THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET WAS RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 12.

How will it affect conservation funding and agricultural research?

**CONSERVATION FUNDING**

- **25% cut** to the total USDA budget

- **$15 billion cut** to farm bill conservation programs.

- **$183 million cut** to Conservation Technical Assistance, the program that funds Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) “boots on the ground” to help farmers implement conservation practices.

- A proposal to **eliminate** the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), a program that pays producers to maintain or enhance soil and water-conserving practices on their land. The program is the most popular federal conservation program in the country, currently enrolling 72 million acres.

- A proposal to **eliminate** the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP), a program that brings together public-private partnerships to reach conservation goals. Current projects are focused in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the Mississippi and Colorado river basins.

- **Eliminates $500 million grant component of the USDA’s rural water and wastewater program.**

**ELIMINATES** EPA Section 319 nonpoint source grant program. This popular program funds conservation projects and staff across the nation.

**RESEARCH FUNDING**

- **50%** ($32 million) **cut** to the Economic Research Service’s (ERS) budget.

- **23%** cut to the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program.

- **14.5%** ($173 million) **cut** to the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) budget.