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## **SEN. LANDRIEU SECURES NEW ORLEANS FUNDING**

*Projects in New Orleans and surrounding area  
to receive \$9 million.*

WASHINGTON – Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., announced today that \$9.148 million in funding for New Orleans 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, 3 of which will aid the New Orleans area.

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

Some of the projects in the New Orleans area in the Agriculture Appropriations bill include:

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- **\$7,115,000 for the Formosan Subterranean Termite Research Program**  
This project is a major effort to fight the invasive Formosan termite in the United States, and especially in the New Orleans French Quarter.
- **\$1,470,000 to the Center for Bioenvironmental Research at Tulane University and Xavier University for the Phytoestrogen Research in Development of Natural Products**  
This funding will help continue phytoestrogen research at the Southern Regional Research Center in collaboration with the Tulane/Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research and the University of Toledo. The project evaluates natural products of commercial interest to Louisiana to discover their anti-cancer properties and make them commercially viable.
- **\$563,000 for the Wetland Plants Special Research Grant**  
This funding will help with addressing the problem of coastal erosion in Louisiana and will require the development of a system for utilizing native vegetation to protect and restore eroding wetlands.