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SEN. LANDRIEU SECURES BATON ROUGE FUNDING

*Projects in Baton Rouge and surrounding area
to receive \$2.8 million.*

WASHINGTON – Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., announced today that \$2.84 million in funding for Baton Rouge and the surrounding area in the Agriculture Appropriations bill that passed the Senate Appropriations Committee this afternoon.

“The Louisiana projects included in the Senate bill will help our research institutes and wildlife agencies better support the agriculture community,” said Sen. Landrieu, a member of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. “Louisiana’s farmers face several challenges today, including increasing budget deficits and continued trade talks that, if successful, would have a crippling effect to Louisiana’s agriculture community.

“When we passed the Farm Bill in 2002, we gave critical support to our farmers and rural communities that are facing growing hardships in this increasingly complex and competitive global market,” said Sen. Landrieu said. “While the President’s budget made swiping cuts to an industry that is much in need, the Senate bill is a start at restoring those funds.”

The \$16.8 billion Agriculture Appropriations bill funds the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The Senate bill funds 13 Louisiana projects, 4 of which will aid the Baton Rouge area.

“I will continue to fight for Louisiana’s funding as we move through conference,” said Sen. Landrieu.

Some of the projects in the Baton Rouge area in the Agriculture Appropriations bill include:

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- **\$1,382,000 to the Pennington Biomedical Research Center for the Human Nutrition Research Center in Preventive Nutrition, Diet, and Obesity**
This funding will help aide the prevention of obesity and dietary intake issues with a focus on the factors that allow an individual to adapt rapidly to a high-fat diet.
- **\$706,000 to the Pennington Biomedical Research Center for the Human Nutrition Special Grant for Louisiana**
This funding will help with research in an ongoing project between USDA-Agriculture Research Service and the Pennington Center. The research deals specifically with dietary intake issues with a focus on the factors that allow an individual to adapt rapidly to a high-fat diet.
- **\$425,000 to the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center for the Tillage, Silviculture, Waste Management**
This funding will provide research to develop conservation tillage systems for rice production and refine cover crop and conservation tillage practices for cotton and corn.
- **\$329,000 to the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center for the Aquaculture Special Research Grant**
This funding will help enhance aquaculture technology and efficiency and further develop tools to facilitate genetic improvement of cultured finfish.