



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

August 7, 2009

H.R. 3175
**A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey
to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture
on July 29, 2009*

H.R. 3175 would direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to sell a 2-acre portion of a horticultural research station in Florida to Miami-Dade County. Under the bill, the county would pay \$50,000 to the USDA to cover administrative costs and also would be responsible for all transaction costs such as appraisals. Proceeds from the sale of the property would be available to the USDA's Agricultural Research Service without further appropriation to operate and maintain the research station.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3175 would have no net impact on the federal budget. The offsetting receipts earned from the sale—which we estimate would be less than \$2 million—would be offset by additional spending over the next few years. Moreover, because the property to be sold generates no receipts from commercial activities, selling it would not result in any loss of income to the federal government.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enactment of this bill would benefit Miami-Dade County; any costs to the county would be incurred voluntarily.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.