



# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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ISSUE BRIEF

## Summary

This document summarizes the budget requests for the Department of Agriculture and Food, including:

- New Funding
- Funding Reallocations
- Legislative Intent Language, and
- Fee Changes

## New Funding

The Analyst recommends the following funding requests:

### 1. Conservation Districts

This is funding that may be needed to hire current UACD employees, as part of the restructuring of how the Conservation Commission funds the Conservation Districts. A Legislative Audit recommended changes in how the state is funding the 38 Conservation Districts. The plan is to no longer send the funds to the Utah Association of Conservation Districts (UACD), a nonprofit organization, but to hire staff and use the Conservation Commission to distribute the funding.

	One Time	Ongoing
General Fund		\$300,000
General Fund, One-time	\$400,000	
Federal Funds	\$500,000	
Agri Resource Development	\$80,000	
Transfers	\$340,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,320,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

### 2. Natural Gas Inspector: \$184,300 – Supplemental and \$73,900 – Ongoing

Due to lack of resources, the Weights and Measures Program has not been inspecting Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) vehicle fueling devices. This funding will allow for one inspector, vehicle, and the necessary equipment. This request is for dedicated credits.

### 3. Calibration Standards: \$102,700 – Supplemental

The standards used by the Weights and Measures Program to assure that goods sold are accurately weighed and measured need to be periodically calibrated. This request is for dedicated credits.

### 4. Fuel Lab Equipment and Calibration: \$128,900 – Supplemental

The Motor Fuel Laboratory is currently unable to meet the requirements for testing of motor fuels due to testing equipment that is inadequate or not properly calibrated. This request is for dedicated credits.

**5. Grazing Improvement Program: \$1,000,000**

The department is requesting additional one-time funds for Grazing Improvement Projects from the restricted fund.

**Reallocations**

During the past two general sessions, the Legislature transferred programs and their funding from the department’s Administration line item to several newly created line items. At the time of the transfers, it was unknown the exact amounts from each funding source that would be needed in the new line items. This year, with the information gained since the change took place, the department is requesting the Legislature make the following adjustments among the programs and line items. These transactions are net zero to the department’s budget.

Index:		FY 2015	FY 2016
1	<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$115,100</b>	<b>(\$345,600)</b>
2	<i>General Fund</i>	\$0	(\$766,000)
3	<i>General Fund, One-time</i>	(\$40,800)	\$0
4	<i>Federal Funds</i>	\$155,900	\$420,400
5	<b>Marketing and Development</b>	<b>\$16,200</b>	<b>\$118,200</b>
6	<i>General Fund</i>	\$0	\$118,200
7	<i>General Fund, One-time</i>	\$16,200	\$0
8	<b>Animal Health</b>	<b>\$70,900</b>	<b>\$360,800</b>
9	<i>General Fund</i>	\$0	\$360,800
10	<i>General Fund, One-time</i>	\$144,800	\$0
11	<i>Dedicated Credits Revenue</i>	\$0	\$0
12	<i>Federal Funds</i>	(\$73,900)	\$0
13	<b>Plant Industry</b>	<b>(\$285,900)</b>	<b>(\$265,100)</b>
14	<i>General Fund</i>	\$0	\$155,300
15	<i>General Fund, One-time</i>	(\$222,900)	\$0
16	<i>Federal Funds</i>	(\$63,000)	(\$420,400)
17	<i>Dedicated Credits Revenue</i>	\$0	\$0
18	<b>Regulatory Services</b>	<b>\$83,700</b>	<b>\$131,700</b>
19	<i>General Fund</i>	\$0	\$131,700
20	<i>General Fund, One-time</i>	\$102,700	\$0
21	<i>Federal Funds</i>	(\$19,000)	\$0
22	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Legislative Intent Language**

The Analyst recommends the Legislature approve the following pieces of intent language:

**Nonlapsing**

**1. Agriculture Administration: \$500,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 26, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Computer Equipment/Software \$35,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$140,000; Equipment/Supplies \$75,000; Special Projects/Studies \$250,000.

**2. Animal Health: \$300,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 27, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Employee Training/Incentives \$75,000; Special Projects/Studies \$225,000.

**3. Plant Industry: \$950,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 28, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Capital Equipment or Improvements \$100,000; Computer Equipment/Software \$50,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$60,000; Equipment/Supplies \$100,000; Vehicles \$40,000; Special Projects/Studies \$600,000.

**4. Regulatory Services: \$750,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 26, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Computer Equipment/Software \$50,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$80,000; Equipment/Supplies \$100,000; Special Projects/Studies \$520,000.

**5. Marketing and Development: \$200,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the General Administration line item in Item 26, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Employee Training/Incentives \$40,000; Equipment/Supplies \$50,000; Special Projects/Studies \$110,000.

**6. Predatory Animal Control: \$320,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Predatory Animal Control in Item 30, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Employee Training/Incentives \$40,000; Equipment/Supplies \$50,000; Vehicles \$30,000; Special Projects/Studies \$200,000.

**7. Resource Conservation: \$200,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Resource Conservation in Item 32, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to: Capital Equipment or Improvements \$30,000; Computer Equipment/Software \$25,000; Employee Training/Incentives \$20,000; Equipment/Supplies \$20,000; Vehicles \$25,000; Special Projects/Studies \$80,000.

**8. Rangeland Improvement: \$1,000,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Rangeland Improvement in Item 33, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to rangeland improvement projects \$1,000,000.

**9. Invasive Species Mitigation: \$1,000,000**

Under the terms of 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Invasive Species Mitigation in Item 32, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2014, shall not lapse at the close of FY 2015. Expenditures of these funds are limited to invasive species mitigation projects \$1,000,000.

***Other Intent*****10. Predatory Animal Control**

The Legislature intends that Department of Agriculture and Food purchase one new vehicle in FY 2015 for the Predatory Animal Control line item.

**11. Regulatory Services**

The Legislature intends that Department of Agriculture and Food purchase one new vehicle in FY 2015 for the Regulatory Services line item.

**12. Resource Conservation**

The Legislature intends that Department of Agriculture and Food purchase seven new vehicles in FY 2015 for the Resource Conservation line item.

**Federal Funds**

The Federal Fund requests for the Department of Agriculture and Food can be found on page 3 of “Agencies’ Requests for Federal Funds” (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2015/pdf/00000824.pdf>).

**Fees**

The fee schedule for the division can be found in COBI under the “Financials” tab ([http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2015/agcy\\_570.htm#financialsTab](http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2015/agcy_570.htm#financialsTab)). They are requesting the following fee changes:

	Old Fee	New Fee	Change
Agriculture - Administration - Chemistry Laboratory			
Certification			
Milk Laboratory Evaluation Program			
H2O Coliform Confirmation Test	18.00	5.00	-13.00
H2O Coliform Total Count	5.00	18.00	13.00
Subtotal, Chemistry Laboratory			