

WHY COFFEE CARES ABOUT FY26 APPROPRIATIONS

The U.S. runs on coffee. In 2024, more than 75% of American adults reported drinking coffee each week. Coffee adds \$343 billion to the U.S. economy and generates \$38 billion in tax revenue each year. Scientific evidence shows that drinking coffee is associated with reduced risk of multiple types of cancer and chronic disease.

U.S. coffee relies on securing global supplies, which face production challenges like pests, disease, extreme heat, erratic rain, and soil depletion. Smallholders, who produce 60% of the global coffee supply, need investment in agricultural research and seed systems to get improved varieties to the farm.

To ensure stable global coffee supplies and foster prosperous farming communities, our priorities include strengthening research and development (R&D) and seed. USDA and USAID investments are critical.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

- 2.2 million U.S. jobs
- \$343 billion in economic activity and \$38 billion in tax revenue
- The future of America's favorite beverage

Through FY26 appropriations, Congress can invest in solutions and ensure the future of coffee for businesses and consumers in every U.S. state and territory as well as growers in Hawai'i and Puerto Rico.

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USDA FY26 request: Current funding leaves many promising research programs on the table each year, including those that would benefit coffee. Increasing funding for USDA research, and specifically the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), would help keep up with inflation and enable critical research. Support for international research collaboration would enable U.S. growers and scientists to access coffee expertise overseas, build scientific capacity at home, and get ahead of emerging threats.

- **Increase in 302(b) allocation for agriculture appropriations** to keep up with inflation.
- **\$700 million for AFRI and \$20 million for international research collaboration programs.**
- **Report language** encouraging AFRI to fund coffee agriculture projects like plant breeding.

USAID FY26 request: International funding for agricultural R&D has led to breakthroughs that benefit smallholder farmers as well as U.S. researchers and farmers. Strengthened seed systems bring these innovations to farmers. Given the U.S. coffee industry's reliance on coffee grown abroad on small farms, coffee agricultural R&D and seed system funding are particularly powerful for reducing poverty overseas while boosting prosperity at home.

- **Fully fund Feed the Future** at its authorized level of \$1.2 billion.
- **\$180 million for international agricultural R&D, of which not less than \$5.4 million is for coffee R&D and not less than \$88 million is for the Feed the Future Innovation Labs.**
- **Report language** directing USAID to fund global coffee agricultural R&D, increase Mission funding for coffee seed system strengthening, and report back to Congress on both.

FY26 COFFEE R&D APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST CHART

Program	U.S. Code	FY24 Omnibus	FY25	FY26 Coffee Request
USDA				
Agriculture Appropriations 302(b) Allocation	-	\$26.2 billion	Senate: \$27 billion House: \$25.9 billion	Increase to keep pace with inflation
USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	7 U.S.C. 3157	\$445.2 million	Senate: \$445.2 million House: \$443.2 million	\$700 million Supportive report language
International Research Collaboration Programs ¹	7 U.S.C. 3292 & 7 U.S.C. 3292b	-	-	\$20 million
U.S. Agency for International Development				
Feed the Future	22 U.S.C. 100	Not less than \$1.01 billion	Senate: - House: not less than \$960 million	\$1.2 billion
Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, Agricultural Research	22 U.S.C. 100	\$175 million, <i>of which</i> \$72 million for Feed the Future Innovation Labs Supportive report language	Senate: \$72 million for FTF Innovation Labs House: \$175 million <i>of which</i> \$75 million for FTF Innovation Labs Supportive report language	\$180 million ² , of which not less than \$5.4 million ³ is for coffee and not less than \$88 million is for Feed the Future Innovation Labs Supportive report language
USAID Missions (Feed the Future)	22 U.S.C. 100	-	-	Supportive report language for prioritizing seed system investments

¹ Inclusive of two programs that may be combined in the Farm Bill: Partnerships to Build Capacity in International Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching and Competitive Grants for International Agricultural Science and Education.

² Represents 15% of the 2022-2028 authorized level of \$1.2 billion per year for Feed the Future.

³ Represents 3% of \$180 million based on an IFPRI analysis of R&D investment levels needed to reduce poverty.