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## **COMMITTEE APPROVES AG RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved its fiscal year 2008 Appropriations bill. Included in the bill is support for a number of projects important to Idaho, including agriculture research and rural infrastructure.

Idaho Senator Larry Craig, a member of the Subcommittee, said, **“The United States and Idaho have a long history of innovation in agriculture. Because of this, we now lead the world in agriculture, and it must continue to ensure the U.S. leads in feeding the world.**

**“I continue to be concerned about the overall level of spending we are dealing with this year. Congress has the constitutional responsibility to determine funding priorities, and I believe we should exercise that right. I will vouch for every Idaho project I supported in this bill, and I will continue to work with my Republican and Democrat colleagues on the committee and President Bush to bring more balance to the process. We need to manage federal spending responsibly as we work to eliminate budget deficits.”**

The following research projects include specific dollars amounts in the bill:

- Potato Cyst Nematode Eradication (\$12.8 million)
- Potato Cyst Nematode Detection and Eradication Research at UI (\$500,000)
- Billingsley Creek Aquaculture Facility at UI (\$1 million)
- Improving the Safety and Shelf Life of Idaho Commodities (\$863,000)
- Nez Perce Bio-Control Center (\$250,000)
- Barley for Rural Development at UI (\$735,000)
- National Canola Research Program including UI (\$825,000)
- Multistate Potato Variety Development including UI (\$750,000)
- Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research including UI (\$300,000)
- Cool Season Food Legume Research at UI (\$250,000)
- Grass seed cropping for sustainable agriculture at UI (\$150,000)
- Inland Northwest Forest Products Research Consortium Wood Utilization Research Initiative at UI (\$6.5 million)

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The following infrastructure and wildlife control projects are included in the bill:

Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee (\$929,000)  
Tri-State Predator Control - Idaho, Mont., and Wyo. (\$1.324 million)  
Little Wood River Irrigation District Gravity Pressure Delivery System (\$200,000)

The bill includes support for the following ongoing research projects:

Aquaculture Growth, Development, and Nutrition – Physiology and Sustainable Feeds  
Barley Development Research at the ARS Aberdeen facility  
Sugarbeet Research Program at the ARS Kimberly facility  
Pulse Quality Lab/End Use Research Program  
Viticulture Research at Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research in Parma  
Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research Education – Idaho, Ore., and Wash.  
Solutions to Environmental and Economic Problems (STEEP) at UI  
Grain Legume Plant Pathologist at Washington State University