,355	1,420	1,387	-26	-1.9%	
Food Safety and Inspection Service	1,109	1,158	1,290	1,197	1,205	1,190	+32	+2.7%	
Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency, Business Center	1,868	1,923	2,020	1,904	1,946	1,916	-7	-0.4%	
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	951	-83	-8.0%	
Rural Development (Rural Housing Service, Rural Business Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service)	3,970	4,079	4,861	4,038	3,941	3,570	-509	-12.5%	
Food and Nutrition Service (WIC; Commodity Assistance Programs; Nutrition Programs Administration) ^a	6,709	6,741	7,066	6,638	7,027	7,716	+975	+14.5%	
Foreign Agricultural Service (Food for Peace, McGovern-Dole)	2,217	2,242	2,311	2,223	2,297	2,097	-144	-6.4%	
USDA Departmental Administration and other appropriations in General Provisions	666	578	733	416	545	515	-63	-11.0%	
Food and Drug Administration	3,317	3,543	3,915	3,504	3,563	3,527	-16	-0.4%	
Subtotal: Agency Operations	25,878	26,534	29,059	25,919	26,825	26,671	+138	+0.5%	
Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) ^b	382	[365]	295	345	[365] ^c	365	+0	+0.0%	

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024				Proposed Change from FY2023 to FY2024:	
Rescissions, Changes in Mandatory Spending, Scorekeeping Adjustments	-1,139	-1,061	-462	-8,430	-836	-807	+254	-23.9%
Total, Discretionary Budget Authority								
Senate Jurisdiction^b	[24,738]	25,471	28,595	[17,488]	25,988	[25,863]	+392	+1.5%
House Jurisdiction^b	25,120	[25,836]	28,890	17,833	[26,353]	26,228	+392	+1.5%
Mandatory Spending								
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation	12,281	15,395	14,695	14,695	14,695	15,484	+89	+0.6%
Commodity Credit Corporation	14,402	16,832	10,612	10,612	10,612	12,438	-4,394	-26.1%
Section 32 (Funds for Strengthening Markets, Income, and Supply)	1,391	1,483	1,574	574	1,574	1,574	+91	+6.1%
Child Nutrition Programs ^a	26,789	28,456	32,009	31,973	32,001	33,243	+4,787	+16.8%
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Food & Nutrition Act Programs ^a	140,438	153,861	149,641	121,992	122,133	122,378	-31,483	-20.5%
Total, Mandatory Spending	195,301	216,027	208,531	179,846	181,015	185,118	-30,910	-14.3%
Loan Authority								
Rural Development Programs	46,208	46,870	44,874	45,979	45,884	40,465	-6,405	-13.7%
Farm Loan Program	10,386	10,652	10,686	10,686	10,686	10,686	+33	+0.3%

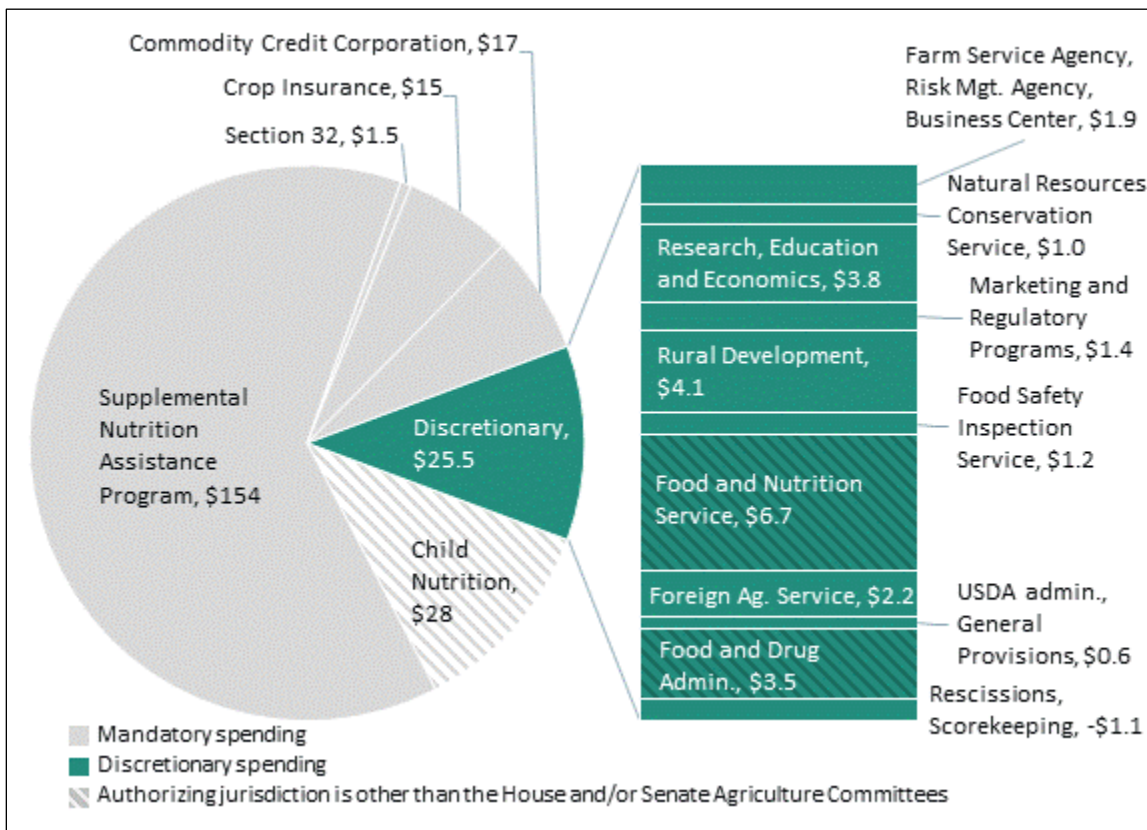
Source: CRS using appropriations text, reports, and unpublished Congressional Budget Office (CBO) tables.

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 CFTC 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 2018 Farm Bill and Extension in 2024*

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