

As the day progresses, the more likely it appears that we will have a federal shutdown at midnight. I am responding as requested by Secretary Beckham's memorandum dated September 24, 2025.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station does have many grants either directly awarded to the agency or as a sub recipient through a university or state agency for research. We have grants and contracts from the USDA (NIFA, Forest Service, APHIS), NSF, NIH, FDA, EPA, etc. The grants and contracts are fully executed and drawdowns are current to support the costs of the grant projects. The agency has 28 staff members whose salary is funded by federal grants and contracts and they will continue to work on these projects should there be a federal shutdown. There has been no notice from our federal partners that any of the grants will be reduced or terminated. The impact of a federal shutdown would be that drawdowns to reimburse grant expenditures would be delayed until a budget is in place. Also, there would be no new grants, contracts or federal allotments for the capacity programs for the new federal fiscal year, which begins 10/01/2025.

In conclusion, the scientific research and services provided to Connecticut residents and growers will continue and the staff funded on federal grants will continue their work during a federal shutdown. We will be following this situation closely and will contact you should any of the circumstances change.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you

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