

## WHY COFFEE CARES ABOUT FY27 APPROPRIATIONS

FY27 appropriations can keep America’s favorite beverage brewing. 73% of American adults drink coffee each week<sup>1</sup>. Coffee adds hundreds of billions to the U.S. economy each year and employs millions of Americans. Evidence has even shown that drinking coffee is associated with reduced risk of multiple types of cancer and chronic disease.

By collaborating with the U.S. industry to support coffee innovation, public investment becomes a powerful tool for protecting U.S. jobs, expanding consumer choice, and shoring up stable supplies from diverse locations which brings supply security to U.S. food manufacturers.

Through FY27 appropriations, Congress can invest in solutions that 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.

*Why is coffee innovation urgently needed?*

Coffee faces an increasingly uncertain future. The U.S. industry relies on global supplies that are battered by pests, disease, erratic weather, and more. The best way to secure supply is through targeted and effective agricultural research that delivers best-bet technologies to farmers. Recognizing this, the U.S. industry finances a global coffee variety development program to produce strong coffee trees cheaper and faster – securing America’s future supply and supporting coffee farmers in the United States and worldwide.

### FUNDING SUPPORTS

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

Complementary public investment is needed to reach scale at the pace and level required to stabilize and ensure long-term coffee supplies for U.S. businesses and consumers.

## KEY REQUESTS TO SECURE COFFEE SUPPLIES

**USDA FY27 request:** Maintaining strong USDA agricultural research is key to securing long-term coffee supplies for U.S. food manufacturers and supporting American coffee farmers. Funding for USDA research, specifically NIFA’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) and the Agricultural Research Service’s priority research in coffee, strategically complements the U.S. industry’s investments in research. International research collaboration support enables U.S. farmers to access coffee expertise overseas to get ahead of emerging threats and ensure U.S. food manufacturers have stable coffee supplies from global supply chains.

- **Increase in 302(b) allocation for agriculture** appropriations to keep up with inflation.
- **\$500 million for AFRI.**
- **Report language** encouraging AFRI to fund coffee agriculture projects like plant breeding.
- **Continued support for ARS coffee research at PBARC in Hawai’i and TARS in Puerto Rico.**

**Foreign Assistance FY27 request:** International investment in agricultural R&D has led to breakthroughs in coffee varieties. Strengthened coffee seed supply chains bring these innovations to farmers. Given the U.S.

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<sup>1</sup> National Coffee Data Trends report, Fall, 2025, National Coffee Association of American, Inc.

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.

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- **\$175 million for international agricultural R&D, of which not less than \$10 million for coffee R&D and not less than \$88 million for the Feed the Future Innovation Labs.**
- **Report language** directing foreign assistance to fund global coffee agricultural R&D.
- **Report language** directing foreign assistance to fund catalytic private sector partnerships in coffee planting material and seed distribution systems.

## FY27 COFFEE R&D APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST CHART

Program Areas	U.S. Code	FY25	FY26	FY27 Coffee Request
<b>USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture</b>				
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	7 U.S.C. 3157	\$445M	\$435M	\$500 million  Supportive report language
<b>Foreign Assistance</b>				
International Agricultural Research, Global Food Security	22 U.S.C. 100	\$175 million, of which \$72 million for Feed the Future Innovation Labs  Supportive report language	\$175 million for international agricultural R&D, of which \$72 million for FTF Innovation Labs  Supportive report language	\$175 million, of which not less than \$10 million for coffee and not less than \$88 million for Feed the Future Innovation Labs  Supportive report language