



National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) *Agriculture Appropriations Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007*

Soy Research and Development (April 5, 2006 American Soybean Association (ASA) Letter to Appropriators)

- **Soybean Research** – NOPA supports restoring funding for soybean research in the Agriculture Research Budget. The President's FY 2007 budget proposes termination of several important soybean research projects located in Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, Missouri and North Dakota, and total more than \$7 million.
- **Soybean Rust Research** – NOPA supports the effort to focus research on soybean rust set forth in the National Strategic Plan for the Coordination and Integration of Soybean Rust Research. The President's FY 2007 budget includes seven requests totaling \$1.85 million for soybean rust research.
- **Soybean Rust Surveillance and Reporting** – NOPA supports the President's budget request for \$2.77 million to continue and expand the Soybean Rust Management System, administered by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES).

Animal Agriculture Research (March 31, 2006 Animal Agriculture Coalition Letter to Appropriators)

- **Enhance U.S. Animal Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities** – NOPA is concerned that the United States needs to improve significantly existing capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from major animal disease outbreaks, such as *Foot-and-Mouth Disease* and *Avian Influenza*. Additional funds are essential to protect animal agriculture assets and infrastructure, as well as the federal government's capabilities to work cooperatively with states and industry stakeholders to address animal health emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts (total funding request \$30 million).
- **Strengthen National Animal Health Monitoring and Surveillance Capability** – While progress is being made, NOPA believes greater emphasis must be placed on developing an integrated and coordinated national system that can effectively function 24/7 by providing essential technical, real-time information and communication capabilities. In addition, NOPA believes it is essential to expedite the development of America's BL3 laboratory surveillance and emergency surge capacity to diagnose critical animal diseases that could devastate U.S. herds and flocks (total funding request \$24.9 million).
- **Support National Animal Disease Research and Transmission Control** NOPA believes it is important to continue to provide sufficient federal budget support for research on high-consequence animal diseases and to ensure adequate support for America's veterinary colleges and universities to detect and diagnose emerging infectious diseases and zoonotic agents (total funding request \$177.25 million).

Export Market Development Funding (April 28, 2006 Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports Letter to Appropriators)

- **Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD)** – NOPA supports MAP no less than \$200 million for FY 2007 and \$34.5 million for FMD. These are the same levels of funding included in the FY 2006 Agriculture Appropriations bill. MAP and FMD are among the few programs specifically allowed in unlimited amounts (both are green box programs) under World Trade Organization (WTO) rules to help U.S. agriculture remain competitive in a global marketplace still characterized by highly subsidized foreign competition.

U.S. Codes Office Including International Education and Outreach (April 2006 Food Industry CODEX Coalition Letter to Appropriators)

- NOPA supports funding at \$3.029 million to be dedicated exclusively to the activities of the U.S. Codex office including international outreach and education. Codes Alimentarius is critical for the protection of consumer health globally and facilitating international trade.

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