

# U.S. Department of Agriculture

## FY 2013 Appropriations Recommendation



*HACU requests FY 2013 USDA appropriations of \$300 million under Titles VII and VIII of the Farm Bill:*

- *\$40 million for the Title VII - HSI Grants Program*
- *\$20 million for the Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) Equity Grants Program*
- *\$80 million for the HSACU Endowment Fund Program*
- *\$40 million for the HSACU Institutional Capacity-Building Grant Program*
- *\$40 million for the HSACU Fundamental and Applied Research Grants*
- *\$40 million for the HSACU Extension Grants Program*
- *\$40 million for the HSI Agricultural Land National Resources Leadership Program*

**The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (PL 110-246):** The 2008 reauthorization of the Farm Bill included a new federal designation for HSIs offering associate, bachelors, or related accredited degree programs in agriculture and related fields: Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACUs). Six new provisions were added to the 2008 Farm Bill.

**Funding History:** The USDA and HACU are affiliated through a formal Memorandum of Understanding that recognizes the need to include more HSIs in USDA programs and research funding. Annual program funds for HSIs within the USDA/HSI Education Grants Program have been flat over the past three years. New provisions will provide HSIs with greater capacity to expand teaching, research and outreach to Hispanic community.

### USDA Appropriations for HSIs

| Year   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   | 2006 | 2007 | 2008  | 2009  | 2010   | 2011   | 2012    |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| Grants | \$3.5M | \$3.5M | \$4.1M | \$4.6M | \$5.6M | \$6M | \$6M | \$6.M | \$6.M | \$9.2M | \$9.2M | \$9.2 M |

### Need:

- The USDA/HSI competitive grant programs will promote and strengthen the ability of HSIs to carry out education programs that attract, retain, and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force.
- Competitive grants support research and outreach projects in nutrition and dietetics, aquaculture, agribusiness technology, food and beverage export and international trade, food and agricultural marketing and management, integrated resources management, food science technology engineering, plant science environmental science and veterinary science and technology.

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