

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk,  
Parks, Butler, DeBar, DeLano

To: Appropriations

## SENATE BILL NO. 2003

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH,  
3 EXTENSION AND LAND-GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and  
8 maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research,  
9 Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning  
10 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 7,887,984.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available,  
14 for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University  
15 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the  
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
17 .....\$ 335,000.00.



18       **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this  
19 act, Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000.00)  
20 shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund  
21 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi  
22 Code of 1972, and allocated in a matter as determined by the  
23 Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the following:

24       (a) Agency Operations.....\$   170,000.00.  
25       (b) Poultry Sciences Academic Research  
26 Center.....\$   165,000.00.

27       **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
28 act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for  
29 the Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center.

30       **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this  
31 act, Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$715,000.00) is  
32 provided for Agricultural Research and Extension including poultry  
33 science, animal science, and environmental science programs.

34       **SECTION 6.** No general funds authorized to be expended herein  
35 shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds  
36 which are being used for salaries which are withdrawn and no  
37 longer available.

38       **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
39 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to  
40 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
41 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
42 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.



43           **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
44 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
45 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
46 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
47 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
48 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
49 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
50 made without competitive bids.

51           **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
52 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
53 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
54 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
55 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
56 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
57 actions contrary to this provision.

58           **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
59 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
60 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
61 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
62 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
63 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

64           **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
65 and after July 1, 2025.

