



# National Institute of Food and Agriculture Update

Federal Demonstration Partnership  
May 2011



## FY11 NIFA Budget

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
  - Increased to \$264m
- Hatch Act Funding
  - Increased to \$236m
- Section 406 Programs
  - \$29m – decrease from \$45m in FY10



## FY11 NIFA Budget (continued)

- Mandatory funding
  - Specialty Crops - \$50m
  - Biomass Research & Development - \$30m
  - Organic Ag Research & Ext Initiative - \$20m
- Unfunded
  - Line-item Grants
  - Critical Issues
  - 406 Crops at Risk, FQPA Risk Avoidance



# FY11 Solicitations

- Recently Released
  - Biomass Research & Development Initiative
    - May 31 deadline for preapplications
- Soon to Close
  - AFRI Childhood Obesity Prevention (\$33.5m)
    - May 18 deadline for applications



# Solicitations Coming Soon

- Remaining AFRI solicitations
  - Food Safety
  - Climate Change
  - Sustainable Bioenergy
  - Global Food Security
  - NIFA Fellows
- NEW - Afghanistan Ag Extension @ \$10m
  - By May 15 - 30 day open period



# Status – FY 2011 Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program

- Offsets qualified loans of veterinarians in return for service in high-priority shortage situations
  - FY10 - 53 awards for \$5.2m
- May 2011 – FY 11 applications invited for @\$6m
  - Deadline July 1



# Improving Access to Critical USDA Programs – EO 13563

- Public comments by 5/20 via [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov)
  - Should existing rules be modified, streamlined, clarified, or repealed to improve access
  - How to minimize burden on individuals, businesses, & communities
    - Initial focus – programs run by RD, FSA, NRCS & FSIS