

CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD (304) - 2009-11 BIENNIUM

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board was created by Act 271 of 1997. The Board has the responsibility to promote the growth and development of the corn and grain sorghum industries through research, extension, promotion and market development. The Board is made up of seven producers appointed by the Governor. Three are nominated by and represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and two each are nominated by and represent Riceland Foods, Inc, and The Agriculture Council of Arkansas.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the 2009-11 Biennium is \$1,200,000 each fiscal year.

FUNDING SOURCE

The board is funded entirely by special revenues resulting from a one cent per bushel assessment on all corn and grain sorghum produced in Arkansas for market.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

- The **Corn & Grain Sorghum** appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides a total appropriation of \$1.2 million each fiscal year with additional change levels of:
 1. Operating Expenses increased by \$15,000 each fiscal year to cover increases in administrative expenses.
 2. Research & Development increased by \$557,800 each fiscal year to enable the Board to provide increases in research, promotion and market development programs.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Seven-member board appointed by the Governor with no authorized regular salary positions.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.