

Status of FY 08 Federal Appropriations (as of 19 Sept 07)

	FY06	FY07 (no funds) House/Senate	FY08 Request	FY08 House	FY08 Senate
CHRP Agriculture	\$34.4 M	\$38.6 M	\$34.4 M	\$36 M	\$34 M
Canker/Greening Agriculture	\$500,000	\$2.5M/500,000	\$4 M	\$2.5 M	\$200,000
Abscission* Interior/EPA	\$1 M	\$1 M/no bill	\$2 M	No earmarks	-0-

*Current efforts also underway on FY07 funds through administration

Market Access Program (MAP)

FY '06 to FDOC: \$5.5 Million

07 Farm Bill Coalition Request: \$325 M in authorization

02 Farm Bill (actual): 200 Million in authorization

FY08 Appropriations (expected): \$200 M

Free Rider: Legislative Efforts to Date

2004 \$6 million FY 05 Congressional appropriation for marketing assistance.

2005 April 26 - Memo from The Livingston Group to DOC providing analysis on potential dedicated funding sources through legislative initiative outside of Sec 32 funds. Concurrent memo from Akin Gump.

May - DOC/FCM Summit in DC with Rep. Putnam and Shaw Chief of Staff.

June 23 - Memo from Collier Shannon law firm to DOC confirming no impact of free rider legislative solution on Congressional efforts at drawback reform.

June/July - DOC begins meetings/negotiations with Trade Subcommittee and Chairman Shaw for inclusion in miscellaneous tariff bill.

Legislation is drafted and discreetly shared with Florida delegation members on Ways and Means and the Senate.

October - DOC lowers profile on free rider proposal at request of industry as concerns over canker funding escalate.

2006 DOC begins exploring regulatory options through USDA/AMS on federal research and marketing programs as solution to free rider.

DOC continues efforts to attach free rider solution to a tariff or trade vehicle through Chairman Shaw and the Trade Subcommittee.

House adjourns without free rider vehicle; Chairman Shaw defeated in reelection bid; fellow Ways and Means member Foley defeated as well.

2007 Congress convenes under new Democratic majority.

DOC convenes FPEC to explore possibilities under a federal research and marketing proposal.

DOC meets with Ways and Means ranking member and committee staff to evaluate possibilities for renewed legislative effort at free rider solution.

DOC meets with Rep. Kendrick Meeks, Florida's sole representative on Ways and Means, to engage on free rider solution; Meeks pledges support and arranges further meetings with Ways and Means staff.