

**RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD (326)**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2018**  
**As Enacted by Act 22 of 2017**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Rice Research and Promotion Board was created by Act 725 of 1985. The 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.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$21,980,696 in FY2018.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The board's appropriations are funded by cash funds derived from the Tariff Rate Quota Program and 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 (total of \$2.70 per bushel).

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

Operations - Research and Development - No change level requests  
**\*New Appropriation\*** Tariff Rate Quota - New \$15 million cash appropriation requested in order to comply with state law regarding the expending of the Tariff Rate Quota cash funds that the agency receives as part of nationally negotiated trade agreements.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2017: 0)**

Total Authorized Positions FY2018: 0

Total Base Level Positions: 0

Increase/(Decrease) from Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 0 (Base Level Extra Help: 0)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

None.