

ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD (344)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Arkansas Wheat Promotion board was created by Act 283 of 1985. The purpose of the Board is to plan and conduct a program of research, market development and advertising to promote the wheat industry in Arkansas. The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget is \$791,871 for each fiscal year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Board is funded entirely from special revenues collected from a one cent per bushel assessment on all wheat grown in Arkansas.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

- The **Operations** appropriation, funded by Special Revenues, provides Base Level of \$373,938 each year with a Change Level of \$417,933 each year for a total appropriation of \$791,871 each fiscal year of the biennium, which includes:
 1. Research/Development increased by \$417,933 each year to provide for increased costs in the promotion of research and development of wheat, and to enhance the Arkansas wheat industry.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Nine-member Board appointed by the Governor with no authorized regular salary positions.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE.