



FYIFAS Week 3 – March 20, 2025...budget proposals are trickling in

We're in the hump of the budget process. At this point, the chairmen of the appropriations subcommittees will be releasing their proposed budgets.

The appropriations subcommittees are made up of silos such as higher education, transportation, healthcare, etc. and the House and Senate subcommittees coincide. Each silo is allocated an amount of money to pay for the needs of their silo as well as funding requests.

The proposals are combined and sent to the full appropriations committees of their respective houses for consideration, then on to a floor vote. Those two bills will be the starting point for the final budget as members must negotiate until they agree on a final bill.

The House Information Technology and Policy Subcommittee released the first proposal yesterday. Other subcommittee chairs will most likely release theirs over the next week.

This is a critical point in the budget process as this is the first opportunity for those in the appropriations process to find out if and how much of their budget requests will be included in the House and Senate's proposed appropriations bills. **Yes, that would be us.**

Legislative leadership has warned that funding for budget requests will be tighter than in recent years and as is usual, the requests far exceed the funds available, so competition is tough.

The capitol will be dominated by *stress, anxiety, worry, tension, fear (pick your favorite)* until the final proposal is released as these numbers will provide those involved in the appropriations process a glimpse at how much their work over the last nine months will pay off.

There is still much work to be done.

Here's a shout out for the members of the FL Farm Bureau! Thank you for the miles you walked in the capitol and for including UF/IFAS in your legislative priorities.

Stay tuned for the next episode of FYIFAS. We hope it's a happy one. Go Gators!