

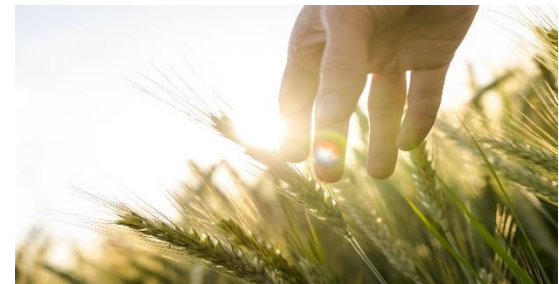
**Farm Bill and
Appropriations Update**

ESS Meeting

October 2-3, 2014

Presentation Overview

- CLP – Farm Bill Update
- BAC – Appropriations Update
- Election Analysis

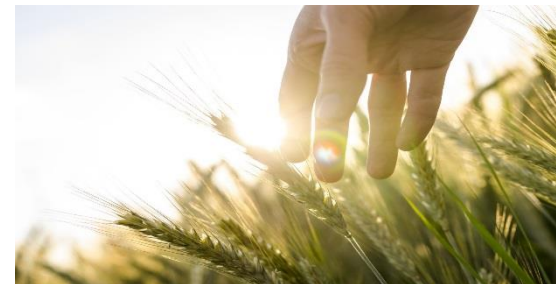


Farm Bill Update

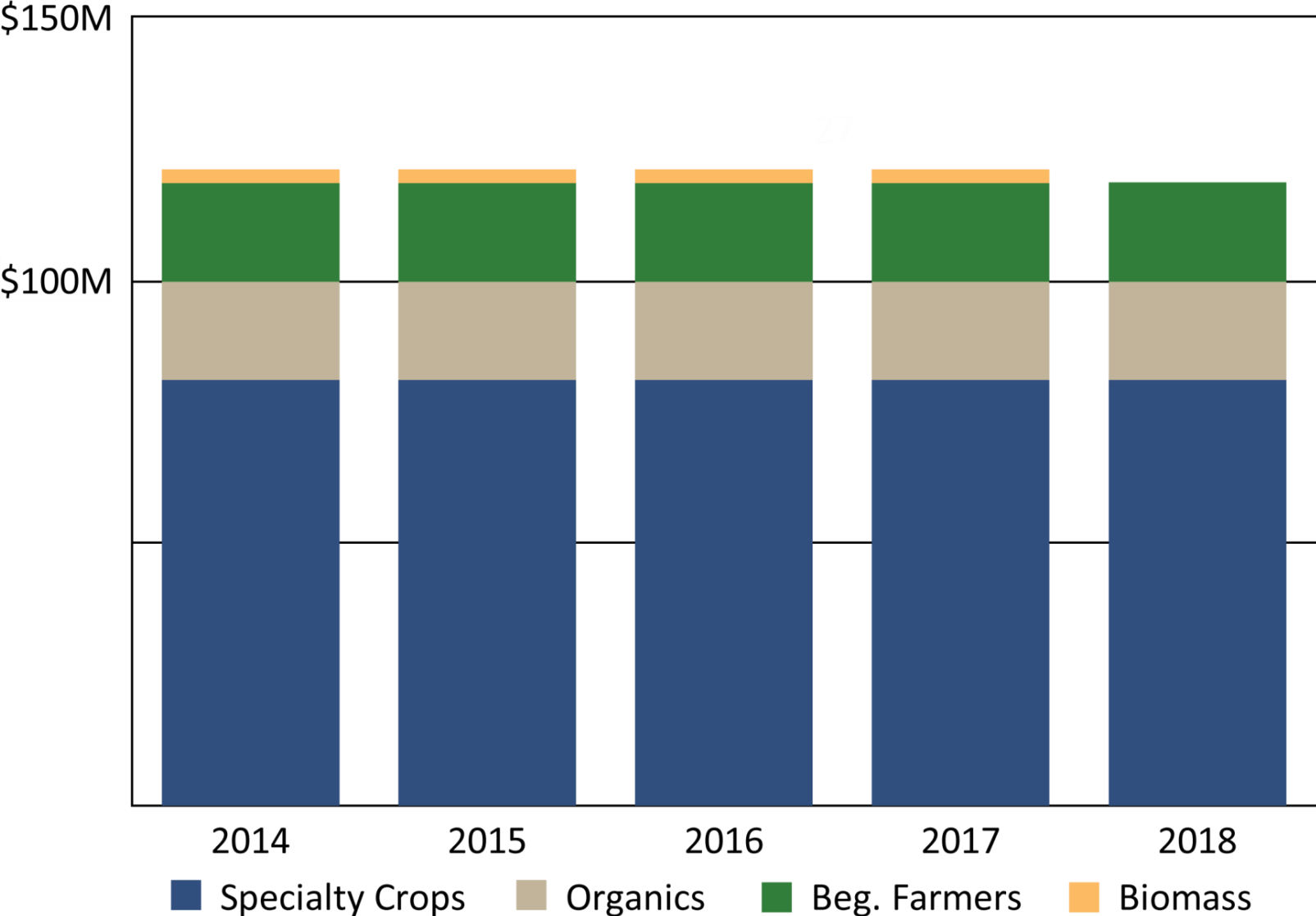


Farm Bill Finished (or is it)

- Agricultural Act of 2014 signed into law on February 7, 2014
- Most CLP proposals favorably considered
- Provides \$689 M in mandatory spending in Title VII alone over 5 years (including Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research)
 - Provides permanent baseline for some programs (Specialty Crop Research Initiative)

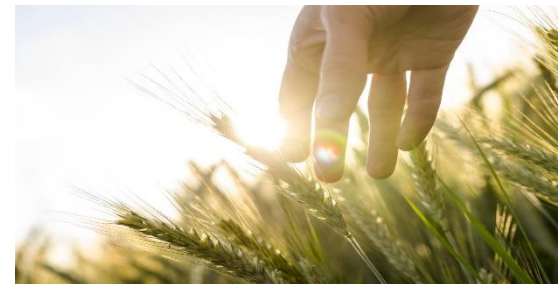


2014 Farm Bill - NIFA Mandatory



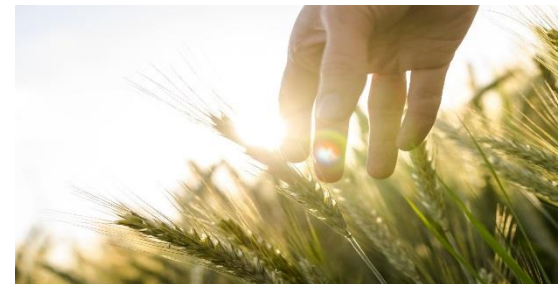
Now in Implementation Phase

- \$6 M for Farm Bill Education
 - \$3 M for development of web-based decision aids
 - \$3 M for extension for outreach and education
- USDA working through Title VII implementation
 - CSU addition, etc.
 - Farm Bill changes in Appropriations (CHMPS, Notwithstanding's, etc.)



Other CLP Issues

- Child Nutrition Reauthorization – expires FY2015
 - Senate has had 2 hearings
 - Monitor Nutrition Education programs



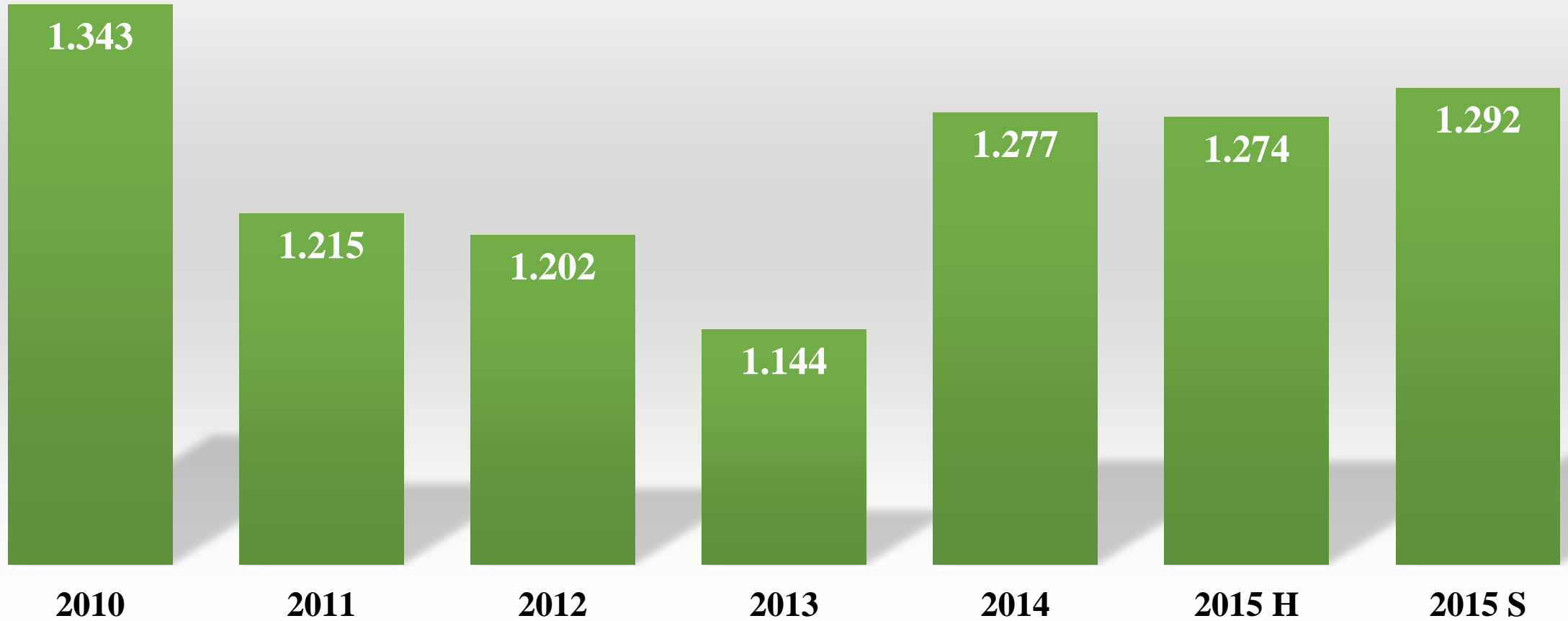
Appropriations Update



FY 2015 Appropriations Results

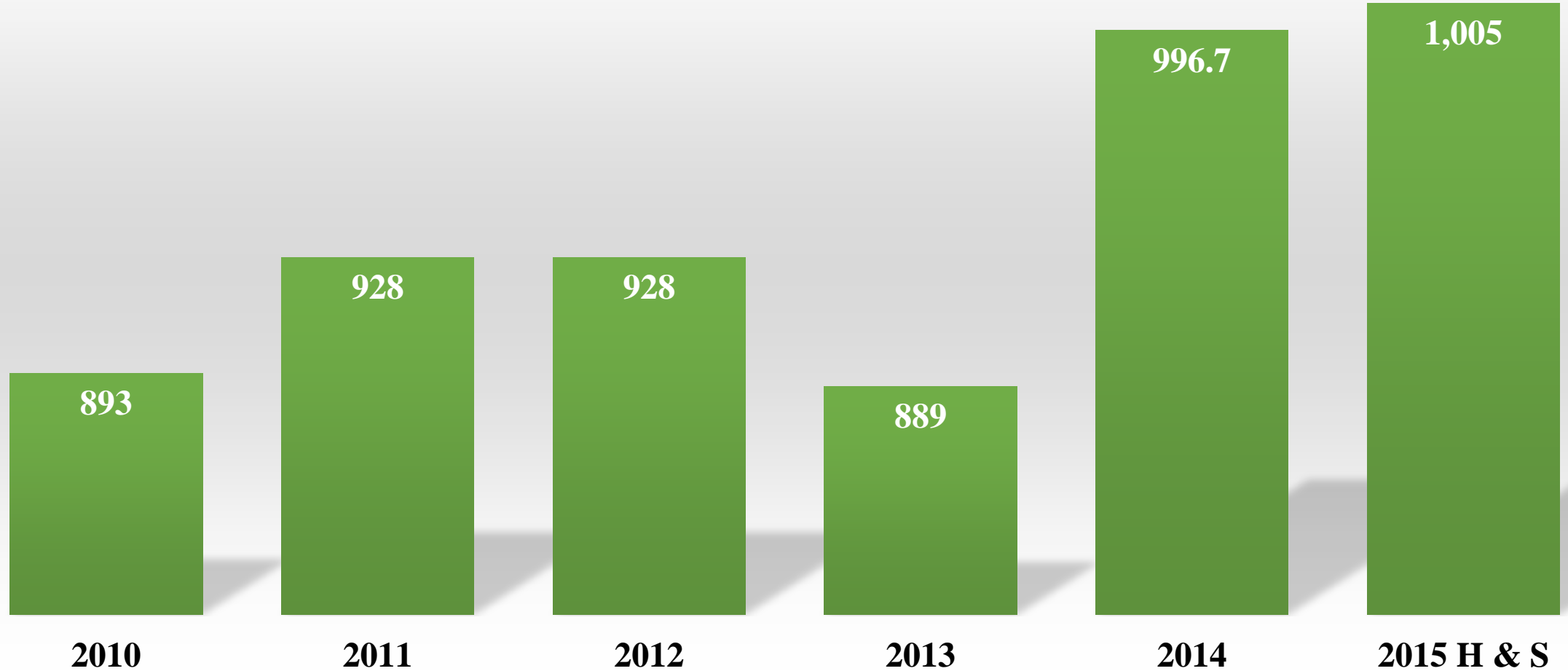
	House	Senate
Reported	June 4	May 22
NIFA Topline	1.274 Billion	1.292 Billion
AFRI Increase	8.6 Million	8.6 Million

NIFA Topline Appropriation



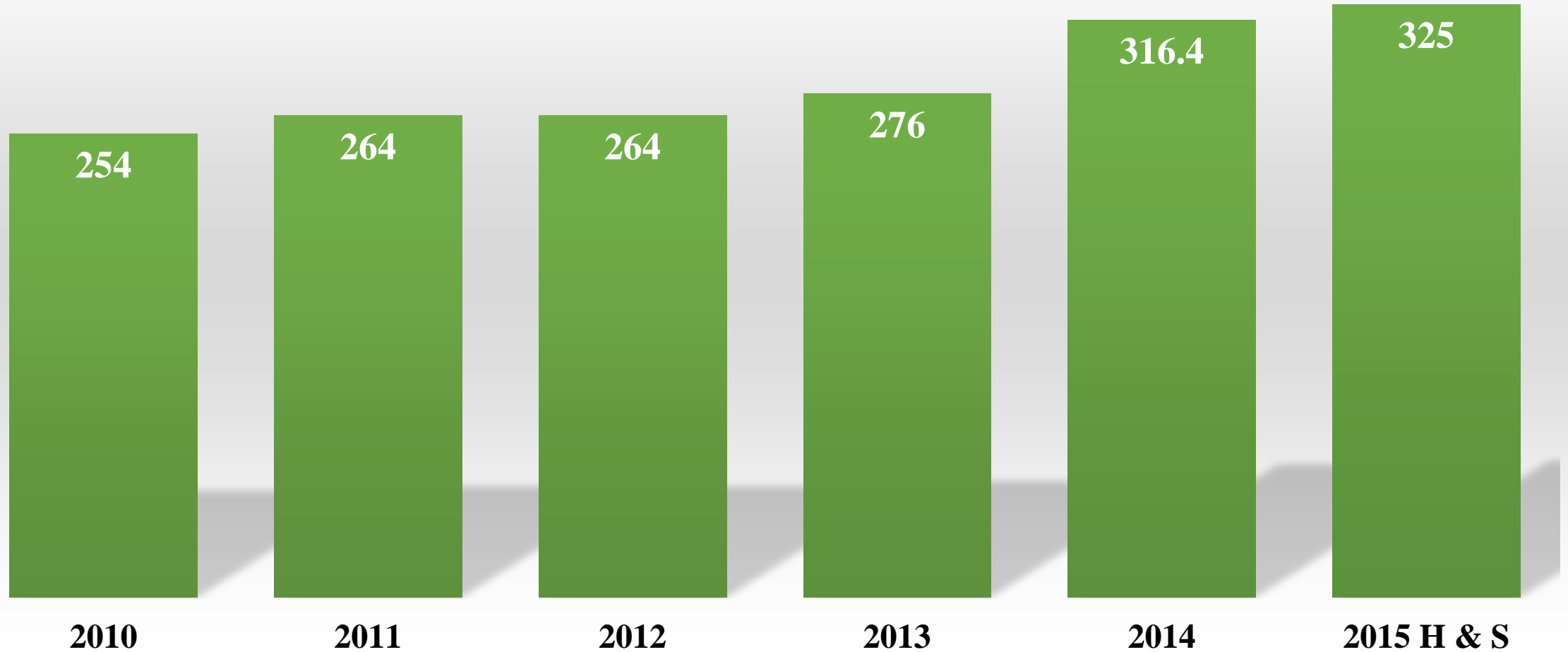
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BAA Priority Growth



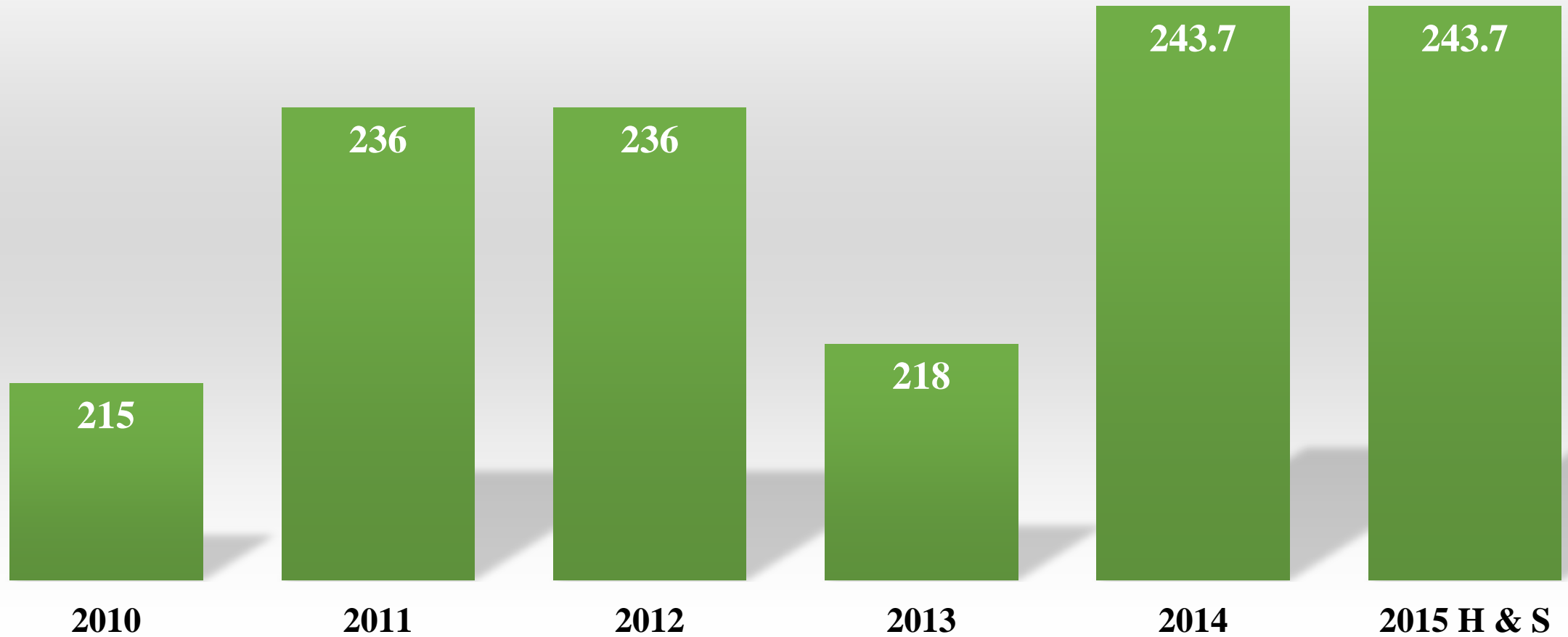
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Agriculture & Food Research Initiative



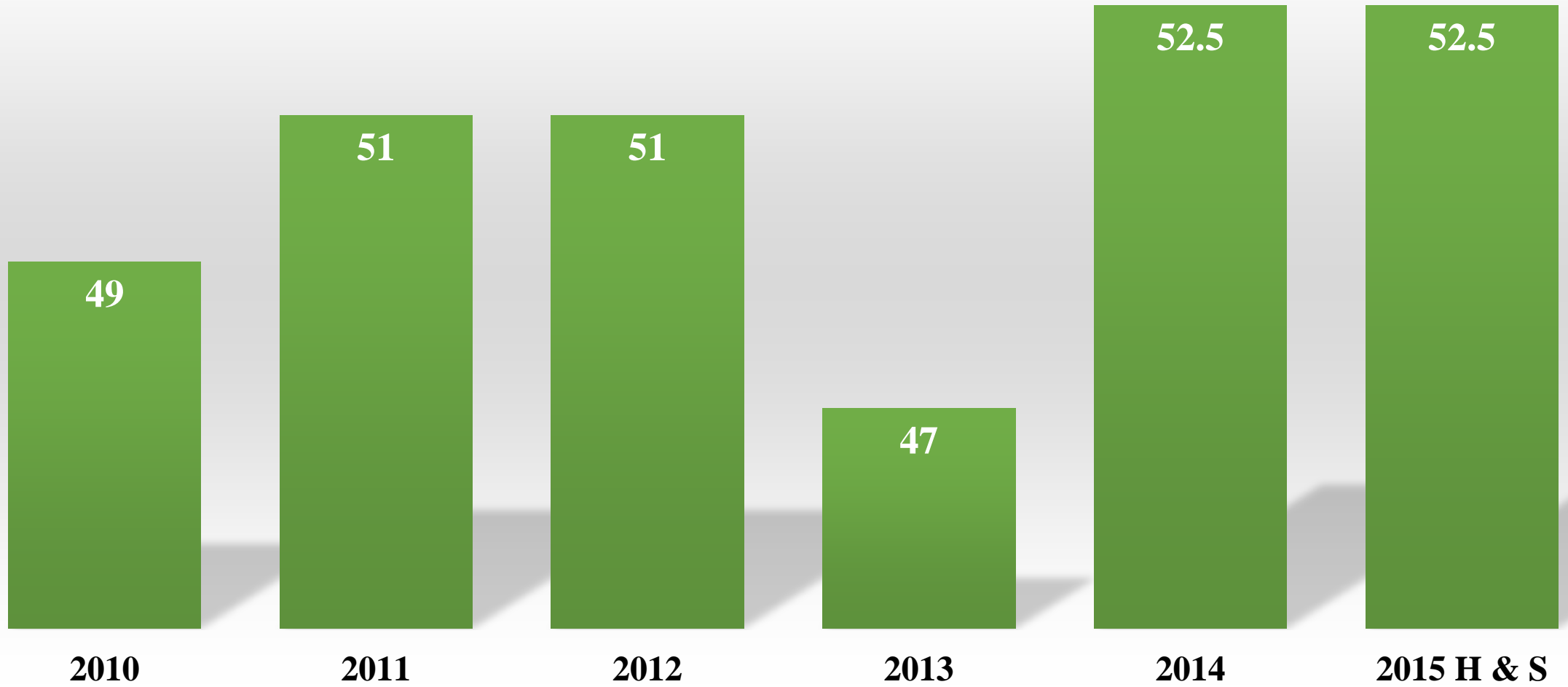
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Hatch Act



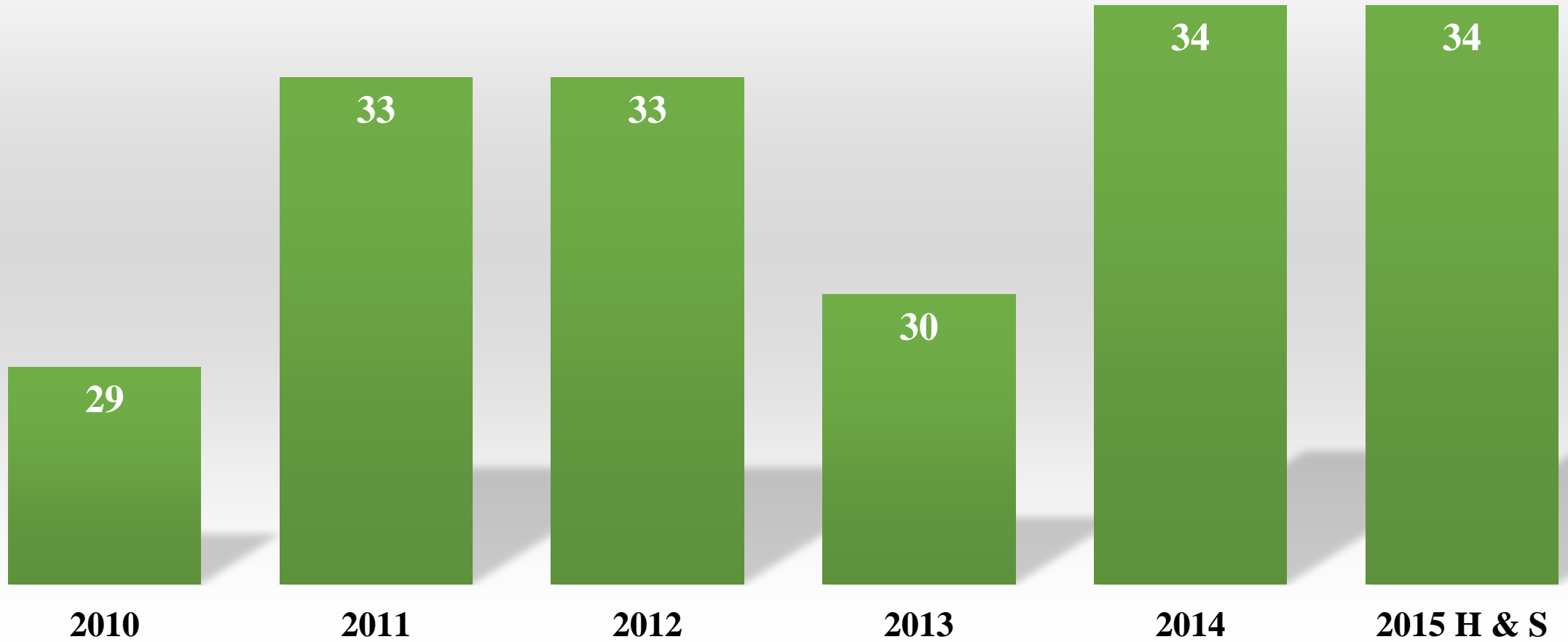
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Evans-Allen (1890s Research)



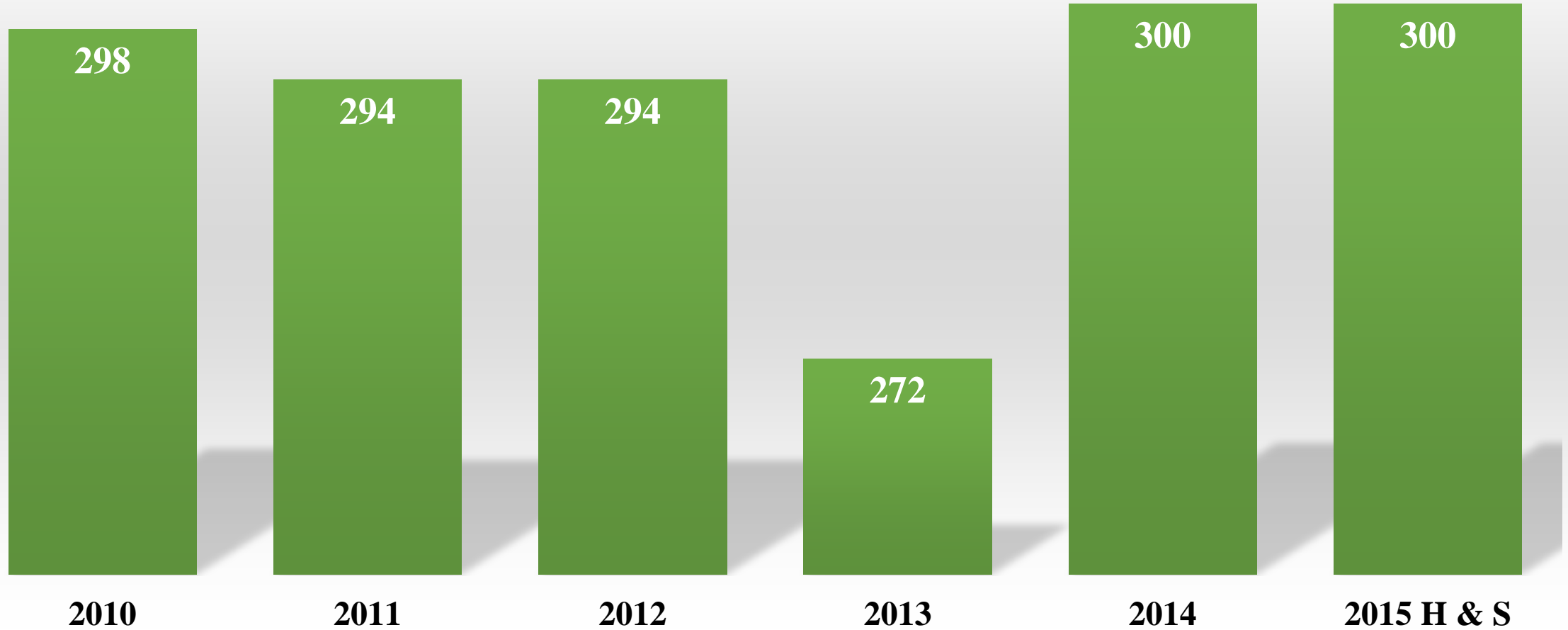
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McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry



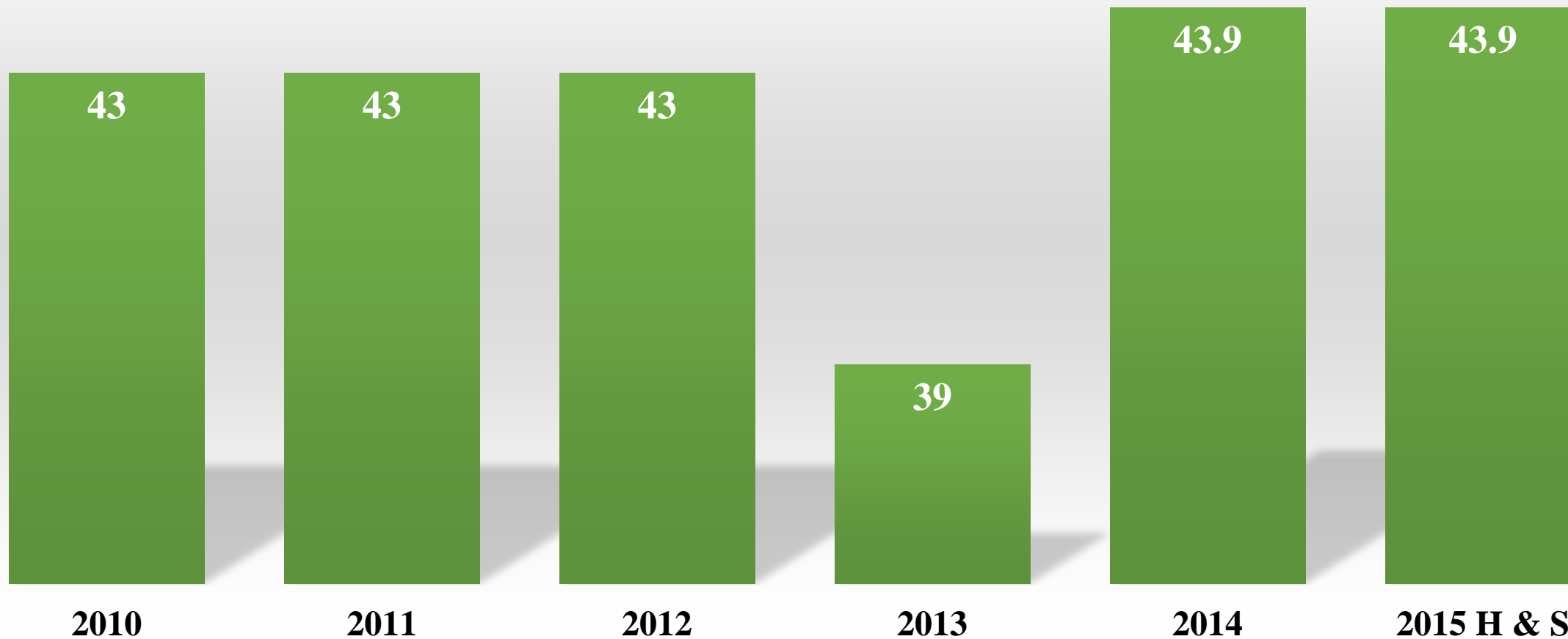
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Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)



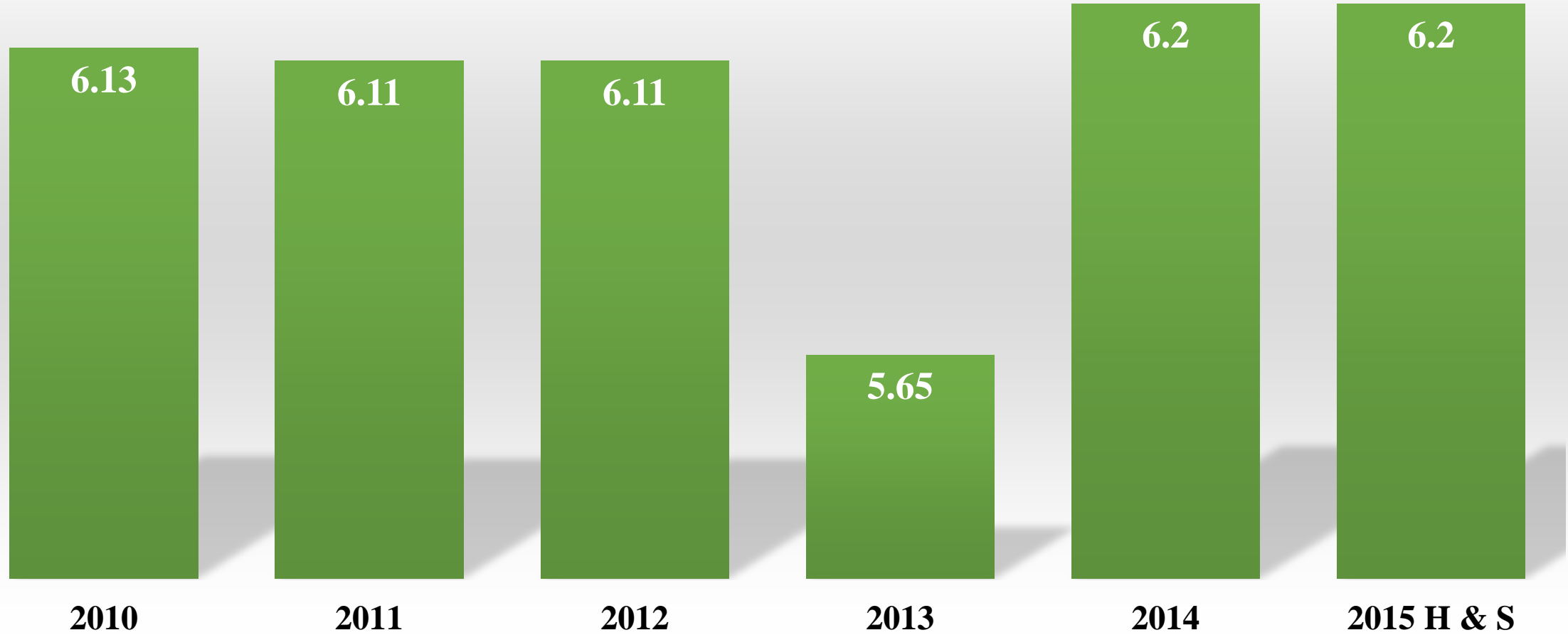
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1890s Extension



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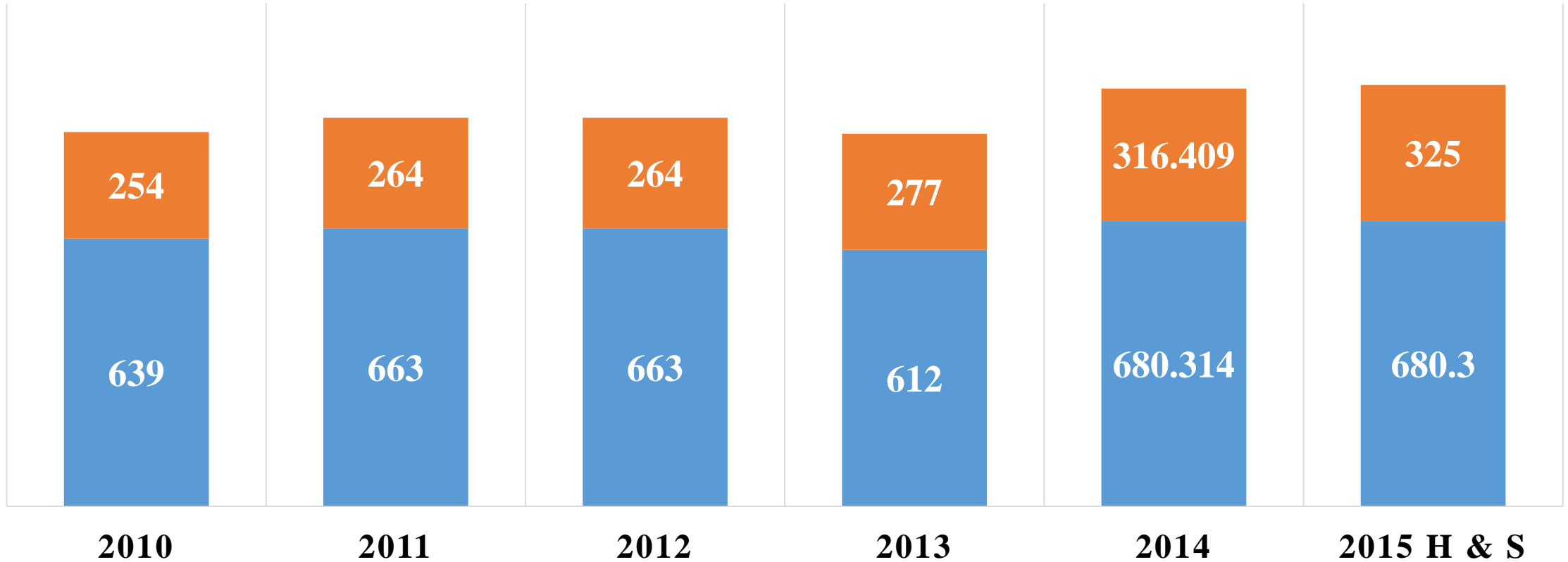
1994s Research & Extension



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Capacity & Competitive Priorities

■ Six Core Capacity Lines ■ Competitive (AFRI)



Election Analysis



Make-up of the House and Senate

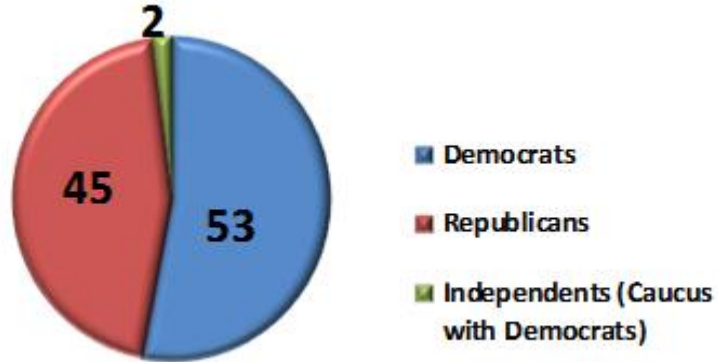
SENATE

100 Members, 6 year terms (staggered – 1/3rd of the Senate up every 2 years)

Democrats hold a 55 to 45 majority

60 votes needed for cloture, to end a filibuster and pass legislation

Vice President casts tie-breaking votes

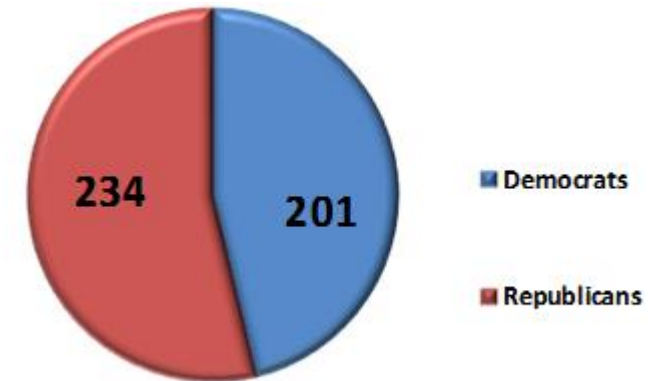


U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

435 Members, 2 year terms

Republicans have a 33 seat majority

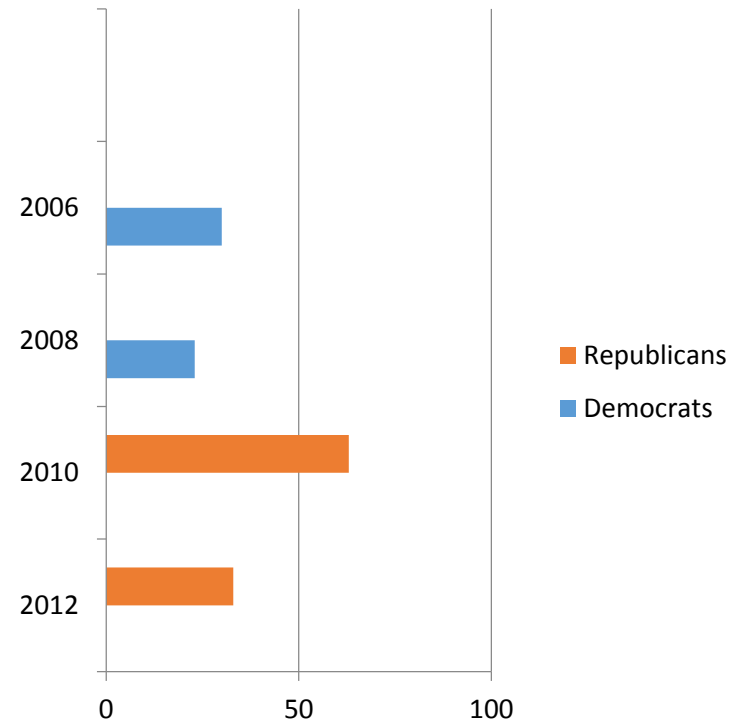
218 votes needed to pass legislation (50%)



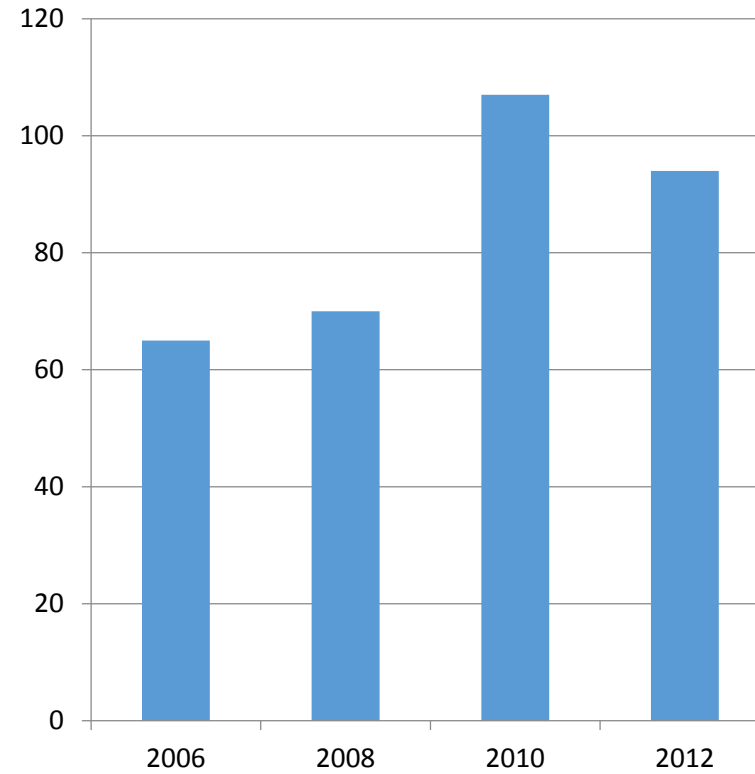
A Highly Volatile Electorate

From large swings to unprecedented numbers of freshman lawmakers, the Congress is a very unstable place.

House Seats Gained 2006-2012



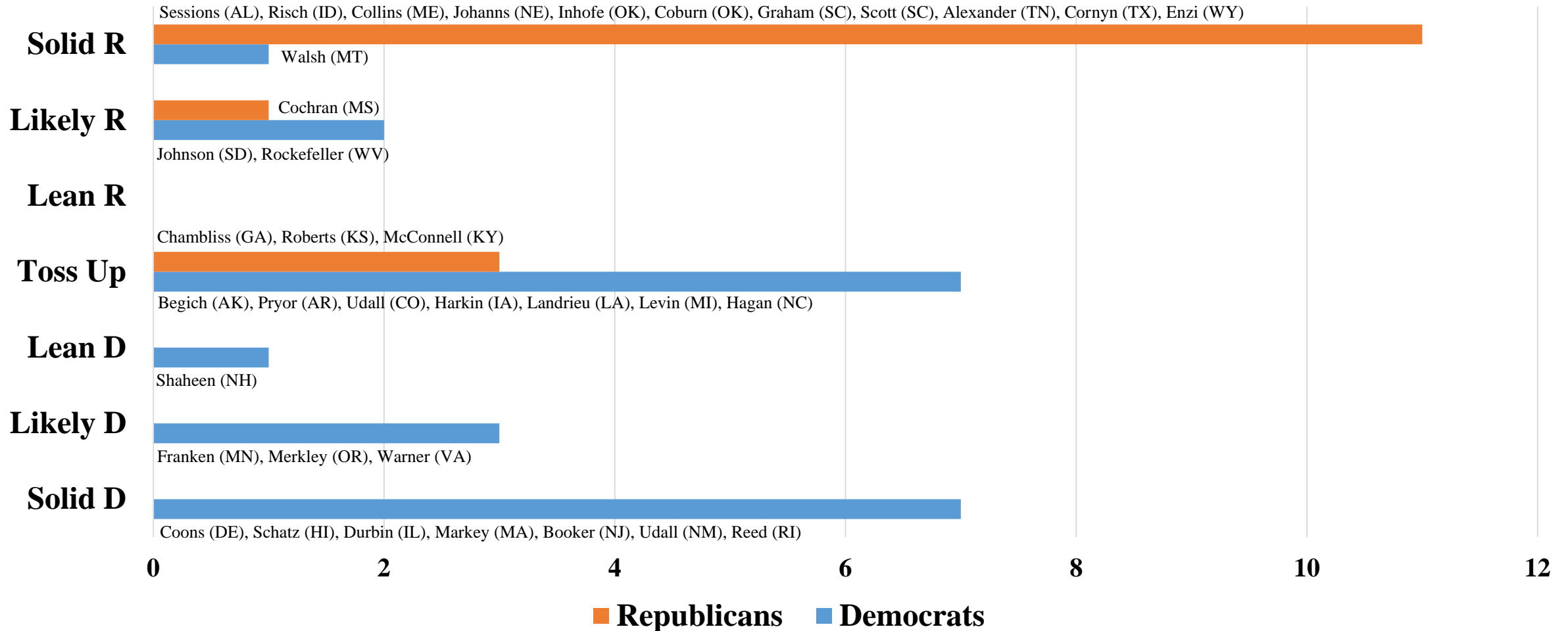
Number of Freshmen by Election Year 2006 – 2012



2014 Senate Race Vulnerabilities

Breakdown of all Senate seats by *Cook Political Report* Rating

36 Total Seats



Challenges Ahead

- Number of Lines
- Sequestration vs. Budgetary Outlines
- Capacity vs. Competitive
- The “Farm-Damily”
- Reconciliation in 2015?
- Return of Sequestration?



Questions?

