

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 686 - Corn and Grain Sorghum

Funding Sources: SGS - AR Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board Fund

The purpose of the Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board is to promote the growth and development of the corn and grain sorghum industries in the State of Arkansas. The funds are primarily used to maintain a program of research through the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. A small portion is used for other programs designed to enhance the Arkansas corn and grain sorghum industries.

The Board is funded entirely by Special Revenues collected from a one cent per bushel assessment at the first point of sale or when the corn or grain sorghum enters the USDA loan program and is applicable to all corn and grain sorghum produced in Arkansas for market. The Board utilizes these funds to finance operating expenses and to conduct a program of research, market development and promotion. In recent years, fluctuations in both crop prices and in the number of corn acres farmed in Arkansas have caused the Board's revenues to increase from approximately \$209,000 in FY2007 to over \$950,000 in FY2008 and almost \$600,000 in FY2009.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation of \$1.2 million each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

Appropriation Summary

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Commitment Item		2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Operating Expenses	5020002	16,935	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Research/Development	5900031	556,965	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000
Total		573,900	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	404,305	354,623		354,623	354,623	354,623	354,623	354,623	354,623
Special Revenue	4000030	524,218	1,200,000		1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Total Funding		928,523	1,554,623		1,554,623	1,554,623	1,554,623	1,554,623	1,554,623	1,554,623
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(354,623)	(354,623)		(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)
Grand Total		573,900	1,200,000		1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000