

**RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD (326) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM
BUDGET INFORMATION ACCORDING TO ACT 9 of 2007**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Rice Research and Promotion Board is responsible to plan and conduct a program of research, extension, promotion and market development to foster the growth and development of the rice industry in Arkansas. The Board is composed of nine producer members appointed by the Governor.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the 2007-09 Biennium is for \$6,980,696 each year.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Board is funded entirely by special revenues collected from an assessment of 1.35 cents per bushel paid by both the rice producer and the first point of sale buyer in Arkansas.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

- The Rice Research & Promotion appropriation, funded by special revenues, for \$6,980,696 each fiscal year provides a continuation of Base Level.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Nine-member Board appointed by the Governor with no authorized regular salary positions.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.