

Jackson Feral Swine Program Coordination with Land Grant Universities Amendment to H.R. 8467, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024

Offered by Representative Ronny Jackson

This amendment would direct USDA to coordinate with land-grant universities when carrying out the feral swine eradication program.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8467

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[Page and line numbers refer to draft of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 posted to the Committee Repository website with a timestamp of May 21, 2024 (9:38 a.m.)]

Page 130, after line 9, insert the following:

1 “(h) COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH A
2 LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall direct
4 the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the
5 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to enter
6 into a contract with 1 or more land-grant colleges or
7 universities to assist with the program in achieving
8 its goals.

9 “(2) ELIGIBLE LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND
10 UNIVERSITIES.—A land-grant college or university is
11 eligible to enter into a contract under paragraph (1)
12 if such college or university—

13 “(A) has developed and implemented a sys-
14 tem of evaluating damages from feral swine and
15 effectiveness of control efforts in response to
16 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub-
17 lic Law 115–334);

1 “(B) shows evidence of a strong working
2 relationship with Wildlife Services in the Ani-
3 mal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and

4 “(C) has maintained a State-funded, non-
5 Federal Wildlife Services program that has an
6 active cooperative agreement with Wildlife Serv-
7 ices in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
8 Service within the structure of the Land Grant
9 University System.

10 “(3) ROLE OF THE LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR
11 UNIVERSITY.—A land-grant college or university
12 that enters into a contract under paragraph (1)
13 shall, as a condition on entering into such a con-
14 tract, assist the program by acting as a strategic,
15 neutral entity that is able to advance the program
16 beyond the expertise of the Department to achieve
17 the stated goals of the program by—

18 “(A) identifying and carrying out research
19 on novel methods of feral swine control and
20 land remediation;

21 “(B) assisting in establishing strategic
22 areas for feral swine control based on data col-
23 lected in response to the Agriculture Improve-
24 ment Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334);

1 “(C) coordinating and collaborating be-
2 tween field staff, programmatic staff, and re-
3 search staff within the Natural Resources Con-
4 servation Service and the Animal and Plant
5 Health Inspection Service; and

6 “(D) establishing and consulting with the
7 Department on research goals and priorities in
8 the program.

9 “(4) FUNDING.—Funding made available under
10 (g)(2) shall be available to fund activities under this
11 subsection, as determined by the Secretary.

12 “(5) LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
13 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘land-grant
14 college or university’ has the meaning given the term
15 ‘land-grant colleges and universities’ in section 1404
16 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension,
17 and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).”.

