The Congressional Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, shows an increase of more than $280,000 over the appropriations for the preceding year. The total amount is $4,023,500 of which $720,000 is for the experiment stations in the 48 States and Territories, $12,000 for the stations in Alaska, $10,000 for a new station in Hawaii, including the erection of buildings, the printing (in the Hawaiian Islands), illustration and distribution of reports and bulletins, and all other expenses essential to the maintenance of said station, and $5000 for an investigation and report to Congress on the Agricultural resources and capabilities of Porto Rico, "with special reference to the selection of locations for agricultural experiment stations and the determination of the character and extent of agricultural experiments immediately demanded by the conditions of agriculture in that Island; to prepare, print publish and distribute in Porto Rico, circulars of inquiry and bulletins of information in the English and Spanish languages."

The sum of $10,000 was appropriated for the purpose of commencing the necessary improvements for the establishment and maintenance of a general experimental farm and agricultural station on the Arlington Estate, on the Virginia shore of the Potomac.