

House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Funding Levels for FY 2019

The agriculture appropriations bill is one of 12 appropriations (spending) bills that Congress must pass by September 30 of each fiscal year to keep government programs funded. The House Committee on Appropriations approved its Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Agriculture Appropriations Bill on May 16, 2018, while the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved its FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations Bill on May 24, 2018. Similarities and differences are outlined in the table below.

| Program(s)/Topics | House Spending Bill (H.R. 5961) | Senate Spending Bill (S. 2976) | Comparison to FY 2018 Appropriations Levels |
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| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | \$73.2 billion in mandatory spending, including \$3 billion to be placed in a reserve fund to cover any unexpected participation increases. | \$73.2 billion in mandatory spending, including \$3 billion to be placed in a reserve fund to cover any unexpected participation increases. | This is \$794 million below the FY 2018 level. The decrease in funding is due to declining enrollment. |
| Child Nutrition programs, mandatory funding | \$23.2 billion in mandatory funding, including \$519 million for Summer Food Programs | \$23.2 billion in mandatory funding, including \$519 million for Summer Food programs | This is \$1.1 billion below the FY 2018 enacted level due to large carryover balances in the program. |
| Child nutrition programs, discretionary* funding | \$30 million for school meals equipment grants and \$28 million for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) for Children Demonstration | \$30 million for school meal equipment grants and \$28 million for Summer EBT Demonstration | Consistent with FY 2018 Appropriations |
| Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) | \$6 billion in discretionary funding, including \$60 million for breastfeeding peer counselors and \$14 million for infrastructure. The House bill rescinds \$300 million of unobligated funding for WIC. | \$6.15 billion in discretionary funding, Including \$60 million for breastfeeding support initiatives, \$19 million for infrastructure, and \$5 million for competitive grants to promote breastfeeding and improved nutritional health through technologies and services, including telemedicine. The Senate bill rescinds \$400 million of unobligated funding for WIC. | In FY 2018, \$6.175 billion was appropriated for WIC. Although the funding levels in both chambers are below FY 2018 levels, they are expected to support anticipated WIC caseloads. |
| Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) | \$3.9 billion in mandatory funding | \$3.9 billion in mandatory funding | Consistent with FY 2018 Appropriations |
| Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) | \$222.9 million in discretionary funding | \$238.1 million in discretionary funding | Although the House Committee indicates that its proposed funding will fully fund expected |

* Discretionary funding is subject to annual appropriations

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| | | | CSFP caseload, the funding is \$15 million below the FY 2018 appropriations level. |
| The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) | \$294 million in mandatory funding for TEFAP commodities, plus \$64.4 million in discretionary funding for administrative funding (storage and transportation) | \$294 million in mandatory funding for TEFAP commodities, plus \$64.4 million in discretionary funding for administrative funding (storage and transportation) | Consistent with FY 2018 Appropriations |
| WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) | \$18.5 million in discretionary funding | \$18.5 million in discretionary funding | Consistent with FY 2018 Appropriations |
| Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) | \$20.6 million in mandatory funding | \$20.6 million in mandatory funding | Consistent with FY 2018 Appropriations |
| Congressional Hunger Center Fellows Program | \$2 million | \$2 million | Consistent with FY 2018 Appropriations |
| "Food for Peace", P.L. 83-480 grants (international) | \$1.5 billion | \$1.7 billion | \$1.6 billion was appropriated in FY 2018 |
| McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (international) | \$207.6 million | \$210.3 million, including \$15 million for the Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement at the Foreign Agriculture Service | \$207.6 million was appropriated in FY 2018 |

Resources:

House:

- [Committee summary of ag appropriations bill](#)
- [Committee legislative text - H.R. 5961](#)
- [Committee on Appropriations Report \(H. Rept. 115-706\)](#)

Senate:

- [Committee summary of ag appropriations bill](#)
- [Committee legislative text - S. 2976](#)
- [Committee on Appropriations Report \(S. Rept. 115-259\)](#)

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