

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2024
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1007

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING,
9 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF AGRICULTURE - PROMOTION BOARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
11 ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
15 - PROMOTION BOARDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
16 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BEEF COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated,
23 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Beef Council Fund,
24 for operating, research and development expenses of the Arkansas Beef Council
25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:
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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$22,076
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
32 (C) PROF. FEES	3,000
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34 (E) DATA PROC.	0
35 (02) RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	<u>1,037,000</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,067,076</u></u>

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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CATFISH PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Fund, for operating expenses, research, promotion and consumer activities of the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	25,000
(03) RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT	89,000
(04) CONSUMER INFORMATION	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$120,000</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board Fund, for operating, research and development expenses of the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>1,975,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Fund, for operating, research and development expenses of the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$14,200
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>6,966,496</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,980,696</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for rice research and development of the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$15,000,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - SOYBEAN PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Soybean Promotion Fund, for operating, research and development expenses of the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,500
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>8,237,500</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,300,000</u></u>

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10 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD. There is hereby

11 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

12 Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund, for operating, research and development

13 expenses of the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending

14 June 30, 2025, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$3,599
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>440,895</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$444,494</u></u>

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27 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 10 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 11 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 12 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
 14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
 17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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