

9901 ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

(0400, 0455, 0239, 0257 & 0298)

FISCAL YEAR 2024

AS ENACTED BY ACT 873 OF 2023

Act 1978 of 2005 created the Agriculture Department to administer and coordinate the activities of the Forestry Commission, Livestock and Poultry Commission and the State Plant Board. The mission of the Department is to develop and implement policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep them competitive in world markets while ensuring safe food, fiber and forest products for the citizens. The Natural Resources Commission is responsible for promoting the equitable, effective and safe use of water and land resources by administering regulatory programs, planning efforts, and water rights allocations became a part of the Agriculture Department through transformation. The agency also provides financial assistance for community water and waste disposal systems and dispenses educational information through the 75 conservation districts.

In addition, following transformation, the Agriculture Department added State Board of Registration for Foresters, Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers and Veterinary Medical Board. A separate bill has been drafted for Natural Resources Commission but that agency is included in this summary.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION – AGRI DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
2ZR	Agri Dept - Operations	\$14,015,112	\$15,300,520	\$15,632,337
36J	L&P Animal Disease Control & Eradication Prgm	\$726,724	\$1,111,597	\$1,176,516
36K	L&P Egg Grading Program	\$3,015,557	\$3,619,246	\$4,533,036
36N	Agri Laboratory Testing	\$2,081,700	\$2,200,450	\$2,442,642
36U	L&P Equine Infect Anemia	\$94,201	\$389,157	\$439,157
36V	L&P Animal Health	\$36,941	\$664,346	\$681,532
37A	PB Admn/Pest Control	\$7,376,440	\$9,237,509	\$10,485,874
37C	PB Public Grain Warehouse	\$252,914	\$291,768	\$325,835
37D	PB Pest Surveillance	\$201,810	\$257,415	\$297,355
37E	PB Apiary	\$136,875	\$204,599	\$206,796
37F	Agri Product Marketing Program	\$795,648	\$1,431,439	\$1,473,946
37G	PB Pest/Plant Reg Program	\$127,917	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
37H	Agri University Scholarship Program	\$20,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
37N	Forestry-Operations-Special	\$11,848,974	\$14,649,925	\$19,186,533
37P	Forestry-Rural Comm Fire Protection-Fed	\$559,031	\$1,302,227	\$1,318,491
37Q	Forestry-Urban Forestry Services-Federal	\$80,478	\$199,500	\$199,500
37R	Forestry-Rural Fire Protection Service Loans	\$352,373	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
37S	Forestry-St Forestry Trust Program	\$320,547	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000
37T	Forestry-Southern Pine Beetle Prevention	\$134,698	\$150,000	\$150,000
37X	Forestry-Forest Legacy	\$139,309	\$150,899	\$150,899
37Y	Forestry-Silvctrl Non-Point Program	\$8,474	\$40,000	\$40,000
AS5	AR Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
D25	PB Refunds/Transfers	\$0	\$4,515,600	\$4,515,600
E79	Meat Inspection Program	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000
E86	Feral Hog Eradication	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

E87	Agri Fair Funding Program	\$1,827,011	\$1,352,272	\$1,352,272
E88	Forestry - Rural Fire Protection Program	\$36,345	\$50,000	\$70,000
E89	Meat Inspection Program - General Revenue	\$87,280	\$743,399	\$853,738
N47	Agri Cash Operations	\$39,712	\$1,042,000	\$1,042,000
X48	Industrial Hemp Research Program	\$40,471	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total		\$44,356,542	\$70,433,868	\$78,074,059

- Amendment reduced Scholarship Program and moved \$30,000 to rural veterinary appropriation.

Appropriation		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
Z37	Department of Agriculture	\$7,756,778	\$8,778,117	\$9,697,882
Total		\$7,756,778	\$8,778,117	\$9,697,882

TOTAL APPROPRIATION – VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD, FORESTERS REGISTRATION BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL SOIL CLASSIFIERS BOARD

Appropriation		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
470	Veterinary Medical Examining Board	\$86,798	\$110,857	\$165,758
Total		\$86,798	\$110,857	\$165,758

- Amendment added \$30,000 appropriation for scholarship program

Appropriation		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
1GJ	Foresters - Cash in Treasury	\$17,616	\$46,168	\$46,168
Total		\$17,616	\$46,168	\$46,168

Appropriation		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
X38	ST BD-PROF SOIL CLASSIFIERS	\$94	\$1,296	\$1,296
Total		\$94	\$1,296	\$1,296

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2021-2022 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$37,109,852	42.80
General Revenue	4000010	\$18,680,569	21.54
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$8,027,544	9.26
Special Revenue	4000030	\$22,544,111	26.00
Non-Revenue Receipts	4000040	\$392,995	0.45

Cash Fund	4000045	\$70,277	0.08
Performance Fund	4000055	\$0	0.00
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	\$104,482	0.12
M & R Sales	4000340	\$446,880	0.52
Other	4000370	\$4,713,404	5.44
Restricted Reserve Fund	4000755	\$1,121,000	1.29
Shared Services Transfer	4000760	(\$6,497,441)	-7.49
Total Funds		\$86,713,673	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$42,357,131)	
Grand Total		\$44,356,542	

SHARED SERVICES

Funding Sources		2021-2022 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$413	0.01
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	\$10,304	0.13
Other	4000370	\$1,120	0.01
Shared Services Transfer	4000760	\$7,746,717	99.85
Total Funds		\$7,758,554	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$1,776)	
Grand Total		\$7,756,778	

VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

Funding Sources		2021-2022 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$670,681	84.90
Special Revenue	4000030	\$130,067	16.47
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	\$200	0.03
M & R Sales	4000340	\$20	0.00
Shared Services Transfer	4000760	(\$11,032)	-1.40
Total Funds		\$789,936	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$703,138)	
Grand Total		\$86,798	

FORESTER REGISTRATION BOARD

Funding Sources		2021-2022 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$104,217	89.95
Cash Fund	4000045	\$14,093	12.16
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	\$200	0.17

Shared Services Transfer	4000760	(\$2,652)	-2.29
Total Funds		\$115,858	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$98,242)	
Grand Total		\$17,616	

SOIL CLASSIFIERS

Funding Sources		2021-2022 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$15,367	95.31
Cash Fund	4000045	\$757	4.69
Total Funds		\$16,124	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$16,030)	
Grand Total		\$94	

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

SHARED SERVICES

Agri Dept - Operations (Appropriation 2ZR)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$9,916,216	\$9,924,559	\$8,343
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$3,490,180	\$3,814,343	\$324,163
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$1,716,961	\$1,716,272	(\$689)
Total		\$15,123,357	\$15,455,174	\$331,817

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments
- Reduction of Operating Exp

L&P Animal Disease Control & Eradication Prgm (Appropriation 36J)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$218,292	\$233,211	\$14,919
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$163,846	\$213,846	\$50,000
Total		\$382,138	\$447,057	\$64,919

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments
- Increase in Operating Exp

L&P Egg Grading Program (Appropriation 36K)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$1,377,781	\$1,547,261	\$169,480
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$600,176	\$719,486	\$119,310
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$202,971	\$252,971	\$50,000
5110014	Refunds/Reimbursements	\$887,968	\$1,462,968	\$575,000

Total	\$3,068,896	\$3,982,686	\$913,790
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- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments
- Increases in Operating Exp
- Increase to cover Federal share of grading services

Agri Laboratory Testing (Appropriation 36N)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$132,546	\$265,550	\$133,004
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$51,659	\$110,847	\$59,188
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$1,575,245	\$1,625,245	\$50,000
Total		\$1,759,450	\$2,001,642	\$242,192

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments
- Increase in Operating Exp.

L&P Equine Infect Anemia (Appropriation 36U)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$183,046	\$233,046	\$50,000
Total		\$183,046	\$233,046	\$50,000

- Increase in Operating Exp.

L&P Animal Health (Appropriation 36V)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$385,673	\$388,822	\$3,149
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$146,901	\$160,938	\$14,037
Total		\$532,574	\$549,760	\$17,186

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

PB Admn/Pest Control (Appropriation 37A)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$3,223,918	\$3,850,252	\$626,334
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$1,228,014	\$1,600,045	\$372,031
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$852,968	\$1,102,968	\$250,000
Total		\$5,304,900	\$6,553,265	\$1,248,365

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments
- Increase in Operating Exp.

PB Public Grain Warehouse (Appropriation 37C)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$164,920	\$186,439	\$21,519

5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$60,421	\$72,969	\$12,548
Total		\$225,341	\$259,408	\$34,067

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

PB Pest Surveillance (Appropriation 37D)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$153,013	\$179,329	\$26,316
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$57,619	\$71,243	\$13,624
Total		\$210,632	\$250,572	\$39,940

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

PB Apiary (Appropriation 37E)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$39,874	\$42,071	\$2,197
Total		\$39,874	\$42,071	\$2,197

- Increase in Matching Rate

Agri Product Marketing Program (Appropriation 37F)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$209,460	\$242,308	\$32,848
5010001	Extra Help	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$79,500	\$94,159	\$14,659
5900047	Feral Hog Handbook	\$35,000	\$0	(\$35,000)
Total		\$343,960	\$386,467	\$42,507

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

Forestry-Operations-Special (Appropriation 37N)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$6,744,633	\$7,144,968	\$400,335
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$2,514,800	\$2,911,073	\$396,273
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$2,260,744	\$2,510,744	\$250,000
5090005	District Office Replacement	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$300,000
5900048	Forestry Legacy Program	\$0	\$3,190,000	\$3,190,000
Total		\$11,820,177	\$16,356,785	\$4,536,608

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

Forestry-Rural Comm Fire Protection-Fed (Appropriation 37P)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level

5010000	Regular Salaries	\$88,613	\$98,376	\$9,763
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$31,235	\$37,736	\$6,501
Total		\$119,848	\$136,112	\$16,264

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

Forestry - Rural Fire Protection Program (Appropriation E88)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Rural Fire Protection Program	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$20,000
5900048	Miscellaneous CI 48	\$0	\$3,190,000	\$3,190,000
Total		\$50,000	\$3,260,000	\$3,210,000

Meat Inspection Program - General Revenue (Appropriation E89)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$315,156	\$368,792	\$53,636
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$88,243	\$144,946	\$56,703
Total		\$403,399	\$513,738	\$110,339

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Appropriation 470)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$49,458	\$60,331	\$10,873
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$18,122	\$22,150	\$4,028
5060010	Professional Fees	\$6,000	\$16,000	\$10,000
Total		\$73,580	\$98,481	\$24,901

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

Department of Agriculture (Appropriation Z37)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$3,553,581	\$4,016,734	\$463,153
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$1,152,569	\$1,335,781	\$183,212
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$2,712,067	\$2,962,067	\$250,000
Total		\$7,418,217	\$8,314,582	\$896,365

- Normal Salary and Matching adjustments

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2023: 602

Total Authorized Positions FY2024:601

Increase/(Decrease) 1

Extra Help Positions FY2022: 176

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

None