

NIFA Update
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Status of Funding Programs

- Earlier in the summer, Congress passed a two-year budget for appropriation spending caps for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The President signed the legislation.
- This action eliminated the possibility of across the board 10% spending cuts that would have been mandatory by the 2013 Budget Control Act.
- President Trump signed a Continuing Resolution into law, delaying the possibility of another government shutdown until November 21st.
- The CR will fund agencies at 2019 levels through November 21st, buying lawmakers more time to negotiate over several full-year appropriations bills.
- We don't have any specific information on NIFA's funding for FY 2020.

Status of FY 2019 CPPM Program Awards

- NIFA staff have completed all actions on FY 2019 Crop Protection and Pest Management funding awards.
- The funding awards included the four continuation awards for the CPPM Regional Coordination Program area that funds the four Regional IPM Centers and 45 continuation awards for the CPPM Extension Implementation Program Area (EIP). Sixteen (16) new awards were made for the Applied Research and Development Program Area (ARDP).
- NIFA will put out a more detailed announcement on the ARDP awards later.

RFAs and Grant Program Assignments

- NIFA is making every attempt to release the RFAs as soon as feasibly possible.
- RFAs have been developed for a number of grant programs that cover a two-year period.
- Most of the grant review panels will be conducted virtually following the same panel review format as in the past.
- Most of the NPLs and National Science Liaisons will have additional grant program responsibilities until new hires are made.
- Grant program responsibilities and assignments are still being worked out.
- As for my grant program assignments - I will direct the Small Business Innovation Research Program 8.2: Plant Production and Protection – Biology; the Crop Protection and Pest Management (CPPM) – Regional Coordination Program; the CPPM – Extension Implementation Program; the CPPM – Applied Research and Development Program; and will Co-Direct the AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program: Foundational Knowledge of Agricultural Production Systems.
- I will also be helping out with the AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Programs: Pests and Beneficial Species in Agricultural Production Systems; and Pollinator Health: Research and Application.

NIFA Move to Kansas City, MO

- Approximately 25% of the NIFA staff have relocated to the Kansas City Area.
- NIFA is putting in place contract support to handle several NIFA functional areas to ensure continuity of services.

- In addition, NIFA had an open announcement in USAJobs for National Program Leader positions that will be based at the Kansas City Area location. The deadline for these applications was September 24.
- A solicitation is underway to obtain the final building location for NIFA in the Kansas City Area.

NIFA Staff Points of Contact

- NIFA has selected six National Science Liaisons from current NIFA National Program staff who will remain in Washington, DC and not move to the Kansas City Area.
- The National Science Liaisons will focus on DC-centric interactions, and will lead the coordination of stakeholder and interagency interactions.
- Dr. Mathieu (Mat) Ngouajio is one of the National Science Liaisons who will cover plant production and plant protection aspects of NIFA's portfolio in this new role.
- Points of Contact for plant protection and integrated pest management issues:
 Dr. Bob Nowierski, National Program Leader for Bio-Based Pest Management
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