

RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD (326)
FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019
PER EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Rice Research and Promotion Board was created by Act 725 of 1985. The Board is responsible to plan and conduct a program of research, extension, promotion and market development to foster the growth and development of the rice industry in Arkansas.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$21,980,696 in fiscal years 2019 and 2019.

FUNDING SOURCE

The board's appropriations are funded by special revenues collected from an assessment of 1.35 cents per bushel paid by both the rice producer and the first point of sale buyer in Arkansas (total of \$2.70 per bushel) and cash funds derived from the Tariff Rate Quota Program.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Operations - Research and Development - No change level requests

New Appropriation Tariff Rate Quota - New \$15 million cash appropriation requested in order to comply with state law regarding the expending of the Tariff Rate Quota cash funds that the agency receives as part of nationally negotiated trade agreements.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 0)

Total Positions FY2019: 0

Total Positions FY2018: 0

Total Base Level Positions: 0

Increase/(Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018 and FY2019: 0 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.