

Agriculture and Forestry



Department Description

DEPARTMENT MISSION:

The mission of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is to administer the laws, rules and regulations of the state regarding the growing, harvesting, processing, storing and sale of forest, crop and livestock commodities. These laws, rules and regulations are to ensure that foods are prepared in sanitary processing facilities and are safe to eat; that the state's food manufacturing sector receives the full benefit of the agency's marketing expertise; that the state's soil and water resources are protected to ensure the optimum growth and yield of crops and forests; that the state's forests are protected from harmful diseases and fires, and that Louisiana livestock receives the best in veterinary care. The department also works with other state, regional, national and international sectors of business and government in fulfillment of its goal to provide oversight services and administrative assistance in the conduct of the affairs of rural Louisiana.

DEPARTMENT GOAL(S):

- Foster efficiency by maintaining effectiveness and low administrative costs by enabling the success of all other departmental programs.
- Create and sustain markets and affect jobs through the development of value-added food, agriculture and forestry products industries by way of financial assistance and counsel.
- Assure that feed, fertilizer, horticultural products, pesticides and seeds meet quality standards.
- Maintain a safe and healthy food supply for the people of Louisiana, while simultaneously protecting and safeguarding the producers of these products.
- Provide regulatory services to ensure consumer protection for Louisiana producers and consumers.
- Ensure the sustained high level of production of wood fiber while enhancing the recreational, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and air quality values of forest lands.



- Bring to the people of Louisiana the best technical assistance possible in order to protect and enhance the state's soil and water resources.

Department Budget Summary

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Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$47,409,570	\$26,403,408	\$26,524,102	\$31,645,049	\$30,413,862	\$3,889,760
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	5,785,319	539,035	539,035	498,016	492,535	(46,500)
Fees & Self-generated	4,985,073	8,252,743	8,252,743	8,318,440	8,238,340	(14,403)
Statutory Dedications	37,281,107	39,544,041	41,960,821	39,689,062	39,045,647	(2,915,174)
Federal Funds	19,229,124	12,988,479	17,711,838	13,310,638	13,193,622	(4,518,216)
Total Means of Financing	114,690,193	87,727,706	94,988,539	93,461,205	91,384,006	(3,604,533)
Expenditures and Request:						
Agriculture and Forestry	114,690,193	87,727,706	94,988,539	93,461,205	91,384,006	(3,604,533)
Total Expenditures	114,690,193	87,727,706	94,988,539	93,461,205	91,384,006	(3,604,533)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	550	548	548	551	545	(3)
Unclassified	40	40	40	40	40	0
Total Authorized Positions	590	588	588	591	585	(3)
Authorized Other Charges Positions	2	2	2	2	2	0



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Agency Description

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STATEMENT OF AGENCY STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES THAT ARE HELPFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO WOMEN AND FAMILIES:

In regard to Human Resource policies that are beneficial to women and families we presently have established: Flexible Work Schedules to accommodate employees with child care or other family issues. Employees are allowed to choose the work schedule that best suits their needs. Tuition Reimbursement Policy: Though not specifically targeting women or families the Department has a tuition reimbursement policy. Contingent upon prior approval of the Commissioner and availability of funds, the Department allows for reimbursement of tuition for employees pursuing work related degrees. While not specifically designated for women, this policy has the potential to benefit our female employees and/or the families of any of our employees.

Educational Leave Policy: The department has an "educational" leave policy, which may potentially be of benefit to employees and their families. FMLA policy: As required of all state agencies, we adhere to the requirements of the Family Medical Leave Act, which provides: Job and Health Insurance protection to employees that need to be off from work due to serious personal illness or to care for a seriously ill family member. The policy also covers leave related to birth, adoption, or placement of a foster care child. Flexible Benefits Plan: Includes a Dependent Day Care Spending Account - results in a tax savings for qualified participants. "START" Program: College tuition savings program for children of employees is made available through the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance.



EXTERNAL SERVICE DELIVERY: Blood Drives: In conjunction with United Blood Services, the department hosts bi-annual blood drives. As a consequence, all Baton Rouge Headquarters employees and their immediate family members are covered by a Blood Assurance Plan. **Miscellaneous Products and Services:** With the Commissioner's approval, various vendors are allowed to set up and offer their products to our employees and their families. These products/services include cellular phones/service; financial services such as savings bonds, etc.; farmers offering fresh produce, etc.

Agency Budget Summary

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Expenditures and Request:						
Management and Finance	30,659,854	23,771,973	23,863,477	27,692,846	27,285,816	3,422,339
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	11,652,158	14,491,237	14,491,237	14,993,030	14,531,686	40,449
Animal Health and Food Safety	15,795,210	15,727,739	15,727,739	16,093,352	15,802,218	74,479
Agro-Consumer Services	8,817,042	9,170,345	9,321,145	9,516,670	9,316,648	(4,497)
Forestry	45,379,509	21,479,911	28,498,440	22,230,419	21,523,483	(6,974,957)
Soil and Water Conservation	2,386,420	3,086,501	3,086,501	2,934,888	2,924,155	(162,346)
Total Expenditures	114,690,193	87,727,706	94,988,539	93,461,205	91,384,006	(3,604,533)
Authorized Positions						
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1601-Management and Finance

Program Authorization

This program is authorized by the following legislation:

- R.S.36:626

Program Description

PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of the Office of Management and Finance is to specify, procure, and allocate resources necessary to support the mission of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The Office of Management & Finance is comprised of the Executive Office, Administrative Services, Fiscal, Information Technology, Auditing, Fleet & Facility Maintenance, Procurement, and Human Resources. All functions related to accounting and budget control, procurement, contract management, program analysis, management information systems, auditing, personnel, payroll, fleet management, building maintenance, printing and typesetting, information technology and federal grants for all divisions of the department are performed within the Office of Management & Finance. In addition, our Promotion and Research promotes the development, production, and sale of Louisiana commodities through research and marketing activities.

PROGRAM GOAL(S):

The goals of the Office of Management and Finance are to provide department-wide coordination, personnel, and basic resources which are essential to the accomplishment of the department's mission, in a timely, effective and accurate manner and in compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. Our Promotion and Research team strives to improve the ability of Louisiana producers to capitalize upon promotion and research opportunities, to strengthen Louisiana's farmers markets and roadside vegetable stands, and to educate potential consumers of the positive benefits of buying fresh local agricultural products.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

Fiscal Services – Directs, coordinates, prepares and administers budget development, implementation and control; prepares the operational and capital outlay budget requests; manages the operating budget for the offices of the department and numerous programs; reports the department's strategic performance measures on a quarterly basis to the Division of Administration; prepares the strategic operation plan, strategic measures and indicators on an annual basis; provides for federal reimbursement processing; vendor and contractor disbursements, depositing all incoming revenues, payment of bills, reconciliations, maintaining general ledgers, and producing the Annual Financial Report for the department and four (4) boards and commissions.

Human Resources – Recruits and employs qualified candidates for department positions and ensures that employees are properly compensated for their work. Human Resources is responsible for auditing and processing all personnel actions and maintaining employee records. This program administers the employee benefits program, including insurance, retirement and service awards; trains employees and supervisors on personnel policies such as Performance, Planning, and Review, workplace violence, discrimination, harassment, substance abuse, and discipline; oversees adherence to federal employment laws, Fair Labor Standards Act, Americans with Disability Act, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Family and Medical Leave Act.



Information Technology – Provides the department with all network infrastructure, security/database administration, application development and support, and tools including internet and e-mail services to ensure the department meets today's demands for information and efficient processing. The division also provides data submission and interfaces as required by the federal government and state agencies and provides public access to vital department information via the internet. They support 30 locations of computing systems and support 800-plus users on more than 100 custom and third-party software applications. The division assists users in the areas of licensing, permitting, registrations, inspections, testing, accounting, imaging, printing, mapping, hardware installation, repairs, maintenance, and archiving.

Procurement – Assures that all purchases of supplies, equipment and services requested by the department are made in accordance with all Division of Administration policies and procedures, Executive Orders, Revised Statutes, Louisiana Administrative Codes and department policies. Procurement is responsible for handling the bid process and provide assistance to department administrators through direction and training; assures all bidders are treated equally and fairly in the bid process, both through the evaluation and awarding of all bids.

Fleet – Responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the department's fleet valued at \$36.5 million dollars that consists of 614 road vehicles, 114 trailers, 126 tractors and other equipment. This division has the capability to perform both routine and major repairs and body work at four (4) separate mechanic shops located throughout the state.

Facility – Responsible for the repairs and maintenance of 50 properties and 161 building (assets valued at \$96.1 million dollars) and ensuring compliance with building codes, laws, policies, and procedures; and maintaining a safe and comfortable work environment for department personnel.

Audit – Primarily utilized in a regulatory capacity to perform audits on agricultural related entities. These audits may be required by the various boards and commissions under the department. Audits pertain to licensing requirements or to ensure the proper reporting and remittance of fees. The internal audit section is part of the internal control of the department in compliance assurance of department financial policies and procedures; investigating and analyzing functions within the department.

Legal – Composed of four (4) attorneys who handle all legal affairs, reviews all contracts and provides consultation and legal advice to the department.

Property and Control – Responsible for maintaining records on all property, equipment and supplies.

Print Shop/Mail Services – Provides the department with cost effective reproduction and efficient mail/messenger services to six (6) main programmatic areas.

Marketing – Operates financial, informational, promotional, and market development activities. Financial assistance is provided through the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority to agribusinesses and producers. The goal is to expand opportunities for growth of the food and agricultural products industries through financial assistance programs, expansion of resident agribusinesses, recruitment of new agribusiness investment to Louisiana, providing unbiased market information to enhance orderly marketing of agricultural products, and by increasing sales of food and agricultural products. This division further provides informational assistance programs through accurate and unbiased market reports depicting current conditions on supply, demand, price, trend, movement and other pertinent information relating to the trade of the agricultural commodities reported that will promote orderly marketing and enhance competition; and through the advertising of agricultural items for sale to subscribers of the Market Bulletin resulting in the sale of items not normally available in commercial trade channels.

Commodity Promotion and Research – Administers promotion and research development programs that serve farmers and consumers through state trade shows, retail promotions, chef demonstrations, market research, development and implementation of promotion and research activities by commodity specific boards, a Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, and WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. The division also provides one-on-one assistance to farmers and consumers for varied promotion services and for information about Louisiana agriculture outlets such

as Farmers Markets and Roadside stand sales opportunities. The department administers the Louisiana Milk Producers Tax Credit Program to assist dairy producers when market factors are not conducive to maintaining financial stability. Producer eligibility and credit amounts are determined by reviewing market prices and production costs in a given tax year. The department works in cooperation with the LSU AgCenter, the Louisiana Farm Bureau, and the Federal Milk Order Administration to collect and evaluate data used in determining eligibility. R.S. 47:6032

Program Budget Summary

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Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$19,996,235	\$11,939,055	\$12,030,559	\$16,590,108	\$16,187,308	\$4,156,749
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	189,035	189,035	189,035	197,715	192,535	3,500
Fees & Self-generated	332,528	1,938,172	1,938,172	1,955,841	1,937,087	(1,085)
Statutory Dedications	7,283,895	8,021,101	8,021,101	7,246,614	7,284,276	(736,825)
Federal Funds	2,858,161	1,684,610	1,684,610	1,702,568	1,684,610	0
Total Means of Finance	30,659,854	23,771,973	23,863,477	27,692,846	27,285,816	3,422,339
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	17,903,359	17,929,278	17,929,278	18,976,970	18,672,625	743,347
Operating Expenses	3,851,120	3,715,667	3,715,667	3,817,476	3,715,667	0
Professional Services	20,548	31,954	31,954	32,830	31,954	0
Other Charges	8,303,409	2,095,074	2,095,074	2,460,385	2,460,385	365,311
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	581,418	0	91,504	2,405,185	2,405,185	2,313,681
Total Expenditures & Request	30,659,854	23,771,973	23,863,477	27,692,846	27,285,816	3,422,339
Authorized Positions						
Classified	97	97	97	97	97	0
Unclassified	14	14	14	15	15	1
Total Authorized Positions	111	111	111	112	112	1
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Interagency Transfers derived from:
 - Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals; and
 - Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.
- Fees and Self-generated Revenues derived from:
 - Miscellaneous sources of insurance and other reimbursements, such as employee use of state vehicles from domicile to place of business;
 - Assessment collected for promotion purposes for Crawfish Promotion Board and Rice Promotion Board;
 - Market Bulletin subscriptions; and
 - Indian Creek Reservoir and Recreation Area fees.
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:



- Structural Pest Control Commission Fund (R.S. 3:3375);
- Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund (R.S. 3:277; R.S. 27:392 (B) (4));
- Pesticide Fund (R.S. 3:3210);
- Petroleum Products Fund (R.S. 3:4685);
- Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund (R.S. 3:3423);
- Weights and Measures Fund (R.S. 3:4622); and
- Feed and Fertilizer Fund (R.S. 3:31407; R.S. 3:1430.13).
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food and Agriculture Farmer and Ranch Stress Assistance Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Seniors Coupon Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program; and
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Women, Infants and Children Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
12,030,559	23,863,477	111	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$2,405,185	\$2,405,185	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$(395,489)	\$(395,489)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$(2,075)	\$(2,075)	0	Civil Service Fees
\$55,632	\$55,632	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$275,116	\$275,116	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$(7,947)	\$(7,947)	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$262,095	\$262,095	0	Market Rate Classified
\$(91,504)	\$(91,504)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$(1,085)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$128,440	\$128,440	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$46,374	\$46,374	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$(125,567)	\$(125,567)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$254,157	\$254,157	0	Risk Management
\$530,542	\$534,042	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$(742)	\$(742)	0	State Treasury Fees
\$(7,362)	\$(7,362)	0	Topographic Mapping
\$1,925	\$1,925	0	UPS Fees
3,328,780	3,331,195	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$827,969	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution reducing Statutory Dedications out of the Petroleum Products Fund and increasing State General Fund (Direct) based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
\$0	\$91,144	1	Realigns one (1) authorized T.O. position from Agro-Consumer Services to the Office of Management and Finance to be paid out of the Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund.
827,969	91,144	1	Total Non-Statewide
16,187,308	27,285,816	112	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	332,528	1,938,172	1,938,172	1,955,841	1,937,087	(1,085)

Statutory Dedications

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Structural Pest Control Commission Fund	0	161,620	161,620	162,125	161,620	0
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	4,314,868	4,196,170	4,196,170	4,228,513	4,196,170	0
Pesticide Fund	1,236,142	1,503,106	1,503,106	1,517,769	1,503,106	0
Petroleum Products Fund	930,903	1,230,903	1,230,903	406,387	402,934	(827,969)
Agricultural Commodity Dealers & Warehouse Fund	0	257,091	257,091	257,193	348,235	91,144
Weights and Measures Fund	801,982	601,982	601,982	602,474	601,982	0
Feed and Fertilizer Fund	0	70,229	70,229	72,153	70,229	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$31,954	Legal Services
\$31,954	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
\$324,371	Seniors and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and Specialty Block Grant Recoupments
\$324,371	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
Interagency Transfers:	
\$93,950	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$6,090	State Treasury Fees
\$364,285	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees
\$93,895	Civil Service Fees
\$19,340	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
\$33,867	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees
\$86,112	Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) - Topographic Mapping
\$1,438,475	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$2,136,014	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$2,460,385	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$2,405,185	Replacement of 62 fleet vehicles
\$2,405,185	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS & MAJOR REPAIRS



Objective: 1601-01 To enhance the ability of each office within the department to meet its goals through information systems management and use of technology. To preserve and protect state resources allocated to the department by maintaining effective property control, auditing, and fiscal management practices.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of response to requests for IT assistance in less than 24 business hrs. by helpdesk.	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[K] Percent of response to requests for IT assistance in less than 24 business hrs. by networking group.	98%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[S] Number of repeat audit findings	0	0	0	0	0

Objective: 1601-02 To strengthen Louisiana's farmers' markets and roadside stands and help small farmers to succeed by directing federal funds to low income senior consumers for direct purchases from farmers for locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables. Improve the nutrition of seniors by encouraging the consumption of more fresh fruit and vegetables.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

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Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[S] Number of farmer participants in Farmers Markets and Farmer Owned Roadside Stands	184	160	160	184	184
[K] Amount of sales under program	440,844	200,000	200,000	228,000	228,000
[S] Number of farmers' markets participating	52	53	53	52	52
[S] Number of roadside stands participating (farmer owned)	81	80	80	81	81
[K] Percentage of senior participants that consumed more fresh fruits and vegetables because of the program.	89%	83%	83%	89%	89%

1603-Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Program Authorization

This program is authorized by the following legislation:

- R.S. 3:16, 19, 20, 1024, and 1025, 1381, and 1382, 1411-1430.13, 1431-1449, 1601-1617, 1651-1656, 1731-1737, 1741-1748, 1771-1775, 2301-2311, 2351-2354, 3201-3391.12, 3396.1-3396.6, 3801-3816; and R.S. 36:621 and 628.

Program Description

PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is to ensure that fertilizers, agricultural liming materials and pesticides meet all requirements of law; to monitor, prevent, control and eradicate plant pests and diseases that threaten Louisiana's agriculture, environment and economy; to facilitate agricultural exports through certification of products; to oversee the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry; to protect human health and the environment by ensuring the proper labeling, distribution, storage, use, application and disposal of pesticides, and through enforcement of all pesticide laws; to ensure that seed sold for planting meets label guarantees and quality standards; and to ensure a safe, abundant supply of food and fiber. The Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is comprised of four (4) divisions: Agricultural Chemistry Programs, Horticulture and Quarantine Programs, Pesticide and Environmental Programs, and Seed Programs.

PROGRAM GOAL(S):

The goals of the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences are to: 1) assure, through sampling and inspection, that fertilizer, lime, horticultural products, imported and exported agricultural products, pesticides, and seeds meet or exceed the quality standards set by federal and Louisiana laws, rules, and regulations; and 2) through licensing, certification, surveillance and training, assure a level of competency in services and products provided by those industries regulated in an effort to protect the public and the environment.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

Horticulture and Quarantine Programs – Monitor for and provide for the prevention, control, and eradication of regulated and exotic crop pests or diseases endangering Louisiana's agricultural (food and fiber), forestry, horticultural, and apiary industries and the environment; ensures that products certified for export from Louisiana are free from regulated pests; and oversees the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry. This division licenses and permits horticulture related businesses, and inspects, samples, surveys, monitors, and oversees eradication efforts for plant pests, including boll weevil. These activities are accomplished through the implementation and enforcement of the Horticulture Law, Boll Weevil Eradication Law, Crop Pests and Diseases Law, and Apiary Law. Additionally, they partner with USDA and the LSU AgCenter for many of its quarantine or regulated pest activities, safeguarding agriculture and the environment for Louisiana stakeholders with the greatest efficiency and effectiveness possible.

Pesticide and Environmental Programs – Inspect, enforce and regulate the registration, distribution, sale, offering for sale, and application of pesticides. The division regulates, trains and certifies private and commercial pesticide applicators, structural pest control applicators, restricted use pesticide (RUP) salespersons, agricultural consultants, and worker protection standards (WPS) trainers, as well as regulates and licenses or permits respective businesses. They also monitor the state's water resources for pesticides and participate in affiliated federal programs such as Endangered Species, Worker Protection and USDA Food Safety.



Agricultural Chemistry Programs - Administer state laws and regulations which regulate the manufacturing and sale of fertilizers and agricultural liming materials for the purpose of ensuring that the products meet the standards outlined in law. Responsible for analyzing agricultural chemicals and other farm input components as part of regulatory enforcement. It is the testing laboratory for the Pesticide and Environmental Programs, providing analysis in the enforcement of the Pesticide Law. Also provides analytical support for the Office of Animal Health Services, the LSU AgCenter and the general public.

Seed Programs – Ensures that seeds sold for planting purposes meet seed label guarantees and quality standards. In doing so, it prevents Louisiana from becoming a dumping ground for low quality planting seed and ensures that a mechanism is in place to provide a reliable source of high quality seed from superior new crop varieties for Louisiana producers. The responsibilities of the Seed Program are: 1) enforcement of the Seed Law and regulations; 2) management of the Seed Certification Program, and 3) operation of the official State Seed Testing Laboratory.

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State General Fund (Direct)	\$1,707,663	\$641,754	\$641,754	\$642,439	\$641,754	\$0
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	107,111	1,256,494	1,256,494	1,277,462	1,256,494	0
Statutory Dedications	9,044,271	11,859,392	11,859,392	12,336,550	11,899,841	40,449
Federal Funds	793,114	733,597	733,597	736,579	733,597	0
Total Means of Finance	11,652,158	14,491,237	14,491,237	14,993,030	14,531,686	40,449
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	9,558,463	10,869,339	10,869,339	11,299,179	10,910,839	41,500
Operating Expenses	1,286,149	2,579,418	2,579,418	2,650,093	2,579,418	0
Professional Services	62,680	85,000	85,000	87,329	85,000	0
Other Charges	744,868	957,480	957,480	956,429	956,429	(1,051)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	11,652,158	14,491,237	14,491,237	14,993,030	14,531,686	40,449
Authorized Positions						
Classified	100	97	97	97	95	(2)
Unclassified	10	10	10	10	10	0
Total Authorized Positions	110	107	107	107	105	(2)
Authorized Other Charges Positions	2	2	2	2	2	0

Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Fees and Self-generated Revenues derived from:
 - Fees and funds related to regulation and production of medical marijuana;
 - Miscellaneous sources in the Pesticide Program;
 - Fee related to agricultural liming and environmental services; and
 - Sample analysis from the Ag Chemistry Lab.

- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
 - Structural Pest Control Commission (R.S. 3:3375);
 - Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund (R.S. 3:277; R.S. 27:392 (B)(4));
 - Pesticide Fund (R.S. 3:3210);
 - Seed Fund (R.S. 3:1449);
 - Sweet Potato Pests and Diseases Fund (R.S. 3:1736.6);
 - Feed and Fertilizer Fund (R.S. 3:1407; R.S. 3:1430.13); and
 - Horticulture and Quarantine Fund (R.S. 3:1655; R.S. 3:2311; R.S. 3:3806).
 - Imported Seafood Safety Fund (R.S. 40:5.10.1)
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pesticide Enforcement Program;
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pesticide Certification Program;
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ground Water Protection Program; and
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Horticulture Grants.

Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund.

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
641,754	14,491,237	107	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$(217,383)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$49,696	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$223,277	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(170,957)	(2)	Personnel Reductions
\$0	\$33,642	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(102,640)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$224,814	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	40,449	(2)	Total Statewide
0	0	0	Total Non-Statewide
641,754	14,531,686	105	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY 2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	107,111	1,256,494	1,256,494	1,277,462	1,256,494	0



Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Structural Pest Control Commission Fund	1,191,378	1,390,411	1,390,411	1,395,548	1,390,411	0
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	472	376	376	386	376	0
Pesticide Fund	4,940,210	4,817,066	4,817,066	5,195,564	4,795,759	(21,307)
Seed Fund	732,290	1,126,313	1,126,313	1,130,245	1,126,313	0
Sweet Potato Pests and Diseases Fund	82,515	200,000	200,000	201,507	200,000	0
Feed and Fertilizer Fund	656,820	1,484,618	1,484,618	1,557,539	1,546,374	61,756
Horticulture and Quarantine Fund	1,440,585	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,611,591	2,600,000	0
Imported Seafood Safety Fund	0	240,608	240,608	244,170	240,608	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$85,000	Legal services
\$85,000	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
\$46,500	Grant-related Operating Services
\$302,198	Grant-related contracts with LSU
\$243,626	Boll Weevil Salaries and Related Benefits
\$592,324	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$17,500	Office of State Register
\$10,900	Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Printing
\$18,019	Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Public health evaluations of health-related pesticide incident reports
\$22,087	Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Telecommunications
\$295,599	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$364,105	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$956,429	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs.

Objective: 1603-01 Through the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Louisiana Horticulture Commission, to continue efforts to protect the public and the environment of Louisiana by overseeing the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry through effective licensing, permitting, and enforcement activities.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of horticulture non-compliance notices resulting in a hearing	6%	10%	10%	10%	10%
[S] Horticulture notices of non-compliance issued	88	125	125	125	125
[S] Adjudicatory cases heard	5	10	10	10	10

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of Horticulture professional licensing exams administered	530	1,206	646	703	574
Number of Horticulture professional licenses issued	5,403	10,958	5,456	5,488	3,666
Number of Horticulture occupational permits issued	2,473	5,058	2,524	2,538	2,646

Objective: 1603-02 Through the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Horticulture & Quarantine Division, to continue efforts to safeguard against the introduction and spread of plant pests into Louisiana's agricultural and forestry industries and the environment, to sustain and enhance protection of our food supply and our 'green industry' economies, and to enable and increase the exportation of Louisiana agricultural products, by conducting effective surveillance (inspections, sampling, surveying, monitoring) and eradication efforts for plant and honeybee pests and ensuring that materials are free from injurious pests and diseases.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Number of nursery shipping tags issued	61,493	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
[S] Inspections for Imported Fire Ant certification	183	175	175	175	175
[K] Surveys completed for non-indigenous pests	9	8	8	8	8
[S] Phytosanitary export certificates issued	698	300	300	300	300
[S] Plant pest quarantine related investigations	7	30	30	30	30
[K] Percent weevil damage to sweet potatoes entering processing facilities	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
[K] Percent sweet potato acres weevil free	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%
[S] Sweet potato regulatory inspections	228	150	150	150	150
[K] Honeybee shipments certified for out of state movement	43	50	50	50	50
[S] Queen and package honeybee producers certified	19	12	12	12	12
[S] Properties where sweet potato weevils detected in weevil-free areas	0	3	3	3	3



General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Nursery certificate permits issued	667	1,366	700	684	677
Post entry quarantine inspections	0	1	0	1	1
Plant pest quarantine-related compliance inspections	388	604	265	356	140
Transgenic crop applications processed	17	36	21	12	17
Transgenic crop field trials inspected	0	0	0	0	1
Sweet potato dealer permits issued	80	150	72	55	53
Beekeepers registered	903	1,692	829	844	852

Objective: 1603-03 Through the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, Louisiana cotton acres will be maintained 100% boll weevil-free.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percentage of cotton acres weevil-free	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
[S] Cotton boll weevils trapped	0	0	0	0	0

Objective: 1603-04 Protect the environment along with the health and general prosperity of Louisiana citizens by providing safe and proper distribution, use and management of pesticides; by facilitating the protection of natural resources and pollution prevention and by providing effective control of pest.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[S] Number of Pesticides Registered	14,026	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
[S] Health-related incidents reported/inspected	8	10	10	10	10
[S] Number of pesticide complaints	287	325	325	300	300
[S] Number of inspections	3,352	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
[S] Number of residue samples analyzed	62	80	80	70	70
[K] Pesticide products out of compliance	3	5	5	4	4
[S] Number of pesticide product formulations analyzed	267	300	300	300	300
[S] Number of marketplace inspections	359	375	375	375	375
[S] Number of dealer inspections	174	150	150	150	150
[S] Number of producer establishments inspections	0	10	10	4	4
[S] Enforcement actions on products	0	2	2	2	2
[K] Applicators out of compliance	31	75	75	50	50
[S] Number of certified applicators	10,628	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
[S] Number of un-certified applicators	1,916	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
[K] Health-related complaints confirmed	0	10	10	0	0
[K] Number of verified environmental incidences by improper pesticide application	43	35	35	45	45

Objective: 1603-05 Regulate the sale and use of fertilizers and agricultural liming materials to ensure that these products meet standards set forth by state and federal laws and regulations.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percentage of fertilizer and agricultural lime sold that meets guarantees and standards	95.2%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[S] Dollar amount of penalties paid to farmers	19,753.45	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
[S] Dollar amount of penalties paid to state	2,611.33	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
[S] Total tons of fertilizer and agricultural lime tested	13,918	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of regulatory samples-fertilizer and agricultural lime	6,864	3,432	1,753	1,787	1,566

Objective: 1603-06 Through the Regulatory Seed Testing and Louisiana Seed Certification Programs, to continue the office's efforts to ensure that 97% of samples tested test within established tolerances, 97% of acres petitioned for certification meet the requirements of Standards. Additionally, through the LDAF Industrial Hemp Program, ensure that industrial hemp remains a viable agricultural commodity in Louisiana, and is produced in compliance with state and federal laws.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of seed samples tested within tolerance	0%	97%	97%	97%	97%
[S] Number of seed samples tested	0	5,184	5,184	5,177	5,177
[S] Number of seed samples tested within tolerance	0	4,998	4,998	4,994	4,994
[K] Percent of acres petitioned for certification that meet the requirements of Standards	0%	93%	93%	97%	97%
[S] Number of participating farmers	0	39	39	46	46
[S] Number of acres potentially planted from the production of Louisiana certified seed	0	600,253	600,253	613,340	613,340
[S] Number of acres petitioned for certification	0	6,926	6,926	7,077	7,077
[S] Number of acres petitioned for certification that meet the requirements of Standards	0	6,411	6,411	6,864	6,864
[K] Percent of industrial hemp license applications approved.	0%	78%	78%	64%	64%
[S] Number of industrial hemp license applications received.	0	92	92	64	64
[S] Number of industrial hemp licenses approved	0	71	71	41	41
[K] Percent of industrial hemp acres utilized for production	0%	7%	7%	13%	13%
[S] Number of industrial hemp acres enrolled for production.	0	842	842	271	271
[S] Number of industrial hemp acres planted	0	58	58	39	39
[S] Number of industrial hemp acres that are compliant	0	4	4	5	5
[S] Number of industrial hemp licensees	0	63	63	39	39



General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of licensed seed dealers	1,212	2,417	1,159	1,087	0
Number of seed analyses performed by the Louisiana State Seed Testing Laboratory	12,462	26,436	11,657	10,986	0



1604-Animal Health and Food Safety

Program Authorization

This program is authorized by the following legislation:

- *R.S. 36:628(E); Meat Inspection (R.S. 3:4201); Grading and Certification, Poultry and Eggs, Fruits and Vegetables (R.S. 3:405 and R.S. 3:410); Animal Control Advisory Task Force (R.S. 3:2364); Beef Industry Council (R.S. 3:2054); Board of Animal Health (R.S. 3:2091); Equine Promotion and Research Advisory Board (R.S. 3:2074); Egg Commission (R.S. 3:551.1); Livestock Brand Commission (R.S. 3:732); Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board (R.S. 3:471-478); Louisiana Crawfish Promotion and Research Board (R.S. 3:556.1-556.14); USDA Food Distribution; Commercial Feed Program (R.S. 36:628(c)); Veterinary Health Division f/k/a Livestock Sanitary Board (R.S. 3:2091).*

Program Description

PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of the Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, through state and federal mandates, is to guard and protect the integrity of the livestock industry against animal diseases through diagnostic, preventative, eradication and the safety of commercial feeds. Additionally, the office is responsible for protecting the food chain, public health, and general welfare of the Louisiana citizenry by assuring that meat, seafood, poultry, eggs, fruits, vegetables, and their products are properly identified, labeled, inspected, and accurately graded. The Office of Animal Health and Food Safety shall also be responsible for the control of livestock theft and denying a market for stolen cattle and horses in Louisiana, all in accordance with applicable law. The Food Distribution Program administers the USDA Commodity Program (Sections 2 and 6 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, The Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, and 7CFR 250, 251). The Office of Animal Health and Food Safety is presently responsible for coordinating the department's Emergency Management and Response before, during, and after a disaster. The office administers ESF-4, Firefighting and ESF-11 Agriculture. The office's Emergency Management division manages the business of these vital functions; a complex endeavor that requires planning, preparation, and practice to fulfill the mission when the need arises.

PROGRAM GOAL(S):

The goal of this program is to maintain a safe and healthful food supply for the people of Louisiana, while simultaneously protecting and safeguarding the producers of these products. The program inspects and grades food products, controls livestock diseases, and tracks ownership of livestock through a branding activity. The activities of this program are Administrative, Federal/State Meat Program, Poultry and Egg Inspection, Food Quality Services, Livestock Disease Prevention, Livestock Theft Prevention, Emergency Response Team, Food Distribution Program and Commercial Feed Program.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

Livestock Brand Commission (R.S.3:732) – Responsible for the protection of property through the investigation of farm related crimes with the main focus on the identification of livestock through registered brands and markings. Six (6) employees across the state are commissioned law enforcement officers who protect lives and property, deter and investigate agricultural related crimes, bring perpetrators to justice and perform other related duties. They are responsible for performing the following tasks: monitoring and inspecting all livestock at video and public sales as well as any livestock either in shipping or to be shipped; identifying criminal activity involving farm related crimes and apprehending criminals; providing specialized assistance when a massive application of manpower is required during disaster, civil disturbance or terrorist situation; providing assistance to law enforcement agencies in investigating farm related crime; providing assistance to persons who are unable to help themselves, or are in danger or need other emergency services; conducting various informational programs for the public in regards to livestock identification and farm related crimes.



Food Quality Services Program (FQS) – Provides unbiased third party (collaborator) inspections, state inspections, and shipping point inspections for fresh fruits and vegetables grown in Louisiana. This program inspects and certifies grade, quality and condition of fresh fruits, vegetables, peanuts and pecans at shipping ports and receiving markets in the state; and inspects and certifies fresh produce purchased by federal and state institutions. FQS has a cooperative agreement with the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Branch to provide federal/state inspection services. Implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) produce safety rule began in 2016.

Poultry and Eggs Division (R.S.3:405; 3:410) (Title 3, Chapter 5) – Responsible for establishing grades for poultry and eggs sold in Louisiana. The division is authorized through cooperative agreements with the USDA to establish and maintain grading services at authorized USDA poultry and egg plants; provide fee grading services at off-plant locations; and perform shell egg surveillance at all shell egg plants and hatcheries. The division is responsible for enforcing state laws, rules, and regulations for egg and poultry production, packing, and sales.

The Louisiana Egg Commission is charged with the duty of promoting eggs and egg products in Louisiana; and issuing licenses to all producers, packers, processors, wholesalers, brokers, or any other entity except retailers. In addition, the Commission has the authority to hold hearings on any violation of the State Egg Marketing laws and revoke or suspend licenses if necessary. The division is responsible for the regulation and enforcement of all rules and regulations pertaining to the Egg Commission. The Commission is composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry who serves as an ex-officio member. The Commissioner appoints someone from his staff to serve as Director of the Egg Commission and the department provides staffing for the Commission. In return, the Commission provides \$30,000 per year to the department to cover the cost of these services. The Egg Commission derives its funding from a \$.02 per case assessment on all eggs sold in Louisiana, a \$100 per year license fee, and per diem and travel charges for audit work. The Commission generates an average of \$525,000 a year on the fee collection from companies doing business in Louisiana.

Veterinary Health Division (formerly known as Livestock Sanitary Board) (R.S. 3:2091) – Veterinary Health helps protect Louisiana livestock from infectious diseases by administering state/federal programs that include disease reporting, monitoring, investigation, diagnostics, containment, and eradication. The division has personnel who work with other governmental agencies, private veterinarians, producers, industry, and academia to insure the safety of the meat and poultry that will enter the food chain. Office personnel maintain paper and electronic records of health certificates and livestock testing of animals within, leaving, and entering the state. Field personnel conduct farm inspections, animal feed testing, reportable disease investigations, and monitor livestock sold at auction markets for signs of disease. Livestock identification and premises information is collected and maintained to trace an animal's movement or to stop animal movement in the face of a disease outbreak. The Poultry Diagnostic Lab personnel work with commercial and backyard flock owners testing birds that may be sold locally, nationally, or internationally, or that may be entered into a local 4-H show. The division provides outreach to producers and veterinarians at local and regional meetings and to veterinary students through federal accreditation and loan repayment programs. The division coordinates activities of the Board of Animal Health and the Louisiana Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board. Federal/State Programs include: 1) Animal disease traceability, 2) Cattle health, 3) Swine health, 4) Avian health, 5) Equine, Cervid and Small Ruminant health, 6) Zoonotic Disease/Foreign Animal Disease surveillance, 7) Alternative livestock, 8) Trichomoniasis, 9) Equine Infectious Anemia, 10) Reportable diseases, 11) Farm-raised turtles, 12) Livestock movement permitting, 13) Brucellosis calf-hood vaccinations, 14) National veterinary accreditation, 15) Veterinary loan repayment, 16) Auction market/Livestock buyer registration, 17) 4-H Show livestock inspections, 18) Biological approvals, 19) Meat inspection disposal letters, 20) Prison enterprise bull inspections, 21) Certified/accredited cattle herds, and 22) Supplies for accredited veterinarians.

Meat Inspection (R.S. 3:4201) – Louisiana's Meat and Poultry Inspection Program is a cooperative federal-state program. Its mission is to provide consumers with safe, wholesome, and properly labeled meat and poultry products. The program is responsible for inspecting all livestock harvested and processed in Louisiana facilities; inspecting meat processing facilities for compliance with federal and state requirements; operating an accredited laboratory that analyzes meat and poultry products for economic and microbiological adulteration; reviewing and approving the labels of meat and meat products to assure that accurate product information is supplied to the consumer. This program

provides continuous inspection to 46 commercial slaughter and processing facilities, as well as periodic inspection of 22 custom slaughter and processing plants. Inspected slaughter establishments, inspected processors, custom slaughterers, custom processors, and warehouses distributing meat and poultry products must be permitted by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The program is also made up of a compliance segment responsible for investigating violations of meat and poultry regulations such as the illegal slaughter, processing and sale of uninspected meat products. State compliance investigators conduct food safety surveillance reviews at stores, restaurants, and distribution warehouses to ensure meat products in commerce have been inspected, are being stored properly, and have not been adulterated or contaminated after leaving the processing facility. Compliance investigators also address consumer complaints related to meat and poultry products. Under the state-federal cooperative agreement, the program must enforce requirements “at least equal to” those imposed under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act. Food Safety Inspection Services (FSIS) provides up to 50% of the state’s operating funds, as well as training and other assistance. Grading and Certification: Meat Inspection conducts a voluntary Grading and Certification Program for meat and meat products and fish and fishery products. This program assures that products purchased by institutions and schools meet the Institutional Meat Purchasing Specifications and general requirements for Fish and Fishery Products. The Grading and Certification Program prevents a vendor from shipping a lower valued product than what the purchase order calls for, resulting in substantial savings for both state institutions and participating school systems. This program is funded through a \$.04/pound fee paid by participating vendors for the certification of their product.

Food Distribution – Food Distribution is an integral part of the National School Lunch Program through which the USDA provides nutritionally balanced, low cost or free lunches to school children. The commodity foods distributed through this program represent 20 percent of a school district’s budget and the commodities received are high in nutritional value. It has been demonstrated many times that enhanced nutrient intake and improvements in nutrient intake are associated with significant improvements in student academic performance. A hungry child cannot learn. The donated food distributed through the Emergency Food Assistance Program are distributed to over 144,000 low income households on a monthly basis. The Food Distribution Program ensures the USDA commodities are distributed to eligible recipient agencies and that those agencies are reviewed as required. Further, the office ensures the safe storage and handling of the commodities until consumed. Food Distribution is responsible for the ordering, warehousing and distribution of foods purchased by the USDA for use in federally approved child nutrition programs and for food purchased for distribution to low income citizens and families. It is also responsible for ensuring that recipient agencies are operated in compliance with federal requirements (agreement, regulation, and law) by monitoring receiving agencies (schools, summer feeding sponsors, food banks, and their member agencies), resolving findings and reporting activities to the USDA which ensure that these foods are protected and distributed only to those who are eligible to receive these benefits.

Commercial Feed Program (R.S. 3:1381) – Commercial Feed is responsible for administering the state laws and regulations which regulate the manufacturing and distribution of livestock feeds, feed ingredients and pet foods to ensure that all feeds and pet foods sold in Louisiana are safe to protect the health of both animal and man. The program issues company and product registrations and verifies through label review practices that all registered labels contain the required information that is necessary for the safe feeding of the product. The program also inspects Louisiana manufacturers to confirm that each firm is utilizing good manufacturing practices to produce safe animal feeds. Samples are collected in both manufacturing facilities and retail locations throughout the state and analyzed to substantiate the guaranteed analysis and to confirm that the feeds are not adulterated with contaminants. The program also responds to consumer complaints regarding concerns of animal feed related illness or death.

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$2,233,782	\$2,531,059	\$2,531,059	\$2,498,390	\$2,285,367	\$(245,692)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	780,357	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	3,968,467	4,002,688	4,002,688	4,246,254	4,214,370	211,682
Statutory Dedications	3,924,222	4,073,734	4,073,734	4,091,021	4,073,734	0
Federal Funds	4,888,382	5,120,258	5,120,258	5,257,687	5,228,747	108,489
Total Means of Finance	15,795,210	15,727,739	15,727,739	16,093,352	15,802,218	74,479
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	11,231,771	11,424,839	11,424,839	11,650,324	11,440,829	15,990
Operating Expenses	2,921,342	2,798,027	2,647,202	2,719,736	2,647,202	0
Professional Services	62,211	332,271	332,271	341,376	332,271	0
Other Charges	1,050,799	1,130,102	1,080,102	1,381,916	1,381,916	301,814
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	529,088	42,500	243,325	0	0	(243,325)
Total Expenditures & Request	15,795,210	15,727,739	15,727,739	16,093,352	15,802,218	74,479
Authorized Positions						
Classified	97	97	97	97	95	(2)
Unclassified	7	7	7	7	7	0
Total Authorized Positions	104	104	104	104	102	(2)
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Fees and Self-generated Revenues derived from:
 - Homer Poultry Lab;
 - Livestock Brand Commission Fund;
 - Vaccination fees;
 - Sale of health certificates;
 - Equine Infectious Anemia Surveillance & Horse Identification Program;
 - Deer farming license fee;
 - Turtle farming license fee;
 - Board of Animal Health;
 - Poultry graders;
 - Dairy and Poultry Trust Fund;
 - Louisiana Egg Commission;
 - Egg Assessment Fees;

- Application fees for livestock auction charter;
- Overtime for Federal/State meat plant employees;
- Meat, poultry, fruit and vegetable inspection fees;
- Grading fees assessed on meat, meat products, fish and fish products; and
- Local school district assessment for commodity storage.
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
 - Feed and Fertilizer Fund (R.S. 3:1407; R.S. 3:1430.13);
 - Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund (R.S. 3:277; R.S. 27:392 (B)(4)); and
 - Livestock Brand Commission Fund (R.S. 3:749).
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Inspection Program;
 - U.S. Department of Commerce Fish Grading and Certification Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Poultry and Egg Product Inspection Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program;
 - U.S. Food and Drug Administration Produce Safety Program;
 - U.S. Food and Drug Administration Feed Inspection Capacity Program;
 - U.S. Food and Drug Administration Feed Inspection Capacity Program;
 - Board of Veterinary Health Program;
 - State Administrative Expenditures Food Distribution Program; and
 - Container Salvage Food Distribution Program

Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
2,531,059	15,727,739	104	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$301,814	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$2,513	\$2,513	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$51,470	\$51,470	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$65,938	\$270,522	0	Market Rate Classified
\$(50,000)	\$(243,325)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$(209,495)	\$(209,495)	(2)	Personnel Reductions
\$(5,878)	\$(5,878)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$(103,213)	\$(103,213)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$2,973	\$10,071	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(245,692)	74,479	(2)	Total Statewide



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$0	0	Aligns Interagency Transfer budget category to pay OTS invoices for OTM (Telecomm) and PSS (mailing/printing) services.
0	0	0	Total Non-Statewide
2,285,367	15,802,218	102	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	3,968,467	4,002,688	4,002,688	4,246,254	4,214,370	211,682

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	2,765,258	2,765,258	2,765,258	2,770,778	2,765,258	0
Livestock Brand Commission Fund	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,685	25,000	0
Feed and Fertilizer Fund	1,108,964	1,283,476	1,283,476	1,294,558	1,283,476	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$332,271	Legal services
\$332,271	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
\$916,741	Grant related operating services
\$372,675	Grant related other charges
\$1,289,416	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
Interagency Transfers:	
\$54,800	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees
\$37,700	Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Telecommunications
\$92,500	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$1,381,916	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs.

Objective: 1604-01 In carrying out the statutory responsibility stated in R.S. 3:731-750, the commissioned law enforcement officers protect property through the investigation of farm related crimes with the main focus on the identification of livestock via brands, microchip & tattoos.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[S] Number of livestock monitored and inspected at public sale or video	90,184	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
[K] Percent of cases cleared through investigation	84%	40%	40%	40%	40%
[K] Percent of theft cases cleared	14%	40%	40%	40%	40%
[S] Total number of new brands registered	142	400	400	400	400
[S] Total number of investigations	225	200	200	200	200

Objective: 1604-02 To provide unbiased third party inspection (collaborator) at terminal markets, provide inspections for state institutions and other state and parish entities that come under the fruit and vegetables inspection program.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent inspected and passed	25%	90%	90%	90%	90%
[S] Number of federal and state inspections	269	800	800	700	700
[S] Number of pounds inspected	4,638,081	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000

Objective: 1604-03 Protect the consumer by ensuring that poultry, poultry products, eggs and egg products are wholesome and of the quality represented on the label.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[S] Number of certificates issued - eggs	4,133	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900
[K] Percent of poultry passed	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%
[K] Percent of eggs and egg products inspected and passed	96%	99%	99%	99%	99%
[S] Dozens inspected at all points of sale	2,334,014	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Pounds of poultry graded	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	166,713,712	39,381,722	53,380,991
Pounds of poultry retained	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3,850,556	2,980,426	1,278,466



Objective: 1604-04 To continue the prevention, detection and control of infectious diseases in livestock, poultry, farm raised cervid (deer, elk, and antelope), aquatics, and turtles.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Number of livestock disease quarantines and permit that would restrict movement of animals.	1	190	190	190	190
[S] Number of livestock and poultry disease diagnostic tests run	16,969	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
[S] Number of livestock and poultry inspected or investigated in disease surveillance programs	62,980	275,000	275,000	275,000	275,000
[S] Number of livestock and poultry disease program resources provided to agriculture stakeholders	7,482	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000

Objective: 1604-05 To ensure consumers receive only safe, wholesome, and unadulterated meat and meat products, and only properly labeled meat products reflecting actual ingredients are provided to the consumer.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of inspection procedures frequencies met	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	99%	99%
[K] Number of pathogen sample targets met	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5	5
[S] Percent of acceptable lab samples delivered by state personnel	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	100%	100%
[S] Percent of available inspection shifts covered	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	99%	99%
[S] Percent of complaint laboratory samples	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	90%	90%
[S] Number of surveillance reviews	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	240	240
[K] Number of meat and poultry product recalls for state facilities	0	0	0	0	0

Objective: 1604-06 To maintain a statewide commodity inventory level of less than six months of USDA food and conduct a minimum of 120 recipient agency/warehouse compliance reviews annually.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Number of compliance audits	241	120	120	120	120
[S] Inventory turnover (in months)	0.95	6	6	6	6

Objective: 1604-07 Regulate the sale and use of livestock feeds, feed ingredients, and pet foods to ensure that these products meet standards set forth by state and federal laws and regulations and do not endanger.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percentage of livestock feed and feed ingredients sold that meets guarantees and standards.	89%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[S] Total tons of livestock feed and feed ingredients tested	1,600	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
[K] Percentage of pet food sold that meets guarantees and standards	97%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[S] Total tons of pet food tested	10	20	20	20	20

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of regulatory livestock feed and feed ingredient samples	802	1,998	999	1,000	1,001
Number of regulatory pet food samples	866	1,428	714	1,000	1,210



1605-Agro-Consumer Services

Program Authorization

This program is authorized by the following legislation:

- R.S. 36:629; R.S. 3:3401-3425; R.S. 3:4001; R.S. 3:4101; R.S. 3:4601-4705; R.S. 3:641

Program Description

PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of the Office of Agro-Consumer Services is to ensure that equity prevails in the marketplace by regulating various aspects of commerce and trade and by promoting and heightening consumer awareness of Louisiana's agricultural commodities to increase sales, thereby enhancing the economic well being of Louisiana farmers and the state as a whole. The office ensures that Louisiana consumers get what they pay for, that producers have markets available and receive fair compensation for their commodities, and that businesses have a favorable environment in which to operate.

To carry out this mission, the Office of Agro-Consumer Services Program: 1) Regulates the measuring, sampling, and transportation of dairy products and audits all processors, distributors and retailers of dairy products; 2) Licenses, inspects, and audits all grain dealers, warehouses, and cotton merchants in the state; 3) Inspects and certifies all commercially used weights, measures, and weighing and measuring devices including motor fuel dispensers, certifies taxi meters, and point of sale price scanners; 4) Licenses service companies and their technicians and public weighmasters; 5) Provides price stability in the marketplace and assures an environment for fair and equal competitiveness as provided under Dairy Stabilization Board rules and regulations; and 6) Maintains the official state standards of mass, length and volume, which are traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

PROGRAM GOAL(S):

The goal of the Office of Agro-Consumer Services is to provide services that ensure consumer protection for all Louisiana citizens as well as businesses, to promote economic growth in the state by maintaining a fair and competitive business environment, and to ensure that equity prevails in all commercial transactions throughout Louisiana.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

Licensing Program – This program licenses warehouses, grain dealers and cotton merchants doing business in Louisiana. The Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission requires a financial statement, proof of provisional stock insurance and proof of security for warehouses and grain product promotions and. All financial statements are carefully reviewed for financial stability so the Louisiana producer will be guaranteed payment. (R.S. 3:3401-3425; R.S. 3:4101)

Warehouse Program – The department performs physical inventories and inspections of all warehouses for suitability and storage. Warehouse receipts, which are used by producers and lending institutions as a means of financing the producer's operations, are examined and checked for accuracy. (R.S. 3:3401-3425)

Grain Sampler/Grader Certification – Samplers and graders are certified on an annual basis by the department. Initial certification requires passing a written examination. Testing and certification fees are charged. (R.S. 3:3414.3)

Grain Commodity Program – Inspectors compare the quality or condition of agricultural commodities with official standards to determine the official grade of the commodity. Inspections of samples for factors such as color, shape, odor or other specific conditions are used in issuing inspection certificates. (R.S. 3:3401-3425)

Moisture Meter Certification Program – All moisture meters utilized in assessing grain moisture for discount purposes are checked by the department to insure proper calibration. A fee is charged for each inspection. (R.S. 3:3422)

Weights and Measures

Inspect and test, on a yearly basis, all weighing, measuring, metering, scanning and packaging devices used commercially to ensure that equity prevails for buyers and sellers statewide. (R.S. 3:4601-4705)

Inspect and test all motor fuels sold in the state to ensure conformance to quality specifications. Ensure consumers are getting the product they pay for. (R.S. 3:4601-4705)

Weigh, measure and/or inspect packages or amounts of commodities kept for the purpose of sale, offered or exposed for sale, or sold in the process of delivery, in order to determine whether they contain the amounts represented and whether they are offered for sale in accordance with the law. (R.S. 3:4601-4705)

The Metrology Laboratory 1) Maintains the standards of mass, length and volume; 2) Calibrates and certifies standards and instruments used in commerce, industry, education and research institutions; and 3) Supports state government by providing calibration and certification services in the measurement field. All industries and institutions in the state rely on our Weights and Measures standard certification. (R.S. 3:4601-4705)

Milk and Dairy

The Louisiana Dairy Stabilization Board (LDSB) addresses problems created in the marketplace and provides a regulatory process designed to stabilize the industry and assure consumers of an adequate supply of dairy products at fair prices. They license all processors, distributors, and retailers of dairy products in order to protect the dairy farmers from price wars and disruptive trade practices. Complaints are investigated and violations of the regulations for unfair methods of competition, unfair or deceptive acts or practices and disruptive trade practices are sanctioned. Dairy product promotions and coupons are reviewed for compliance with the LDSB statutes, rules and regulations. (R.S. 3:4101)

The Milk Buyers Bonding law ensures dairy farmers are paid for the dairy products they sell. The bond is required by all milk plants and cooperatives that purchase milk from Louisiana dairy producers. In cases of insolvency, etc., bond proceeds are used to compensate unpaid dairy producers. (R.S. 3:641-645)

The Dairy Stabilization Board with support from our Weights and Measures personnel, investigate all complaints that could be in violation of LAC Title 7, Part XXXI. These can include, but are not limited to, unfair or disruptive trade practices. If found in violation, the board can take further action to ensure compliance.

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$632,629	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	268,567	525,853	525,853	300,853	300,853	(225,000)
Statutory Dedications	7,885,246	8,605,292	8,756,092	9,175,543	8,976,595	220,503
Federal Funds	30,600	39,200	39,200	40,274	39,200	0
Total Means of Finance	8,817,042	9,170,345	9,321,145	9,516,670	9,316,648	(4,497)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	7,299,617	7,545,846	7,545,846	8,113,787	7,947,149	401,303
Operating Expenses	980,504	1,195,208	1,195,208	1,227,958	1,195,208	0
Professional Services	4,687	23,155	23,155	23,789	23,155	0
Other Charges	151,136	151,136	151,136	151,136	151,136	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	381,099	255,000	405,800	0	0	(405,800)
Total Expenditures & Request	8,817,042	9,170,345	9,321,145	9,516,670	9,316,648	(4,497)



Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Authorized Positions						
Classified	68	69	69	72	72	3
Unclassified	6	6	6	5	5	(1)
Total Authorized Positions	74	75	75	77	77	2
Authorized Other Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Positions						

Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- Fees and Self-generated Revenues derived from:
 - Funds collected from assessments on sales of milk and dairy products; and
 - Miscellaneous funds received for program services.
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
 - Petroleum Products Fund (R.S. 3:4685);
 - Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund (R.S. 3:3423); and
 - Weights and Measures Fund (R.S. 3:4622).
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures Cooperative Agreement;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop and Livestock Statistical Reporting Service Cooperative Agreement;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture State Market Improvement Program Cooperative Agreement;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture WIC Farmers' Market Program; and
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Competitiveness Program.

Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of each statutory dedicated fund.

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
0	9,321,145	75	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025

Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$(75,494)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$2,513	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$37,772	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$191,767	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(255,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$(150,800)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$44,325	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(69,896)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$190,970	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	(83,843)	0	Total Statewide

Non-Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$0	3	Converts two (2) job appointments in the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission and one (1) job appointment in Weights & Measures to authorized T.O. positions. These positions are set to expire in FY 2026-2027.
\$0	\$170,490	0	Increases Statutory Dedications out of the Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund for overtime expenses for grain elevator inspectors to ensure timely completion of requested inspections and avoid disrupted service in order to remain in compliance with federal laws and regulations.
\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution increasing Statutory Dedications out of the Weights and Measures Fund and decreasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues.
\$0	\$(91,144)	(1)	Realigns one (1) authorized T.O. position from Agro-Consumer Services to the Office of Management and Finance to be paid out of the Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund.
0	79,346	2	Total Non-Statewide
0	9,316,648	77	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	268,567	525,853	525,853	300,853	300,853	(225,000)

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Petroleum Products Fund	3,760,207	4,002,485	4,077,885	4,180,006	4,058,366	(19,519)
Agricultural Commodity Dealers & Warehouse Fund	1,671,751	1,958,500	1,958,500	2,016,635	1,951,931	(6,569)
Weights and Measures Fund	2,453,288	2,644,307	2,719,707	2,978,902	2,966,298	246,591

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$1,000	Medical and Dental Services (CDL Medicals)
\$22,155	Legal Services
\$23,155	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
This program does not have funding for Other Charges.	
Interagency Transfers:	
\$4,217	Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Telecommunications
\$22,491	Civil Service Fees
\$124,428	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$151,136	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$151,136	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES



Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs.

Objective: 1605-01 To provide an effective program to regulate the Louisiana grain and cotton industry in order for producers to sell and/or store their agricultural products to financially secure warehouses and grain dealers.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Number of grain inspections performed	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	7,500	7,500
[S] Number of facilities licensed	179	135	135	135	135
[S] Number of audits performed on facilities	50	250	250	250	250
[K] Number of farmers not fully compensated for their products in regulated facilities	0	0	0	0	0

Objective: 1605-02 To provide an effective program of regulation for the Louisiana dairy industry to assure a continued supply of dairy products at fair and reasonable prices by regulating and/or promoting price stability and orderly marketing of these products in the state.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[S] Number of possible unfair trade practices complaints investigated	0	8	8	8	8
[S] Number of possible unfair trade practices complaints investigated that resulted in confirmed violations	0	4	4	4	4
[K] Percentage of possible unfair trade practices investigated that resulted in confirmed violations	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
[S] Number of possible unfair trade practices complaints	0	8	8	8	8

General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Prior Year Actuals FY 2023-2024	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025
Number of coupons/promotions submitted for approval	122	238	1,048	50	96
Number of coupons/promotions approved for use	122	226	1,040	50	96

Objective: 1605-03 To ensure that equity prevails in the market place for both buyers and sellers by inspecting all weighing, measuring, metering and scanning devices used commercially in the state.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percentage of regulated businesses with scanners in compliance with accuracy standards during initial inspection	96.47%	96%	96%	96%	96%
[S] Number of scanning device inspections performed	8,081	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
[K] Percentage of prepackaged commodities tested in compliance with accuracy standards	94.18%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[K] Percentage of regulated businesses with fuel dispensers in compliance during initial testing/inspection	87.79%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[S] Number of field inspections conducted on petroleum dispensing devices	75,354	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
[K] Percentage of registered weighing devices in compliance with accuracy standards	78%	95%	95%	95%	95%
[S] Number of weighing devices inspected	20,999	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
[S] Number of prepackaged commodities tested	13,840	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
[S] Number of package violations detected	705	800	800	800	800



1606-Forestry

Program Authorization

This program is authorized by the following legislation:

- R.S.36:621; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 3, Chapter 28, Part 1, Section 4271.

Program Description

PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of the Office of Forestry is to protect, conserve and replenish the forest resources of the state.

PROGRAM GOAL(S):

The goal of the Office of Forestry is to ensure sustained, multiuse forestlands for the citizens of Louisiana. This goal takes into account the production of wood fiber while enhancing the recreational, wildlife and environmental values of forestlands.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

Forestry Protection – The primary objectives are detection, suppression, and prevention of wildfires on the forestlands of Louisiana. Included in these objectives are community education, training, and outreach.

Forestry Management – The primary objective is to provide landowner assistance to ensure proper forest management practices. These services include technical and practical assistance as administering landowner subsidy programs.

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$22,799,491	\$10,980,047	\$11,009,237	\$11,805,892	\$11,196,940	\$187,703
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	4,517,618	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	308,400	529,536	529,536	538,030	529,536	0
Statutory Dedications	8,696,800	6,419,056	8,685,036	6,272,620	6,245,735	(2,439,301)
Federal Funds	9,057,199	3,551,272	8,274,631	3,613,877	3,551,272	(4,723,359)
Total Means of Finance	45,379,509	21,479,911	28,498,440	22,230,419	21,523,483	(6,974,957)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	14,339,804	14,953,369	14,953,369	15,553,777	14,996,941	43,572
Operating Expenses	3,790,073	4,655,235	4,684,425	4,782,789	4,655,235	(29,190)
Professional Services	15,633	822,839	822,839	845,385	822,839	0
Other Charges	18,695,769	1,048,468	1,048,468	1,048,468	1,048,468	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	8,538,230	0	6,989,339	0	0	(6,989,339)
Total Expenditures & Request	45,379,509	21,479,911	28,498,440	22,230,419	21,523,483	(6,974,957)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	179	179	179	179	177	(2)
Unclassified	2	2	2	2	2	0
Total Authorized Positions	181	181	181	181	179	(2)
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Fees & Self-generated Revenues derived from:
 - Timber sales from the State Forests;
 - Funds received for forestry program services;
 - Fees assessed for prescribed burning and general forestry assistance materials; and
 - Application fees for Forestry Productivity Program.
- Statutory Dedications from the following funds:
 - Forest Protection Fund (R.S. 3:4321);
 - Forest Productivity Fund (R.S. 3:4411(B));
 - Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund (R.S. 3:277; R.S. 27:392(B)(4); and
 - Wildfire Suppression Subfund (R.S. 3:4321).
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Kisatchie National Forest Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service State Fire Assistance Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Cooperative Forest Health Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Forestry Stewardship Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Forest Legacy Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Program;
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program; and
 - U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency Natural Disaster and Recovery Supplement Program.

Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.

Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
11,009,237	28,498,440	181	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025

Statewide Adjustments

\$(309,840)	\$(309,840)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$5,212	\$5,212	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$78,402	\$78,402	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$396,776	\$396,776	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(1,857,790)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$(29,190)	\$(5,160,739)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$(246,996)	\$(246,996)	(2)	Personnel Reductions
\$146,748	\$146,748	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$(126,340)	\$(126,340)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$99,610	\$99,610	0	Salary Base Adjustment
14,382	(6,974,957)	(2)	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$100,000	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution reducing Statutory Dedications out the Forestry Productivity Fund and increasing State General Fund (Direct) based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
\$73,321	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution reducing Statutory Dedications out the Wildfire Suppression Subfund and increasing State General Fund (Direct) based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
173,321	0	0	Total Non-Statewide
11,196,940	21,523,483	179	Total Recommended

Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Fees & Self-generated Revenues	308,400	529,536	529,536	538,030	529,536	0

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	7,184,320	4,274,056	6,363,792	4,282,636	4,274,056	(2,089,736)
Forest Protection Fund	526,276	820,000	996,244	836,292	820,000	(176,244)
Forestry Productivity Fund	111,204	350,000	350,000	252,013	250,000	(100,000)
Wildfire Suppression Subfund	875,000	975,000	975,000	901,679	901,679	(73,321)

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$17,055	Medical and Dental Services (CDL Medicals)
\$805,784	LWIN Tech Vendor payments and Chemical Applicators for FHP
\$822,839	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
\$225,419	Forest Protection contracts, operating services, and supplies
\$225,419	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
Interagency Transfers:	
\$107,691	Civil Service Fees
\$666,416	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$48,942	Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Telecommunications
\$823,049	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$1,048,468	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs.

Objective: 1606-01 To maintain a 13.2 acre fire size and minimize structure and property loss relating to wildfire.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Average fire size (acres)	12.99	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2
[S] Percentage of area under protection which burned	0%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%
[S] Number of wildfires	495	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
[S] Residences under program protection that suffer damage from wildfires	11	25	25	25	25

Objective: 1606-02 To increase private, non-industrial forestland productivity through the promotion of sound forest management practices by providing technical and practical assistance.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Number of landowners assisted	1,034	450	450	450	450
[K] Number of acres where landowners received assistance with prescribed burning, installing fire lines, installing permanent fire breaks, and site prep burns.	12,576	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
[S] Number of forest management and practice plans written	605	791	791	791	791



1607-Soil and Water Conservation

Program Authorization

This program is authorized by the following legislation:

- *R.S. Title 3, Chapter 9, Parts I and II.*

Program Description

PROGRAM MISSION:

The fortitude of Louisiana's economic, social and environmental state is intrinsically linked to the productivity of its soil and water resources. The mission of the Office of Soil and Water Conservation ("OSWC") is to conserve and sustain these resources on Louisiana's croplands, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, urban areas and waterways. This mission is accomplished by providing financial assistance, administrative guidance and coordination to Louisiana's 44 Soil and Water Conservation districts ("SWCD") and implementation of conservation and resource management programs on private lands. The SWCD's, with assistance from the OSWC and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, provide conservation planning implementation assistance to Louisiana land owners and land managers. Through this unique federal-state-local partnership, a wide range of management practices are planned and implemented to protect soil health, water quality and to enhance the state's natural resources. The enhancement and protection of Louisiana's natural resources are paramount to the health, safety, livelihood and general welfare of Louisiana's citizens.

PROGRAM GOAL(S):

To achieve a productive balance between Louisiana agricultural production and processing and a healthy environment, wherein soil loss is reduced to within tolerable limits, water quality impairments that are due to agricultural processes are significantly reduced, and the quality of the state's wildlife habitat, wetlands and other natural areas and resources are enhanced.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

OSWC/LDNR Multi-Year Coastal Marsh Revegetation Planting Program – Agreement between the Program and the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, through which the OSWC and the coastal SWCD's to plan and implement vegetation planting for erosion control and restoration on private and state owned coastal marshes.

USDA-State Cooperative Soil Survey Program – To ensure the availability of current scientific soils data and interpretive information for the development and application of effective conservation and environmental protection practices.

EPA Clean Water Act, Section 319 - Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program – Implemented through the OSWC, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and local SWCD's by implementing site specific conservation and environmental protection plans within priority watersheds.

Agricultural Solid Waste Management Program – Reduces the costly disposal of agricultural wastes at regulated solid waste sites, increases the beneficial use of most agricultural and forestry processing by-products for improving soil tilth, fertility and production, and protects air and water quality.

Information Education/Outreach Programs – Delivers quality standards-based conservation education materials and resources to classroom educators and students, communities, individuals and agricultural producers throughout the state and creates an awareness of the need for natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

Federal Conservation Programs – Implemented through the OSWC and local SWCD's and is directed toward wetland restoration, soil erosion control, water quality protection, wildlife habitat creation/enhancement and native vegetation restoration.

Feral Swine Abatement Programs Resource Conservation – Implemented through OSWC and local SWCD's to manage populations of feral swine in order to reduce damage of natural resources for soil erosion control, water quality protection, wildlife habitat improvement, stability of threatened/endangered or declining wildlife populations, and lessened disease transmission to native wildlife, livestock, and people.

Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Means of Finance:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$39,770	\$311,493	\$311,493	\$108,220	\$102,493	\$(209,000)
State General Fund by:						
Interagency Transfers	298,310	350,000	350,000	300,301	300,000	(50,000)
Fees & Self-generated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	446,673	565,466	565,466	566,714	565,466	0
Federal Funds	1,601,667	1,859,542	1,859,542	1,959,653	1,956,196	96,654
Total Means of Finance	2,386,420	3,086,501	3,086,501	2,934,888	2,924,155	(162,346)
Expenditures and Request:						
Personnel Services	1,038,209	1,079,465	1,079,465	1,256,197	1,256,197	176,732
Operating Expenses	76,686	391,711	391,711	319,532	308,799	(82,912)
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Charges	1,271,525	1,333,825	1,333,825	1,359,159	1,359,159	25,334
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	0	281,500	281,500	0	0	(281,500)
Total Expenditures & Request	2,386,420	3,086,501	3,086,501	2,934,888	2,924,155	(162,346)
Authorized Positions						
Classified	9	9	9	9	9	0
Unclassified	1	1	1	1	1	0
Total Authorized Positions	10	10	10	10	10	0
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- State General Fund (Direct)
- Interagency Transfers derived from:
 - Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority for developing erosion control plans along the coast of Louisiana, Best Management practices, and water quality and wetland resource programs.
- Statutory Dedications from the following fund:
 - Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund (R.S. 3:277; R.S. 27:392(B)(4)).
- Federal Funds derived from:
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Agricultural Non-Point Grant; and
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of each statutory dedicated fund.



Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
311,493	3,086,501	10	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2025
Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$4,633	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$24,790	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$(281,500)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$(24,235)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$(10,139)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$19,008	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	(267,443)	0	Total Statewide
Non-Statewide Adjustments			
\$0	\$188,763	0	Appoints two (2) Agricultural NPS Watershed Coordinators to four-year job appointments funded through federal grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These positions will provide increased conservation technical assistance to agriculture producers and landowners in the active 319 Project Watersheds and other conservation priority areas as directed.
\$0	\$175,334	0	Increases funds awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) due to five (5) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant extensions and two (2) new Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants being awarded. The grants will provide funding for travel to additional workshops, supplies, and other indirect costs in the Office of Soil and Water Conservation.
\$(209,000)	\$(209,000)	0	Non-recurs funding to the Soil and Water Conservation Program for operating costs for Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
\$0	\$(50,000)	0	Reduces Interagency Transfers from the Department of Environmental Quality for the Lake St. Joseph Nutrient Loading Reduction Program.
(209,000)	105,097	0	Total Non-Statewide
102,493	2,924,155	10	Total Recommended

Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2024-2025	Enacted FY 2025-2026	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/25	Continuation FY 2026-2027	Recommended FY 2026-2027	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	446,673	565,466	565,466	566,714	565,466	0

Professional Services

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Professional Services.

Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
\$1,162,670	Project activities for Non-Point 319, Farm Bill, and PSS programs
\$144,443	Project activities for the Vegetative Planting Program
\$50,000	Project activities for Watershed Technician Program
\$1,357,113	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$2,046	Civil Service Fees
\$2,046	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$1,359,159	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs.	

Objective: 1607-01 Attain a reduction in soil erosion on 550,000 acres of agriculture and forest land for a cumulative total of 3,375,000 tons of soil saved over the next 5 years.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Annual reduction in soil erosion (tons of soil)	667,756	675,000	675,000	675,000	675,000
[S] Number of landowners provided technical assistance	9,235	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
[S] Number of acres treated to reduce erosion	274,229	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000

Objective: 1607-02 To increase the beneficial use of agricultural waste.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Percent of agricultural waste utilized for beneficial use (cumulative)	68%	70%	70%	71%	71%
[S] Number of waste management plans developed (cumulative)	1,315	1,350	1,350	1,385	1,385
[S] Number of site specific plans implemented (cumulative)	1,340	2,005	2,005	1,475	1,475

Objective: 1607-03 To annually restore 25,000 acres of wetlands and assist in the protection of 38 additional miles of shoreline and 95,000 acres of wetland habitat each year.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Acres of agricultural wetlands restored during year	20,567	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
[K] Acres of wetland habitat managed during year	75,970	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
[K] Miles of shoreline treated for erosion control (cumulative)	1,146	1,184	1,184	1,222	1,222



Objective: 1607-04 Reduce water quality impairments caused by agricultural production and processors through annual establishment of vegetative buffers on 30 miles of streambanks, 1,000 acres of riparian habitat, nutrient management on 80,500 acres of agricultural land and 25 animal waste management plans.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Miles of vegetative buffers established (cumulative)	1,181	1,227	1,227	1,257	1,257
[K] Acres of riparian habitat restored (cumulative)	490	400	400	800	800
[K] Number of animal waste management systems implemented (cumulative)	2,106	2,186	2,186	2,175	2,175
[K] Acres of nutrient management systems implemented (cumulative)	1,815,398	1,870,602	1,870,602	1,854,216	1,854,216

Objective: 1607-05 To provide conservation information, education and outreach events and materials to schools, communities, landowners and agricultural producers.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Number of educators trained in water and wetlands conservation.	545	200	200	200	200
[K] Number of students reached through conservation festivals and soil stewardship events	4,964	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
[K] Number of producers certified/recertified for agricultural prescribed burning	203	250	250	250	250
[K] Number of locally-led conservation planning meetings conducted	0	44	44	44	44

Objective: 1607-06 To utilize the existing conservation partnership network of NRCS, LDAF, and SWCDs in collaboration with APHIS to continue carrying out conservation planning, information/outreach training, control and recovery activities for feral swine management on private lands to respond to the threat feral swine pose to agriculture, native ecosystems and human & animal health.

Children's Budget Link Not Applicable

HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link Not Applicable

Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other) Not Applicable

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 24-25	Initially Appropriated FY 25-26	Existing Standard FY 25-26	Continuation Budget FY 26-27	Executive Budget FY 26-27
[K] Number of feral swine removed from private lands through SWCD trapping assistance and aerial activity in coordination with NRCS and APHIS.	8,200	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
[K] Number of landowners in SWCD-led feral swine reduction programs (cumulative).	634	610	610	610	610
[K] Number of SWCDs currently active in private lands feral swine reduction assistance	35	35	35	35	35