

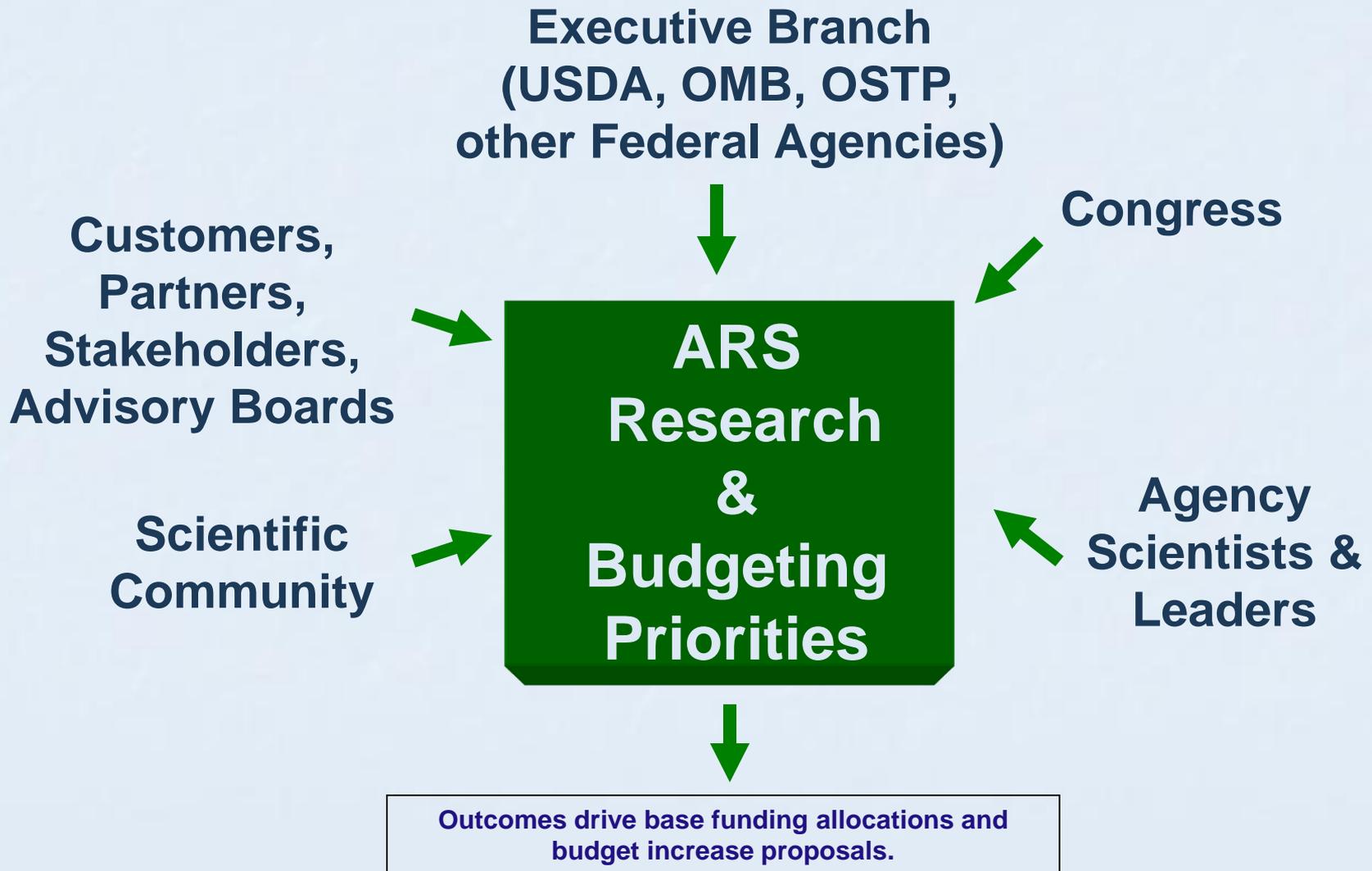
ARS Base Funding Facts and Principles

- FY 2012 Budget: \$1.095 Billion
- Program scope: crop and animal production and protection; natural resources; food quality, safety, and nutrition at about 90 Laboratory locations
- Net after -\$44 million decrease (earmarks) in FY 2011 and -\$38.6 million decrease (12 Laboratory closures) in FY 2012
- Grape Research: \$14.1 million, 10 principal locations
- Research focus: genetics, genomics, disease and pest management, production efficiency and sustainability, water and soil management, nutrition and quality

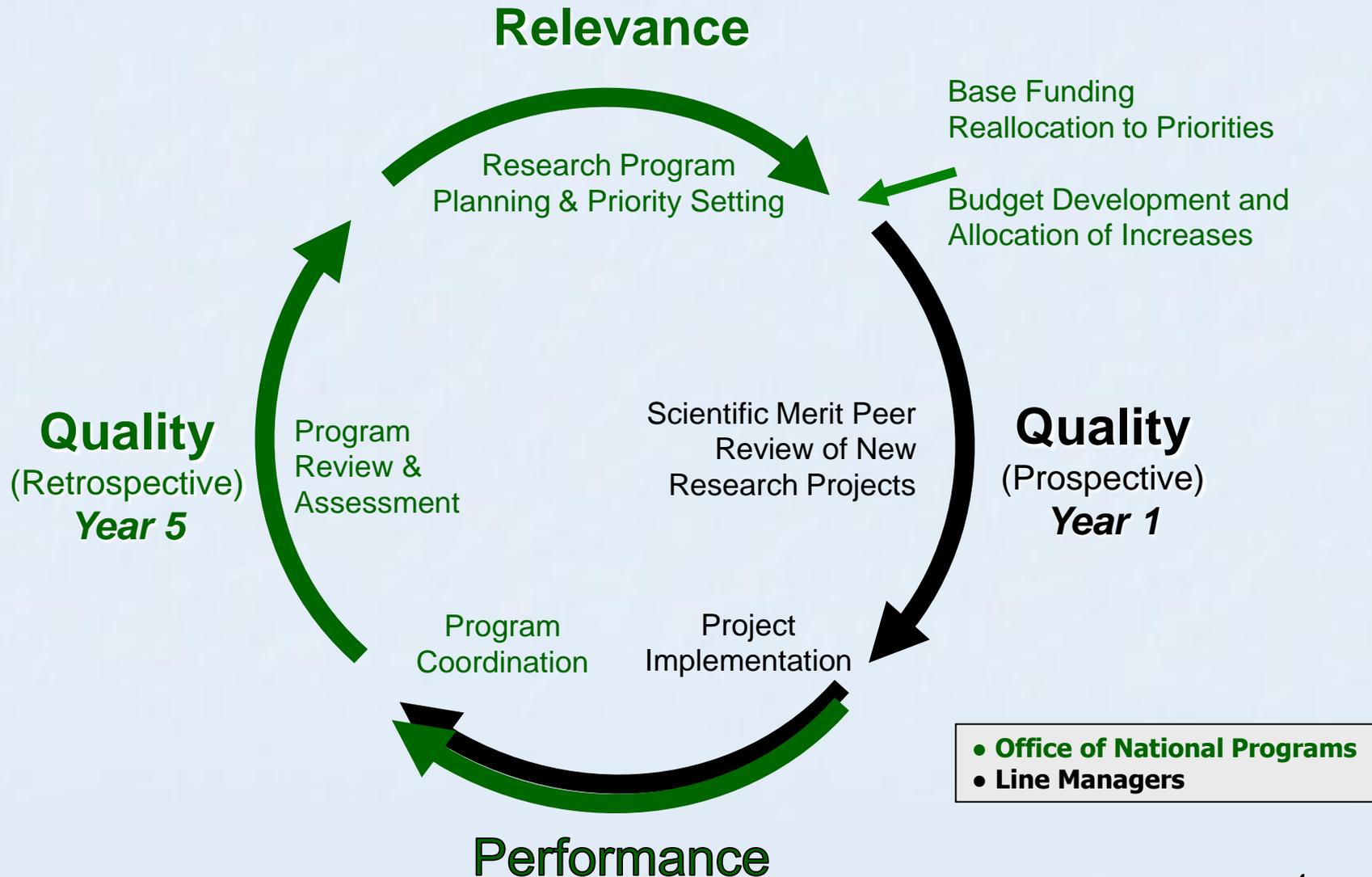
ARS Base Funding Facts and Principles (continued)

- Current year funding allocated generally same as in prior year to specific labs, scientists, program area, and research projects. About 90 percent of funds are committed to staff salaries and other fixed laboratory costs
- Project funding allocation changes, amounts and direction, can occur in two principal ways:
 1. ARS' internal reassignment of existing base funding to new research project objectives every 5 years (National Program and Research Project cycles)
 2. Annual budget appropriation process: specific, incremental changes to base budget in form of targeted increases, reductions, and/or redirections

Setting ARS Research Priorities



ARS National Program Cycle (5 Years)



ARS National Programs

- Water Availability and Watershed Management
- Soil Resource Management
- Climate Change, Soils and Emissions
- Pasture, Forage, and Rangeland Systems
- Manure and Byproduct Utilization
- Agricultural Systems Competitiveness and Sustainability
- Plant, Genetic Resources, Genomics and Genetic Improvement *
- Plant Biological and Molecular Processes
- Plant Health *
- Crop Protection and Quarantine *
- Crop Production *
- Methyl Bromide Alternatives
- Food Animal Production
- Animal Health
- Veterinary, Medical, and Urban Entomology
- Aquaculture
- Human Nutrition
- Food Safety
- Quality and Utilization of Agricultural Products
- Bioenergy

Budget Calendar

18 Months – April-October

Executive Process

- Spring Planning for Budget
 - Assimilate Prior Stakeholder Input
 - Agency Estimates
 - Administrator's Request to the Secretary
 - Department Estimates
 - Secretary's Allowance to Agency and Request to the President
 - Budget Estimates
 - OMB's Allowances to Department and President's Request to Congress
 - President's Budget Submission to Congress
- April-May
 - June-July
 - August-September
 - October-January
 - February

Budget Calendar (cont.)

Legislative Process

- House and Senate Hearings
 - House and Senate Mark-up Bills
 - Conference and Final Bills*
- February-April
 - May-August
 - September*

Presidential Enactment of Bill*

- October*

*These actions often are delayed, resulting in a Continuing Resolution in the new fiscal year at the prior year spending level until Congress passes and the President signs the new appropriations law.