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IPM Voice Update

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Congress Cuts Conservation Funding

House of Representatives Passes 2012 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

On June 16, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its FY 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which funds NRCS and Farm Bill conservation programs.

The House-passed bill cuts discretionary USDA and FDA spending by \$2.7 billion, nearly 14 percent below last year's level. The bill also cuts mandatory Farm Bill conservation spending by \$1 billion from 2008 Farm Bill levels and total mandatory funding by nearly \$2 billion.

The Senate has not yet started its budget and appropriations process for FY 2012. Once ongoing budget/debt ceiling negotiations between Vice President Biden and six congressional leaders reach a deal, the Senate is expected to establish a discretionary spending cap for 2012 that would be somewhat higher than the House-passed numbers. Although substantial cuts are still expected, this may allow the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee more flexibility than its House counterparts had.

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