

2019 Federal Agriculture Appropriations

Funding for U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs important to the grape and wine industry must be continued in 2019

U.S. Department of Agriculture programs important to the grape and wine industry include grape research by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), plant pest and disease control through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and National Clean Plant Network (NCPN), Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI), and the Market Access Program (MAP). Funding for these programs is provided annually--current federal funding will expire on September 30, 2018. These programs are important to the industry and need continued funding in 2019.

The Administration's budget proposal that was released in February 2018 included full funding for APHIS, NCPN, SCRI and MAP. Congress will begin hearings and markups on the 2019 Agriculture Appropriations Act in April/May.

What is Winegrowers doing for you?

In coordination with other industry groups in Washington and California, Winegrowers is working to influence Congress to include funding for important USDA programs in the 2019 Agricultural Appropriations Act, including APHIS and NCPN, SCRI, and MAP. Winegrowers' advocacy has included joint industry trips and letters to Washington D.C. Winegrowers will continue to advocate and keep the membership informed.

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