

**9901 ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2026
As Enacted by Act 898 of 2025**

TOTAL APPROPRIATION – AGRI DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
2ZR	Agri Dept - Operations	\$15,369,044	\$15,765,112	\$16,149,515
36J	L&P Animal Disease Control & Eradication Prgm	\$808,164	\$1,185,477	\$1,177,905
36K	L&P Egg Grading Program	\$2,776,565	\$4,562,134	\$4,694,134
36N	Agri Laboratory Testing	\$1,872,129	\$2,446,864	\$2,446,864
36U	L&P Equine Infect Anemia	\$109,753	\$439,157	\$439,157
36V	L&P Animal Health	\$215,969	\$688,499	\$688,499
37A	Admn/Pest Control	\$7,892,889	\$10,541,160	\$11,745,422
37C	Public Grain Warehouse	\$274,218	\$328,475	\$348,064
37D	Pest Surveillance	\$223,491	\$300,244	\$300,244
37E	Apiary	\$138,170	\$208,116	\$208,116
37F	Agri Product Marketing Program	\$1,062,537	\$1,476,958	\$4,508,717
37G	Pest/Plant Reg Program	\$752,826	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
37N	Forestry-Operations-Special	\$13,869,965	\$19,305,173	\$16,739,593
37P	Forestry-Rural Comm Fire Protection-Fed	\$853,808	\$1,320,059	\$1,702,156
37Q	Forestry-Urban Forestry Services-Federal	\$114,030	\$199,500	\$2,074,500
37R	Forestry-Rural Fire Protection Service Loans	\$313,562	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
37S	Forestry-St Forestry Trust Program	\$98,293	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000
37T	Forestry-Southern Pine Beetle Prevention	\$170,600	\$150,000	\$230,000
37X	Forestry-Forest Legacy	\$5,063	\$150,899	\$7,625,399
37Y	Forestry-Silvctrl Non-Point Program	\$6,226	\$40,000	\$40,000
AS5	AR Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
BE9	Agri Scholarship Program	\$19,000	\$970,000	\$970,000
BH1	Operations - Registered Foresters	\$3,797	\$46,168	\$46,393

BH2	Operations-Veterinary Medical Examining	\$81,025	\$167,401	\$168,238
D25	Refunds/Transfers	\$0	\$4,515,600	\$50,500
E79	Meat Inspection Program	\$0	\$750,000	\$606,083
E86	Feral Hog Eradication	\$145,433	\$3,000,000	\$200,000
E87	Agri Fair Funding Program	\$939,838	\$1,519,272	\$1,655,272
E88	Forestry - Rural Fire Protection Program	\$44,590	\$70,000	\$70,000
E89	Meat Inspection Program - General Revenue	\$216,162	\$859,018	\$250,000
N47	Agri Cash Operations	\$217,974	\$1,042,000	\$402,682
X48	Industrial Hemp Research Program	\$3,480	\$300,000	\$99,500
Z37	Department of Agriculture	\$8,302,886	\$9,742,045	\$10,115,613
Total		\$56,913,487	\$88,569,331	\$92,242,566

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	42.95
General Revenue	4000010	21.79
Federal Revenue	4000020	15.32
Special Revenue	4000030	24.32
Non-Revenue Receipts	4000040	0.33
Cash Fund	4000045	0.21
Other	4000370	2.28
Restricted Reserve Fund	4000755	0.19
Total Funds		100.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATION – NATURAL RESOURCES

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
129	Beaver Eradication Program	\$129,443	\$150,000	\$150,000
1AA	Dam Inventory	\$85,136	\$605,527	\$638,585
1EE	Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution Abatement	\$24,272,533	\$90,235,663	\$90,187,895
262	Natural Resources - Operations	\$2,619,248	\$2,966,507	\$2,024,635
263	Grants and Attorney Services	\$57,499	\$91,711	\$91,711

2BU	Flood Insurance Program	\$592,124	\$5,242,635	\$5,262,450
2GE	Water/Sewer/Solid Waste-State	\$65,562	\$84,296	\$84,296
2RG	Water Quality Implementation	\$1,665,984	\$1,937,498	\$1,675,498
383	Conservation District Grants	\$196,723	\$250,000	\$1,772,672
420	Natural Resources - Cash	\$3,024,257	\$9,016,951	\$9,686,552
527	Construction Asst Revolving Loan Fund Program	\$785,774	\$990,776	\$1,002,635
808	Water Research	\$42,800	\$42,800	\$42,800
924	Water/Sewer/Solid Waste	\$1,517,138	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
997	NonPoint Source Pollution Control Program	\$3,639,813	\$7,989,825	\$9,607,665
BH3	Operations-Soil Classifiers Registration	\$50	\$1,296	\$1,296
BZ8	Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices	\$0	\$0	\$2,445,538
E30	Feral Swine Eradication and Control	\$927,996	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000
U31	Water Use Program	\$0	\$125,000	\$125,000
U38	Conservation Technical Assistance	\$830,165	\$1,269,872	\$1,292,330
Z30	Unpaved Roads	\$353,454	\$300,000	\$600,000
Total		\$40,805,699	\$130,300,357	\$134,191,558

FUNDING SOURCES - NATURAL RESOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	60.81
General Revenue	4000010	4.26
Federal Revenue	4000020	5.75
Cash Fund	4000045	3.00
Bond Proceeds	4000125	20.95
Loan Repayment	4000330	9.60
Total Funds		100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

L&P Egg Grading Program (Appropriation 36K)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5110014	Refunds/Reimbursements	\$1,462,968	\$1,594,968	\$132,000
Total		\$1,462,968	\$1,594,968	\$132,000

- Increase due to egg grading rate increase

Forestry-Operations-Special (Appropriation 37N)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$7,152,968	\$7,084,408	(\$68,560)
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$3,021,713	\$2,989,693	(\$32,020)
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$2,510,744	\$2,710,744	\$200,000
5090005	District Office Replacement	\$600,000	\$400,000	(\$200,000)
5900048	Forest Legacy Program	\$3,190,000	\$0	(\$3,190,000)
5900051	Underserved Landowner Outreach	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
5900052	Outreach and Planting Aid	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000
Total		\$16,475,425	\$13,909,845	(\$2,565,580)

- Reallocation of \$200,000 from District Office Replacement to Operation Expenses to better align with actual spend.
- Reallocation of \$3,190,000 to Forest Legacy Program Appropriation (37X) for future land acquisition cost.
- Increase of \$500,000 in the Underserved Landowner Outreach line to accommodate federal grant awards.
- Increase of \$225,000 in the Outreach and Planting Aid line to accommodate federal grant awards.

Forestry-Urban Forestry Services-Federal (Appropriation 37Q)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Urban and Community Forestry	\$0	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000
Total		\$0	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000

- Increase of \$1,875,000 to better align with additional federal funding.

Forestry-Southern Pine Beetle Prevention (Appropriation 37T)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$150,000	\$230,000	\$80,000
Total		\$150,000	\$230,000	\$80,000

- Increase of \$80,000 due to federal grant awards.

Forestry-Forest Legacy (Appropriation 37X)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$137,500	\$0	(\$137,500)
5900046	Forest Legacy Administration	\$0	\$157,000	\$157,000
5900047	White River Headwaters Project	\$0	\$1,455,000	\$1,455,000
5900048	Forest Legacy Program	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Total		\$137,500	\$7,612,000	\$7,474,500

- Discontinuation of \$137,000 in Grants and Aid to better align with actual spend.
- Increase of \$6,000,000 for future land acquisition cost.

Refunds/Transfers (Appropriation D25)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5110014	Refunds/Reimbursements	\$4,515,100	\$50,000	(\$4,465,100)
Total		\$4,515,100	\$50,000	(\$4,465,100)

- Decrease to better align with funding expenditures

Meat Inspection Program (Appropriation E79)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	State Meat Inspection Program	\$750,000	\$606,083	(\$143,917)
Total		\$750,000	\$606,083	(\$143,917)

- Decrease to better align with general revenue allocation.

Feral Hog Eradication (Appropriation E86)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Feral Hog Eradication	\$3,000,000	\$200,000	(\$2,800,000)
Total		\$3,000,000	\$200,000	(\$2,800,000)

- Decrease to better align with the federal allocation of the program.

Meat Inspection Program - General Revenue (Appropriation E89)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$368,792	\$150,000	(\$218,792)
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$150,226	\$85,000	(\$65,226)
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$340,000	\$15,000	(\$325,000)
Total		\$859,018	\$250,000	(\$609,018)

- Decrease to better align with general revenue allocation.

Agri Cash Operations (Appropriation N47)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
5900046	Buffalo River Watershed Grants & Projects	\$1,000,000	\$160,682	(\$839,318)
Total		\$1,000,000	\$360,682	(\$639,318)

- Increase of \$200,000 in Conference & Travel to support Department-Sponsored events.
- Decrease of \$839,318 due to better align with remaining funding allocation

Industrial Hemp Research Program (Appropriation X48)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Industrial Hemp Research Program	\$300,000	\$99,500	(\$200,500)
Total		\$300,000	\$99,500	(\$200,500)

- Decrease of \$200,500 to better align with current funding levels.

Water Quality Implementation - NRC (Appropriation 2RG)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$762,000	\$500,000	(\$262,000)
Total		\$762,000	\$500,000	(\$262,000)

- Decrease of \$262,000 in Grants and Aid to better align with anticipated funding.

Conservation District Grants - NRC (Appropriation 383)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Conservation District Grants & Assistance	\$0	\$1,522,672	\$1,522,672
Total		\$0	\$1,522,672	\$1,522,672

- New fund center made to establish the Conservation District Grants & Assistance line item to consolidate appropriations into a single fund center.

NonPoint Source Pollution Control Program - NRC (Appropriation 997)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$282,533	\$294,446	\$11,913
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$113,612	\$113,166	(\$446)
5900049	Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse	\$0	\$1,606,373	\$1,606,373
Total		\$396,145	\$2,013,985	\$1,617,840

- Restoration of \$50,000 in Capital Outlay to replace equipment for water quality projects.
- Increase of \$1,606,373 to provide sufficient appropriation for the federal grant.

Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices -NRC (Appropriation BZ8)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices	\$0	\$2,445,538	\$2,445,538
Total		\$0	\$2,445,538	\$2,445,538

- Restoration of \$2,445,538 in Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices to provide sufficient appropriation for the federal grant award.

Feral Swine Eradication and Control - NRC (Appropriation E30)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Feral Swine Eradication and Control	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	(\$1,500,000)
Total		\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	(\$1,500,000)

- Decrease to align with federal allocation.

Unpaved Roads - NRC (Appropriation Z30)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Unpaved Roads Grants & Aid or Operating Expenses	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$300,000
Total		\$300,000	\$600,000	\$300,000

- Increase of \$300,000 due to increased number of projects.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 602

Total Authorized Positions FY2026:675

Increase/(Decrease) 73 - Increase due to adding of Natural Resources into Dept. of Agri.

Extra Help Positions FY2026: 184

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

New Language:

CARRY FORWARD: Allows up to \$500,000 to be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year to help with maintenance and operating costs associated with wildfire suppression

FUND TRANSFER: Allows transfer of up to \$1,180,100 for the purchase of firefighting equipment and forest fire suppression activities to the State Forestry Fund.

REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES: Allows transfer of positions between business areas in the Department of Agriculture up to 5% in a fiscal year.

SESSION AMENDMENTS:

Amendment added \$2,000 to each of the 68 County Fairs budget, updated total appropriation for Agri Fair Funding.