

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 17 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON CATTLE AND BISON

SUBJECT MATTER: Funding For Agricultural Research Services Activities

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS) provides the agriculture and livestock sector solutions to current technical challenges and research needs. USDA-ARS has been instrumental in developing testing modalities, diagnostic tools, and vaccine development.

USDA-ARS' work is conducted by scientists and support staff on priorities established by USDA leadership and stakeholders. This work, which focuses on foreign and domestic animal diseases, including brucellosis, anaplasmosis, influenza, swine viral diseases, prion diseases, and African swine fever, is being impaired by a severe reduction in research funding. Assuming a flat budget (unchanged from Fiscal Year (FY)21 to FY22), increased allocations to various indirect costs such as information technology services and administration of procurement will result in a 25% reduction of funds directly available to conduct research studies at some locations.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service to restore the operational funding allocations directly available to conduct research studies for Fiscal Year (FY)22 to FY21 levels.