



Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Call your Representative and Senators TODAY and urge them to support the National Science Foundation and USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Agriculture & Food Research Initiative, and Hatch formula funding in fiscal year 2013.

### Act Now

1. Find your Representative's phone number: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) (enter you zip code at top right and click "Go") and Senators' phone numbers: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) (click on "Senators" at top left and then click on "Choose a State" on the pull down menu).
2. Call your Representative and two Senators. When the staff assistant answers say:
  - o Your name, profession, and that you are a constituent
  - o You are calling to urge the Representative/Senator to support USDA and National Science Foundation science funding in their fiscal year 2013 **programmatic requests** (please use these two words)
  - o Specifically, say that you urge the Representative/Senator to support:
    - **\$7.4 billion for National Science Foundation**
    - **\$325 million for Agriculture and Food Research Initiative**
    - **\$236 million for Hatch formula funding (Hatch supports State Agricultural Experiment Stations)**
    - **\$1.1 billion for Agricultural Research Service**

Note: Except for Hatch funding, which is the FY12 enacted level, these numbers correspond to the President's FY2013 budget proposal (request).

With an ever-expanding global population and increasing food demands, investment in food and agriculture research is essential to maintaining our nation's food, economic, and national security.

*Note: Before participating in any ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Action Alert, you should clear your participation with your administration.*

Your voice is critical in this very tight budget year. Thank you for taking the time to speak up for our sciences.

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Crop Science Society of America  
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