

Budget Brief – Department of Agriculture and Food

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SUMMARY

The Department of Agriculture and Food (DAF) is responsible for the administration of Utah’s agricultural laws, which mandate a wide variety of activities including inspection, regulation, information, rulemaking, loan issuance, marketing and development, pest and disease control, improving the economic position of agriculture, and consumer protection. Though not a part of DAF, the Utah State Fair Corporation has been included as a line item in DAF’s budget since FY 2003.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Utah’s Own Promotion

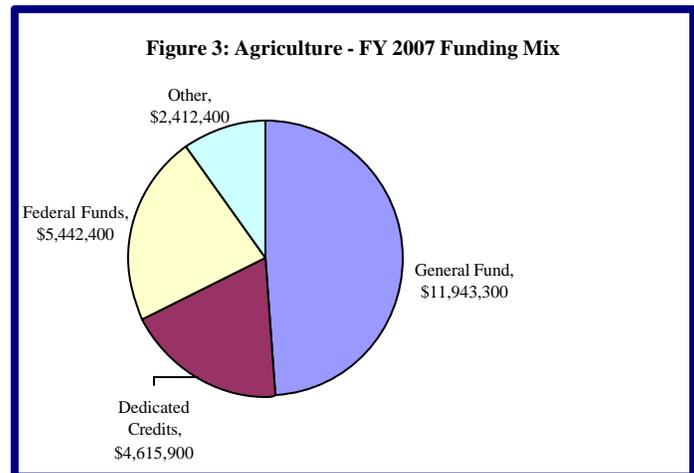
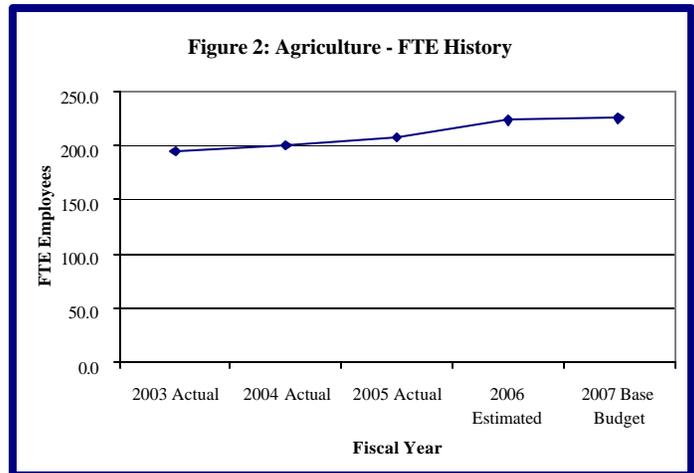
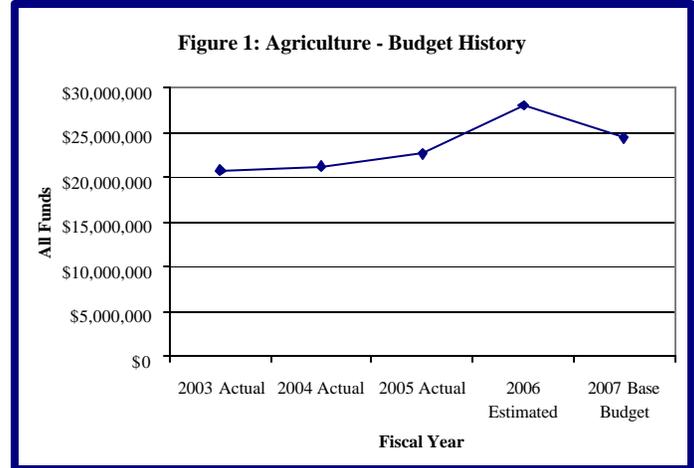
The department is requesting for FY 2006 a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 from the General Fund to stimulate the rural economy by encouraging consumers to buy Utah products. The money will be used to implement the Utah’s Own campaign, which will include advertising and promotion with consumers, grocers, distributors, restaurants, etc. The goal is to increase agriculture sales by 6%. The Analyst recommends the Committee fund this request through reallocation of base budgets.

Rangeland & Invasive Species Program

The agency is requesting funding for one new employee who will be assisting private grazers. The funding will also be used to combat invasive plant species on grazing and rural lands. For FY 2006 the agency is requesting from the General Fund a supplemental appropriation of \$29,000 and for FY 2007 an ongoing appropriation of \$320,000. The Analyst recommends the Committee fund this request through reallocation of base budgets.

Veterinarian Position

One full-time veterinary position is requested by the department to fulfill legislative mandates to control emerging poultry diseases and Trichomoniasis in cattle. The duties will include: administering the Trichomoniasis regulations, performing hatchery inspections, and administering the National Poultry Improvement program. The agency is requesting for FY 2007 an ongoing appropriation of \$81,000 from the General Fund.



State Fair Ticketing System

Currently the Fairpark uses a manual system of ticket sales at the admission gates and during peak times long lines are formed. The agency is requesting for FY 2007 a one-time appropriation of \$25,000 from the General Fund to purchase a new ticketing system.

ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

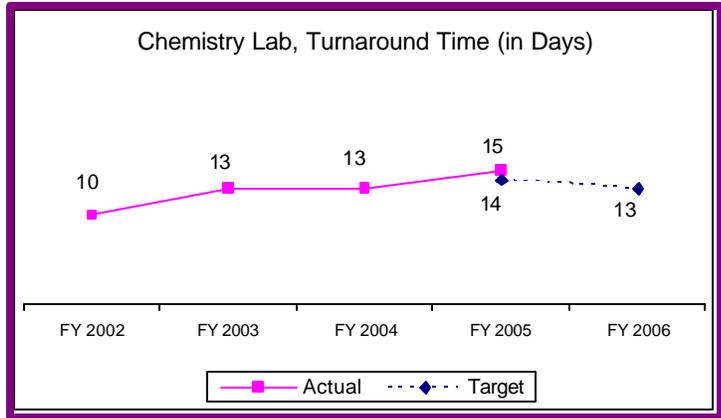
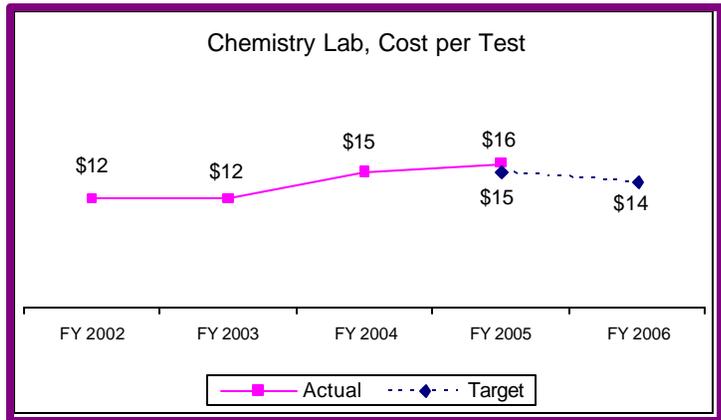
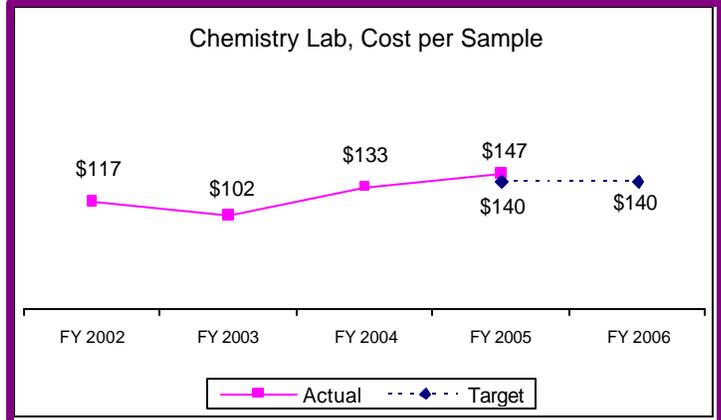
These three indicators provide information on the efficiency of the chemistry laboratory. Increased efficiencies should result in lowered costs and/or shorter turn around time for results.

The costs were affected by the purchase of new equipment, which was necessary in order to perform new tests and update the old equipment. The turnaround time has slightly increased because of loss of FTEs during the budget cuts.

Measure: Cost per sample tested, cost per test performed on each sample, time (days) required to complete all tests and report results to clients.

Goal: Lab efficiency by maintaining or reducing laboratory costs while maintaining or reducing turn around time.

Methodology: Budget spent divided by number of samples and tests performed. Turn around time is calculated based on date sample received until date results reported. This is not "working days".



BUDGET DETAIL***Budget Recommendation***

At this time the Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) has not allocated any General Funds beyond the agencies' base budgets. The Analyst recommends the Appropriations Subcommittee consider the Analyst's recommendations in the Issues and Recommendations section of this Budget Brief and develop a funding priority list for the EAC. None of the requests for funding increase are built in the tables and charts of this Budget Brief.

The Analyst recommends for the Department of Agriculture and Food for FY 2007 a base budget appropriation of \$24,414,000, with \$11,943,300 from the General Fund (see Budget Detail Table).

Intent Language

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation for conservation easements, whether granted to charitable organizations specified under UCA 57-18-3 or held by the Department of Agriculture & Food, be used to conserve agricultural lands and be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds collected in the Organic Certification Program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funding approved for Soil Conservation District elections be nonlapsing and be spent only during even-numbered years when elections take place.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Soil Conservation Districts submit annual reports documenting supervisory expenses to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the Soil Conservation Commission. It is also the intent of the Legislature that these documents be reviewed and reported to the Governor and the Legislature.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Agricultural Inspection Program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Grain Inspection Program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Auction Market be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Predatory Animal Control Program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Resource Conservation program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that collections for the "Ag Tag" license plate be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Utah State Fair Corporation be nonlapsing.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

This section is a summary of what actions might be taken if the Legislature wishes to adopt the recommendations of this Budget Brief.

The Analyst recommends the Legislature consider adopting for FY 2007:

- A base budget for the Department of Agriculture and Food for FY 2007 a base budget appropriation of \$24,414,000, with \$11,943,300 from the General Fund
- The intent language as presented in this Budget Brief

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Agriculture						
Sources of Finance	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2006 Revised	Changes	FY 2007* Base Budget
General Fund	10,451,400	11,943,300	0	11,943,300	0	11,943,300
General Fund, One-time	481,700	213,000	0	213,000	(213,000)	0
Federal Funds	3,772,000	2,345,700	3,200,700	5,546,400	(104,000)	5,442,400
Dedicated Credits Revenue	5,577,200	4,633,800	194,000	4,827,800	(211,900)	4,615,900
Restricted Revenue	268,300	0	0	0	0	0
GFR - Horse Racing	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
GFR - Livestock Brand	816,700	931,000	0	931,000	(68,500)	862,500
GFR - Wildlife Damage Prev	554,700	582,900	0	582,900	(516,400)	66,500
Agri Resource Development	629,400	629,400	0	629,400	0	629,400
Utah Rural Rehab Loan	18,000	18,000	0	18,000	0	18,000
Transfers	741,300	777,800	(5,200)	772,600	2,600	775,200
Transfers - Natural Resources	0	0	69,300	69,300	(69,300)	0
Pass-through	29,200	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	2,915,200	580,400	2,371,300	2,951,700	(2,371,700)	580,000
Closing Nonlapsing	(3,068,500)	(550,200)	19,200	(531,000)	(38,200)	(569,200)
Lapsing Balance	(581,700)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$22,654,900	\$22,155,100	\$5,849,300	\$28,004,400	(\$3,590,400)	\$24,414,000
Line Items						
Administration	15,836,600	15,263,400	5,829,200	21,092,600	(3,434,700)	17,657,900
Building Operations	270,000	270,000	0	270,000	0	270,000
Utah State Fair Corporation	3,692,300	3,685,600	0	3,685,600	(29,900)	3,655,700
Predatory Animal Control	1,373,100	1,236,400	19,100	1,255,500	(22,600)	1,232,900
Resource Conservation	1,278,100	1,385,600	1,000	1,386,600	(103,200)	1,283,400
Loans	204,800	314,100	0	314,100	0	314,100
Total	\$22,654,900	\$22,155,100	\$5,849,300	\$28,004,400	(\$3,590,400)	\$24,414,000
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	10,907,900	12,306,900	787,800	13,094,700	(268,100)	12,826,600
In-State Travel	274,700	258,600	230,200	488,800	(45,600)	443,200
Out of State Travel	111,500	106,400	49,500	155,900	(9,000)	146,900
Current Expense	2,519,700	2,033,400	1,236,200	3,269,600	(726,400)	2,543,200
DP Current Expense	363,700	273,100	383,500	656,600	(381,700)	274,900
DP Capital Outlay	22,300	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	282,400	0	726,500	726,500	(684,500)	42,000
Other Charges/Pass Thru	8,123,700	7,176,700	2,435,600	9,612,300	(1,475,100)	8,137,200
Operating Transfers	49,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$22,654,900	\$22,155,100	\$5,849,300	\$28,004,400	(\$3,590,400)	\$24,414,000
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	208.1	219.1	5.0	224.1	1.9	226.0

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.