

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

To safeguard human and animal health, assure food safety and quality and promote Arkansas livestock and poultry industries. Controls interstate and intrastate movement of livestock, ensures compliance with State and Federal disease control regulations by surveying auctions, barns, state lines, livestock dealers, and garbage feeding establishments; also administers Egg and Poultry Inspection Program.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Agency administers total base budget of approx. \$12.5 million each year.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The Agency is funded by General Revenue (approx. 29%), Federal Revenue (approx. 9%). Special Revenues (approx. 41%) and Cash funds (approx. 21%).

**II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS**

- Provides additional appropriation in Operating Expenses of \$20,000 each year for increases fuel costs.
- Provides additional appropriation in Capital Outlay of \$20,00 each year to replace testing equipment.
- Provides for increases to cover one Veterinary Virologist position, one Secretary II position, and two addition Extra Help positions for Avian Influenza surveillance and control.
- Provides \$100,000 each year in Capital Outlay for the replacement of medical equipment, vehicles and office machines to support the Equine Infectious Anemia Program.
- Provides \$144,000 each year in Capital Outlay for the Little Rock laboratory for replacement of testing equipment.

**The Executive Recommendation provides for the consolidation of all operations and appropriations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission into the Arkansas Agriculture Department.**

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2007-2009Biennium:127

Total budgeted positions for FY 2007:125

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- \* FUND TRANSFER - The Livestock and Poultry Director with prior review of the Legislative Council and approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer may transfer funds from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund to the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account.
- \* BUFFALO GNAT CONTROL PROGRAM - The Buffalo Gnat Program is for Miller, Lafayette, Little River and parts of Hempstead counties.
- \* CARRY FORWARD - Any unexpended appropriations at end of year one, provided in the Brucellosis Program appropriation of the appropriation act, shall be made available for same purpose for the second fiscal year.