

DC State of Play

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119th Congress

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Navigating the New Administration and Congress

**Executive
Orders**



**Agency
Personnel
and Policy**



Reconciliation



**Budget &
Appropriations**



**Opportunity
Spaces**



Congressional Outlook

As of right now...

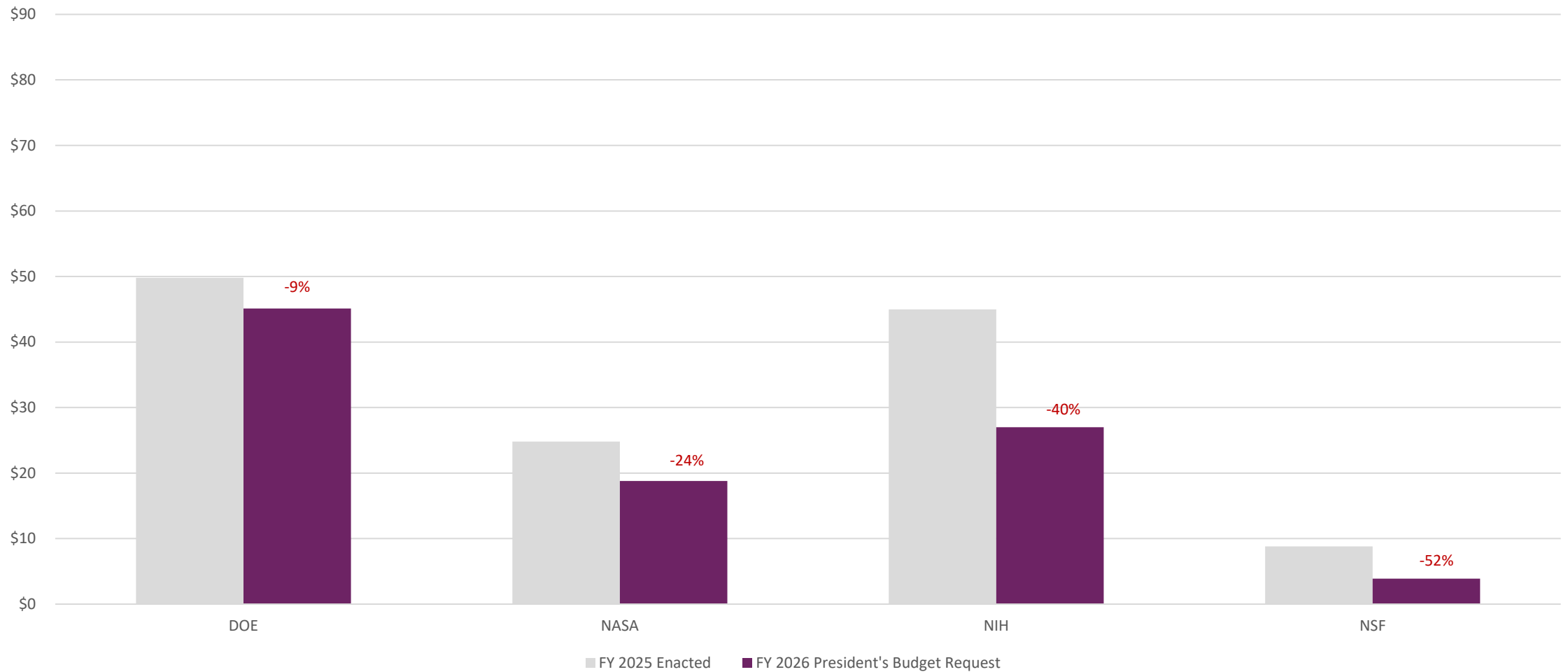
- **FY 2025 Appropriations:** We are currently under a full year CR, threats of impoundment ie: not spending appropriated funds
- **FY 2026** President's Budget Request (PBR) released, House will bills expected to be aligned with White House, Senate will be the moderate voice
 - *House Ag Approps FY26 bill keeps **capacity** and **AFRI** flat, NIFA down \$25M vs \$600+M in the PBR*
- **Reconciliation** House passed bill, Senate more complicated, July 4th target
 - House Bill: \$1.1B for RFA (over nine years), Orphan programs funded, SNAP-Ed eliminated, major hits to higher ed and student aid generally
 - Congress receiving very strong pressure from the White House
 - Unclear if Senate will include Farm Bill programs, should have text soon
- Focus on **Government Efficiency** across agencies – future of DOGE unknown, but strong foothold at USDA

NOTE: ALL IN THE CONTEXT OF REDUCED FEDERAL FUNDING OVERALL

FY 2026 Agriculture Appropriations: BAA Priorities

Appropriations Accounts	U.S. Code	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Conference</u>	<u>House FY</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Senate FY</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>BAA</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>PBR</u>	FY 2026 PBR vs. FY 2025 Estimated
Research								
Hatch Act	7 U.S.C. 361a-i	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$-265,000 (-100.0%)
Evans-Allen Research (1890 Research)	7 U.S.C. 3222	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$125,000	\$50,000	\$-39,000 (-43.8%)
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 301 note	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$17,867	\$5,000	--
McIntire-Stennis	16 U.S.C. 582a through a—7	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$46,000	\$20,000	\$-18,000 (-47.4%)
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)	7 U.S.C. 450i(b)	\$445,200	\$443,200	\$445,200	\$445,200	\$500,000	\$405,306	\$-39,894 (-9.0%)
Cooperative Extension System								
Smith-Lever 3 (b) & (c)	7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c) and 208(c) of P.L. 93 471	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$420,000	\$175,000	\$-150,000 (-46.2%)
Extension Services at 1890 Universities	7 U.S.C. 3221	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$102,000	\$62,000	-10,000 (-13.9%)
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)	11,000	\$12,000	\$11,000	11,000	\$17,867	11,000	--
Smith-Lever 3 (d)	7 U.S.C. 343(d)	\$88,600	\$87,405	\$88,600	\$88,600	\$115,000	\$66,600	-22,000 (-24.8%)

FY 26 PBR for Other R&D Agencies





~~2023, 2024~~ 2025? 2026?

Farm Bill Progress

- House Bill advanced from Committee with bipartisan (4 Dems) support last Congress
- Senate had separate Majority and Minority “frameworks”
- BAA priorities well-represented across the three packages, *including RFA*
 - House/Senate Bipartisan Markers Reintroduced
- Unified government makes it harder to hide, finishing a bill is not a guarantee
- Reconciliation is a ***major*** complicator



Trump 2.0

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Trump Administration Priorities

- **Status of awards and RFPs**
 - Awards frozen without notice seem to be slowly coming “unstuck” – Approps staff met with NIFA
 - Some RFPs will start to slowly come out; AFRI may be one of the last
- Avian Influenza plan announced - \$1 billion for testing, therapeutics, and aid for producers
- **“Make America Healthy Again”** in the spotlight
 - Unclear impacts; messaging so far has been on health, nutrition and ag
 - Relationship between RFK Jr. and Rollins may influence this outcome
 - AFRI FAS goal on “Improving human health through precision nutrition, production of healthy foods, and empowering consumer choice”
 - White House engagement from Ag groups concerned about impacts, more details in August

A nighttime photograph of Washington, D.C. The Washington Monument stands prominently on the left, illuminated against the dark sky. In the center-right, the Lincoln Memorial is brightly lit, its classical architecture clearly visible. The city lights of Washington D.C. are scattered across the background, and the Potomac River is visible in the lower right. The image has a dark blue tint and is overlaid with thin, curved white lines.

Questions

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