

CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD (304)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

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 is \$1,200,000 each fiscal year of the biennium.

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 **Operations** appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides Base Level of \$950,000 each year with a Change Level of \$250,000 each year for a total appropriation of \$1,200,000 each fiscal year of the biennium, which includes:
 1. Research/Development increased by \$250,000 each year due to increased costs in the promotion of research and development of corn and grain sorghum.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

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

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE.