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Report Highlights:

Ministry of Agriculture sends proposed budget for 2013 to Congress

General Information:

The Chilean Congress is currently considering the 2013 budget for the Ministry of Agriculture. At this time the budget has an increase of 4.1 percent over the 2012 budget, a growth of close to \$32 million. The divisions that will receive the most funding deal with social and rural development. The Agency for Rural Development (INDAP) will likely get the biggest budget share with an 8.3 percent increase representing 48 percent of the total budget for the Ministry of Agriculture. The agricultural emergency loan program area will receive \$34 million which provide 75,000 potential beneficiaries with access to working capital. There will be funding for research and development and programs like soil recuperation and irrigation. Meanwhile, the resources of the Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG) will remain the same. The primary program goal of this division is the eradication of tuberculosis which received a budget increase of 3 percent. We see a significant growth in the budget request for the National Irrigation Commission (CNR). If congress approves their request the budget for research will increase from \$30 million to \$226 million.

The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture will control the budget for institutions that do research and development, such as the Foundation for Agrarian Innovation (FIA) and the Institute for Agricultural Research (INIA). These two entities will likely receive budget increases of 4%, but there is also growth in funding for the Center for Natural Resource Information (CIREN) and the Forestry Institute (INFOR). The same goes for the Office of Agricultural Studies and Policies (PASO) whose primary function is to support agreements with the National Institute of Statistics (INE) to generate statistics and CIREN and its research, relevant to the need for timely and reliable information.

The National Forestry Corporation (CONAF), will receive a cut of about 7 percent overall, but the fire management program has a significant increase of 19 percent, which will go primarily towards staffing and operating costs and investment in equipment.

Numbers can vary once the final budget leaves Congress for the President's signature.