

IR-4 Commodity Liaison Committee (CLC)

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Why is IR-4 So Important

- >40% of our daily consumption comes from minor/specialty crops.
- Basic Producers spend \$M on development. Focus on larger area crops. (Corn, Soybeans, etc.)
- Minor Crops: Over 1000+
- NIFA funded IR-4 partnering with USEPA developed incentives for producers:
 - Wave registration fees
 - Develop residue data
 - Extend data protection for active.

IR-4 Partnership

- The IR-4 Project is an example of how government and NGOs can work closely with their stakeholders to assure the goals and programs stay current and meet stakeholders' objectives.
- IR-4 sees stakeholders as equals.
- Not just an advisory committee.
 - Position on Board of Directors
 - Weekly communication
 - Involved in hiring and evaluations

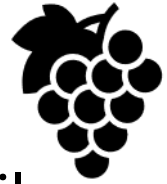
PURPOSE OF THE COMMODITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)

(Pulled from the CLC Charter)

- The CLC is the **link between IR-4 and those who grow specialty food and ornamental commodities** or their representatives.
- Therefore, the primary purpose of the CLC is to **provide guidance and advice to the IR-4 Project** Management Committee in ways in which the program can best serve the needs of producers of specialty crops.
- The CLC serves an important role in **communicating the mission of the IR-4 Project to the agricultural community and provides visibility at the grower level.**
- The CLC also **supports federal funding initiatives** for the IR-4 Project and advocates for funding to maintain viable food and ornamentals research and registration programs.

CLC Membership

- Van Drunen **Farms**
- **Biopesticide Industry Alliance**
- **Mint** Industry Research Council
- **American Farm Bureau**
- Society of American **Florists**
- LA **Sugarcane** League
- MI **Nursery** Growers Association
- National **Onion**
- The Chef's Garden
- National Association of State
Departments of Agriculture (**NASDA**)
- U.S. **Hops**
- National **Potato** Council



CLC Membership

- **Cherry** Marketing Institute
- Brooks **Tropicals**
- Western Growers
- Kemin Industries
- National **Watermelon** Board
- California Citrus Institute
- **Cranberry** Institute
- American **Mushroom** Institute
- USA **Dry Pea and Lentil (Pulse)**
- Agricultural Development Group
- U.S. **Apple**
- Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association (**FFVA**)



CLC Membership

- WI **Ginseng**
- **Village Farms** International (U.S. Greenhouse Vegetable Industry)
- CropLife America
- MGB Marketing (**Blueberry**)
- National Watermelon Board
- California **Leafy Greens**



How to Measure the impact of flat funding on the IR-4 Project Food Use Program?

- 2009: 69 Food Use Priorities
- 2021: 38 Food Use Priorities
 - ~50% reduction
- This does not include loss trials in Environmental Hort (Ornamentals) and Organic Programs (Integrated Solutions).
 - These KEY IR-4 programs have had similar reductions.

Current NIFA Budget since 2008

- \$11,913,000 (2008) (1.84%/year inflation)
- \$15,105,617 (2021) >\$3M less
- University Indirect Costs 10% (kicks in 2022)
 - \$16,678,000
- Ask: \$20,000,000 (59%)
- President's Budget: \$20,000,000
- Senate 2021: \$14,500,000 (+8.21%)
- House 2021: \$14,000,000 (+8.2%)
- Fear of Continuing Resolution Budget

CLC on The Hill

Lunch and Learn

Goal:

- Awareness
- Impact Budget



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DCLRS - DELIVERABLES

- Prepare outreach tools for Appropriations Advocacy
- Meet with OMB
- Lunch and Learn
- Taylor each members needs statement to meet their interests
- Identify Congressional IR-4 Champions
- Ensure key USDA leaders are aware of the programs needs
- Enlist CLC support both Nationally and Regionally
- Be certain that IR-4 appropriation requests are completed on time

The General Appropriations Process

- White House: President submits annual budget request to Congress Biden submitted annual budget request to Congress on May 28, 2021
- May and June Deadline for appropriations requests in House and Senate
- June - September – House and Senate Appropriations Committees take up 12 annual spending bills for various government agencies
 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
 - Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- House and Senate pass individual appropriations bill, work out the differences between their bills in conference before the start of the new fiscal year on Oct. 1

CONGRESS RARELY MEETS THE OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE AND OFTEN PASSES SEVERAL CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS AND OMNIBUS OR MINIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

WHITE HOUSE BUDGET

- Several of us from the Commodity Liaison Committee met with OMB to request \$20 Million for IR-4 in the President's Budget.
- We were pleased to see the budget released on May 28 call for \$20 M for IR-4 with this explanation: "An \$8 million increase in funding for Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4) will affect a number of funded pesticide data projects per year as well as additional biopesticide and organic projects. Increased funding will also allow the IR-4 programs harmonization activities with America's key trading allies."

House and Senate Outreach

- IR-4 Virtual Lunch and Learn Briefing (House and Senate Agriculture Staff attending)
- Senate Outreach Meetings: Merkley, Wyden, Murray, Braun, Rubio, Brown, Padilla and Feinstein

Dear Colleague Letter

- Dear Colleague Letter: led by Rep. Panetta (D-CA) to the Chair and Ranking Members of the House Appropriations and House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Request for \$20 Million.

- Signatories:

- Marcy Kaptur D-OH
- John Garamendi D-CA
- Alcee L. Hastings D-FL
- Kaiali'i Kahele (D-HI)
- Cliff Bentz (R-OR)
- Susan K. DelBene (D-WA)
- Garret Graves (R-LA)
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- Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)
- Jared Golden (D-ME)
- Abigail D. Spanberger (D-VA)
- Jerry McNerney (D-CA)
- Andy Kim (D-NJ)



Senate Outreach

- We have continued Senate outreach as the Senate will likely hold more sway in how the end of the year concludes with a potential omnibus bill for FY 2022.
- Our goal is to advocate **for at least an increase to \$14.5M**
- This includes outreach we have already completed to:
 - Sen. Padilla (D-CA)
 - Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
 - Sen. Braun (R-IN)
 - Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)
- Upcoming outreach:
 - Sen. Stabenow, Sen. Booker, Sen. Whitehouse, Sen. Feinstein

House Agriculture Appropriations: June 25

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

[Dollars in thousands]

Program/Activity	Authorization	2021 Enacted	2022 Estimate	Committee Provision
Hatch Act	7 U.S.C. 361a-i	\$259,000	\$329,380	\$265,000
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act ...	16 U.S.C. 582a through a-7.	36,000	45,783	38,000
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen Program).	7 U.S.C. 3222	73,000	92,837	92,837
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 301 note	4,500	4,500	5,500
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)	26,000	26,000	28,500
Scholarships at 1890 Institutions	7 U.S.C. 3222a	10,000	10,000	10,000
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving In- stitutions.	7 U.S.C. 3241	12,500	12,500	20,000
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR 4)	7 U.S.C. 450i(c)	11,913	20,000	14,000
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	7 U.S.C. 450i(b)	435,000	700,000	450,000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	7 U.S.C. 3151a	8,500	8,500	9,500
Veterinary Services Grant Program	7 U.S.C. 3151b	3,000	3,000	3,500
Continuing Animal Health and Disease Re- search Program.	7 U.S.C. 3195	4,000	4,000	4,000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	7 U.S.C. 3319d	1,000	663	663
Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship and Institution Challenge Grants.	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)	9,500	9,500	9,500
Secondary and 2-year Post-Secondary Edu- cation.	7 U.S.C. 3152(j)	900	900	900
Aquaculture Centers	7 U.S.C. 3322	5,000	5,000	5,000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Edu- cation.	7 U.S.C. 5811, 5812, 5831, and 5832.	40,000	60,000	50,000
Farm Business Management	7 U.S.C. 5925f	2,000	2,000	2,000
Sun Grant Program	7 U.S.C. 8114	3,000	3,000	3,000
Research Equipment Grants	7 U.S.C. 3310a	5,000	5,000	5,000
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program	7 U.S.C. 5925	3,000	— — —	3,000
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR 4)	7 U.S.C. 450i(c)	11,913	20,000	14,000

IR-4 is a Model for GOV/NGO Programs

- USDA Grant for Tactical Sciences.
- Tactical Sciences SWOT analysis identified IR-4 as a model for other NIFA programs.

Questions?

