Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations

Appropriate congressional funding for key federal regulatory agencies is necessary to maintain scientific rigor and to meet statutory deadlines for pesticide regulatory decisions. Without this funding, continued access to essential pesticide products that protect public health and green spaces, support our nation's farms, and manage environmental pressures, which impact our homes and businesses, will be threatened.

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs

To improve the efficacy and efficiency of the pesticide regulatory process, pesticide manufacturers support the work of the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) through user fees established under the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA). Through PRIA 5, reauthorized in December 2022, the industry agreed to a 30% increase in user fees.

In addition to the increase in user fees, the annual appropriations trigger level for OPP was raised to **\$166 million**. These funds ensure that OPP is properly staffed to continuously review pesticides on a predictable timeline, reducing delays impacting stakeholders, our public health, and the environment, and allow for OPP to hire experienced regulatory experts. OPP funding has historically been supported by a diverse coalition of stakeholders, including agriculture, pesticide applicators, state and federal regulators, environmental groups, and farm worker organizations.

Our Ask: Fund the Office of Pesticide Programs at a minimum of \$166 million

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Endangered Species Act Obligations

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) needs to be properly resourced to fulfill their statutory obligations within the Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation process.

Under the 2022 ESA Workplan, published by EPA, the path to ESA compliance outlined collaboration with the Services, which are responsible for pesticide licensing activities.

Our Ask: Fund pesticide licensing at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services at a minimum of \$3 million

Along with supporting necessary funding for OPP and USFWS, CropLife America and RISE also support language to reinforce Section 24(b) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to ensure that states are not able to contradict EPA's labeling requirements for pesticides and protect farmers' access to critical products.

PRIA Appropriations



