

National Organic Coalition
Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations Request Chart (3/4/07)

Program	FY 2006 Funding	President's FY 07 Budget Proposal	NOC FY 2007 Requests	FY 2007 House Bill	FY 2007 Senate Committee Bill	FY 2007 Final (assumed to be level with FY 2006 funding levels)ⁱ	President's FY 2008 Budget Request	NOC FY 2008 Requests
AMS- National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program	0	0	\$1.5 million	0	\$500,000 (funded within overall NOP budget)	0	0	\$1 million
AMS - National Organic Program	\$2.126 million	\$3.13 million	\$3.13 million, with report language	\$3.13 million, with no report language	\$3.13 m., with report language consistent with NOC request ⁱⁱ	\$2.126 million	\$3.13 million (or \$1.1 million above final FY 07 level)	\$4 million
AMS- Organic Price Collection	0	0	\$1 million	0	0 ⁱⁱⁱ	0 ^{iv}	0	Continue fund transfer from RMA to AMS for this purpose
CSREES- Organic Transition Program	\$1.855 million	0 ^v	\$5 million	\$5 million ^{vi}	\$1.948	\$1.855 million	0 ^{vii}	\$5 million
CSREES- National Research Initiative – Seeds and Breeds Request	0	0	Language directing agency to add a new NRI program area to foster classical plant and animal breeding	0	Report language consistent with NOC request ^{viii}	0	0	Report language identical to language included in FY 07 Senate Report ^{ix}
CSREES- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	\$12.3mill. (chap. 1); \$4 million (chap. 3)	\$9.1 million (Chapter 1); \$3.8 million (Chapter 3)	\$15 million (chapter 1); \$5 million (chapter 3)	\$12.1 million (chapter 1); \$4 million (chapter 3)	\$12.3 million (Chapter 1); \$4 million (chapter 3)	\$12.3mill. (chap. 1); \$4 million (chap. 3)	\$9.1 million (Chapter 1); \$3.8 million (Chapter 3)	\$15 million (chapter 1); \$5 million (chapter 3)

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NASS- Census Follow-Up Organic Grower Survey	0	0	\$1 million	0 ^{xi}	0 ^{xii}	0	0	\$1 million
Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas	\$2.5 million	0	\$3.1 million	\$3 million	\$2.5 million	\$935,000	0	\$3 million
ARS- Strategic Regional Programming for Organic Research	0	0	\$10 million, to be divided between regions	\$200,000 increase for Salinas, CA research station	Report language	0	0	\$10 million for Organic Research Initiative
NRCS- Conservation Security Program	Cut between \$72 and \$259 million	Mandatory funding, no cap	Mandatory funding, no cap	Cut between \$92 and \$280 million	No Cap	\$259 million (a cut of \$113 million)	Cut of \$130 million	Mandatory funding, no cap
Value Added Producer Grant	\$20.3 million	\$20.3 million	Mandatory funding, no cap	\$28 million	\$48 million	\$20.3 million	\$15 million	\$60 million

ⁱ Under the terms of the FY 2007 Continuing Resolution, funding for most USDA programs are assumed to be funded at the same level as provided in Fiscal Year 2006. However, USDA has been given much more discretion to set their own spending levels for FY 07. USDA has been given a deadline of early March of 2007 to get back to Congress with the specific spending plan for Fiscal Year 2007. In theory, USDA could decide to allocate more money to the National Organic Program for FY 2007, but they would need to take the money from another program.

ⁱⁱ The FY 07 Senate report read as follows: “*Organics*- The Committee recommends \$3,130,000 for the National Organic Program [NOP]. Of this amount, \$500,000 is for continuation of the National Organic Cost Share Certification Program. The Committee is encouraged that AMS has hired an Executive Director for the National Organic Standards Board [NOSB], as well as a new Director for the National Organic Program. The Committee also notes that the audits performed by the American National Standards Institute in 2004 and by the USDA Office of Inspector General in 2005 made strong recommendations about changes needed in the administration of the NOP. The Committee expects AMS to take the necessary actions to comply with these recommendations, and to provide a written report to the Committee within 120 days of enactment of this Act regarding the process in implementing these recommendations. In addition, the Committee is aware of complaints that NOP has received regarding potential violations of the organic standards, and would like to receive updates on the progress of AMS in investigating and responding to these complaints. The Committee also expects the NOP to work closely with the NOSB to implement the Peer Review Panel requirements of the Organic Foods Production Act and USDA's organic regulations. The Committee also encourages AMS to continue collection of organic price information.”

ⁱⁱⁱ FY 2007 Report language was included as follows: “The Committee also encourages AMS to continue collection of organic price information.”

^{iv} While there was no specific funding provided for AMS organic data collection efforts through the FY 2007 appropriations process, AMS has received funding for this purpose through a Memorandum of Understanding with USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA).

^v The second year in row, the President’s FY 2007 budget proposal recommended that the Organic Transition Program and other CSREES “integrated activities” be funded as part of the overall NRI program. NOC has opposed this proposal.

^{vi} The Organic Transition Program was increased from \$1.855 million to \$5 million by a House floor amendment offered successfully by Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ).

^{vii} See endnote v

^{viii} The Senate included the following Fiscal Year 2007 report language: “*Classical Research*.--The Committee notes the substantial increase in public and private sector research related to genomics, genetics, and other breakthrough biotechnology developments. However, this shift in emphasis has resulted in a decline in classical research in the animal and plant sciences. The Committee encourages the Department, especially in the establishment of priorities within the National Research Initiative, to give consideration to research needs related to classical plant and animal breeding and directs the Department to establish a specific category of grant application requests for classical plant and animal breeding to foster more diverse, energy efficient, and environmentally sustainable agricultural systems.”

^{ix} See endnote viii

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^{xi} The House Fiscal Year 2007 bill included the following report language: “The Committee notes the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has developed additional organic data surveys based on the 2002 Census of Agriculture and is expanding organic data collection in the 2007 Census of Agriculture. The Committee encourages the NASS to develop additional organic data surveys and to conduct a follow-up survey to the 2007 Census of Agriculture in order to collect more in-depth information on acreage, yield/production, inventory, production practices, sales and expenses, marketing channels and demographics.”

^{xii} The Senate Fiscal Year 2007 report included the following language: “*Organic Data Collection*-The Committee is pleased that NASS is working to expand the quantity of organic questions included in the Census of Agriculture, and is aware that there has been interest expressed in the need for a follow-up survey. Therefore, the Committee encourages NASS to take all necessary steps, including a follow-up survey, to collect in-depth coverage on acreage, yield, production, inventory, production practices, sales and expenses, marketing channels, and demographics of the organics industry.”