

ARKANSAS BEEF COUNCIL (302) - 2009-11 BIENNIUM

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Beef Council was created by Act 160 of 1983. The Council's purpose is to administer a program of beef research, promotion and market development on behalf of the Arkansas cattle industry. The Council is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget of the 2009-11 Biennium is \$1,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000 the second year.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The Beef Council is funded entirely through special revenues collected from an assessment of \$1 per head on all cattle sold in Arkansas. **Note:** There is a proposed increase in the federally established assessment rate from \$1 to \$2 a head of cattle sold in the state in FY2011.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

- The **Operations** appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides a total appropriation of \$1.1 million the first year and \$2.1 million the second year of the biennium with the following change levels:
  1. Operating Expenses increased by \$37,000 the second year only to utilize the potential increase in revenues.
  2. Research & Development increased by \$963,000 the second year only to provide more research and development grants.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

There are no authorized regular salary positions for the Arkansas Beef Council.

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

None.