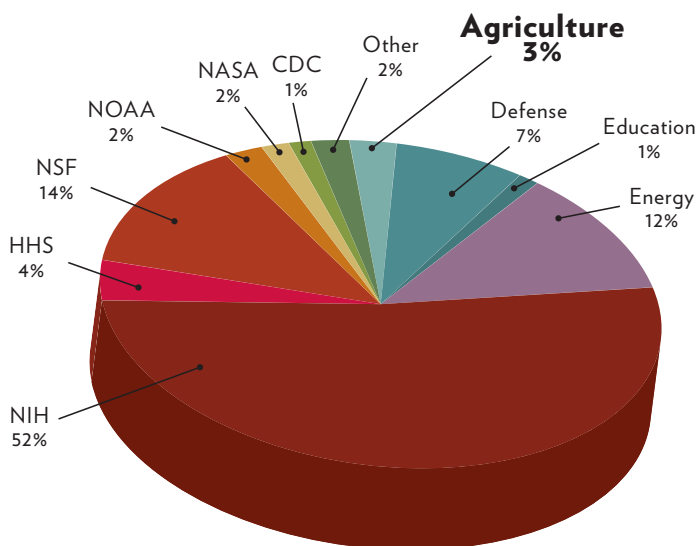




U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH

UW-MADISON: RANKED #8 NATIONALLY WITH \$1.3 BILLION IN ANNUAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

As a land-grant university, UW-Madison provides essential research, education, and public outreach that sustains U.S. food, fiber, and renewable fuel production. Financial support for this enterprise comes from both public and private sources. The most significant funding source is the federal-state partnership managed by the National Institutes of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) extramural science agency. UW-Madison also receives substantial support from the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), USDA's flagship competitive grant program. At UW-Madison, the awards we receive from the USDA support research, education, and extension activities, including agriculture, farm efficiency and profitability, and renewable energy.



\$20 million

Dept. of Agriculture federal research awards at UW-Madison in 2020-21

EXAMPLES OF USDA RESEARCH AT UW-MADISON

Department of Horticulture

Potatoes are the number one vegetable crop in the U.S., and as a near-complete source of nutrition, they have untapped potential in this country and beyond. Scientists in UW-Madison's Department of Horticulture are working to find better ways to grow and breed potatoes, such as testing new ways to monitor nitrogen levels during critical growth stages and developing more sustainable, storable, and growable potato varieties for the potato industry. [More online.](#)

Grassland 2.0

Based at UW-Madison, Grassland 2.0 is a collaborative group made up of researchers, state and local agencies, farmers, and milk and meat processors seeking transformative solutions to growing threats facing Midwest food and farming systems. The group works to create more opportunities for grassland farming, expand grass-fed markets, and identify policy tools that facilitate managed grazing and perennial land cover with the goal of creating profitable, productive, and sustainable farmland. [More online.](#)

WHY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH MATTERS

By supporting the USDA, you support the discovery of interdisciplinary solutions needed to address today's complex agricultural, food, and fuel challenges.

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