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SENATE BILL 36

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2026-
2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ESE01A	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE EXE04
(2)	EEX09A	CHIEF OF STAFF I	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
(4)	FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
(5)	SLA01C	LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
(6)	CPR01C	CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS I	1	GRADE SPC06



(7)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
(8)	HDH02C HR ADMINISTRATOR I	1	GRADE SPC05
(9)	SLA02C LABORATORY MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC05
(10)	CMA02C MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05
(11)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	3	GRADE SPC05
(12)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	3	GRADE SPC02
(13)	FFS01C FISCAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SGS10
(14)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS09
(15)	PAG05P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(16)	PAG08P FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(17)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(18)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE SGS07
(19)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(20)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(21)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(22)	PAG04P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
(23)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
(24)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(25)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(26)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS05
(27)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
(28)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS04
(29)	CMA03P MARKETING SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
(30)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
(31)	MVE03P VETERINARY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE MED09
(32)	SAL03C AGRICULTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE LES08
(33)	SAL02P AGRICULTURE ENFORCEMENT AGENT II	2	GRADE LES04
(34)	SAL01P AGRICULTURE ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	3	GRADE LES03
(35)	IIA01C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER I	1	GRADE IST10
(36)	IDM01P DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST09
(37)	IAS05P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER II	1	GRADE IST08
(38)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	1	GRADE IST07
(39)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	4	GRADE IST06
(40)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
(41)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
(42)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06

(43) EEX02A AGRICULTURE DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(44) IDN01P DATA ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST07
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	67	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three (3) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,316,379
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,483,662
(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,162,067
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
(C) PROF. FEES	704,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,122,008</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX02A	AGRICULTURE DIVISION DIRECTOR	4	GRADE EXE01
(2)	PAV02P	PILOT	2	GRADE SPC08
(3)	PAG01C	AGRICULTURE DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC07
(4)	PAV01P	AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC07
(5)	PAG02C	AGRICULTURE DIVISION MANAGER	12	GRADE SPC06
(6)	SEN02P	ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC06
(7)	PAG10C	FORESTER MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC05
(8)	SLA02C	LABORATORY MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC05
(9)	SGE02P	GEOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
(10)	PAG03C	AGRICULTURE DIV SUPV/EXPERT	2	GRADE SPC03
(11)	PAG07C	DISTRICT FORESTER	7	GRADE SPC03
(12)	SEN01P	ENGINEER	5	GRADE SPC03
(13)	SLA03P	LABORATORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	9	GRADE SPC03
(14)	SGE05P	PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC03
(15)	FAU04P	AUDITOR II	1	GRADE SPC02
(16)	SBI02P	BIOLOGIST II	18	GRADE SPC02
(17)	SCH02P	CHEMIST II	11	GRADE SPC02
(18)	SCN01I	ARCHAEOLOGIST	8	GRADE SPC01
(19)	SCN02P	ECOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC01
(20)	PAG09P	FORESTER	44	GRADE SPC01
(21)	SGE01P	GEOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC01
(22)	SLA06P	LABORATORY TECHNICIAN III	2	GRADE SGS08
(23)	PAG05P	AGRICULTURE PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	24	GRADE SGS07
(24)	FFS05P	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS07
(25)	SAL06P	FOREST RANGER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	59	GRADE SGS07
(26)	IIN05P	INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	5	GRADE SGS07
(27)	SLA05P	LABORATORY TECHNICIAN II	6	GRADE SGS07
(28)	CPR05P	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(29)	CTR02P	TRAINER	2	GRADE SGS07
(30)	PAS04C	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06

(31)	TAT11I TRUCK DRIVER	2	GRADE SGS06
(32)	PAG04P AGRICULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	33	GRADE SGS06
(33)	SIA13P DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
(34)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(35)	SAL05P FOREST RANGER II	64	GRADE SGS06
(36)	IIN03P INSPECTOR III	31	GRADE SGS06
(37)	SLA04P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN I	1	GRADE SGS06
(38)	TAT06P MECHANIC	4	GRADE SGS06
(39)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(40)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	29	GRADE SGS05
(41)	SIA12P DISPATCHER	9	GRADE SGS05
(42)	SAL04P FOREST RANGER I	44	GRADE SGS05
(43)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	11	GRADE SGS05
(44)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	54	GRADE SGS05
(45)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
(46)	TAT02I CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE SGS04
(47)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
(48)	PEP01P CONSERVATION SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
(49)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS04
(50)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	47	GRADE SGS04
(51)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
(52)	TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS03
(53)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS02
(54)	PAG11P FORESTRY TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE SGS02
(55)	MVE01C STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MED10
(56)	MVE03P VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE MED09
(57)	IGI01P GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IST05
(58)	SBI03P BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SPC04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	607	

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred eighty-one (181) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,204,491
(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,062,221
(04) OVERTIME	21,571
(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
(C) PROF. FEES	33,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
(08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,160,147</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - DISEASE CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Animal Health Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal Health - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$543,206

(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	245,853
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	213,846
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,177,905</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,550,361
(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	745,484
(04) OVERTIME	300,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	252,971
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	1,594,968
(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,694,134</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Animal Health Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,600
(02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115,019
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,696,745
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,446,864</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Animal Health Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal Health - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	233,046
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$439,157</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$389,331
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,396
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$688,499</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,379,338
(02) EXTRA HELP	800,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,871,563
(04) OVERTIME	250,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,158,314
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND	

OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
(07) PEST ERADICATION	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,751,478</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$202,230
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,407
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$348,064</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,529
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,932
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000

(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$300,244</u></u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,391
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,170
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$208,116</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - AGRI PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,869,935
(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	666,688

(04) OVERTIME	13,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	461,112
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	538,083
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	854,899
(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,508,717</u></u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses, refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,500</u></u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri Scholarship Program Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$970,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,084,408
(02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,989,693
(04) OVERTIME	52,400
(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,710,744
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000

(C) PROF. FEES	280,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
(08) DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	400,000
(09) FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
(10) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	138,512
(11) UNDERSERVED LANDOWNER OUTREACH	500,000
(12) OUTREACH AND PLANTING AID	<u>225,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,739,593</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$108,363
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,414
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	399,816
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	60,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	270,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>822,563</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,702,156</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture

- State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	82,000
(03) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY	<u>1,875,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,074,500</u></u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses, fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,750,000</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$230,000</u></u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) FOREST LEGACY ADMINISTRATION	157,000

(03) WHITE RIVER HEADWATERS PROJECT	1,455,000
(04) FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM	<u>6,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,625,399</u></u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$36,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000

(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS & PROJECTS	<u>160,682</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$402,682</u></u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Program of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u><u>\$99,500</u></u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - REGISTERED FORESTERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Registered Foresters for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) EXTRA HELP	\$37,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,064
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,329
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$46,393</u></u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICINE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

Veterinary Examiners Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medicine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$61,131
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,830
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$168,238</u></u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$70,000</u></u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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NO.	2026-2027
(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$606,083</u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$150,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	85,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$250,000</u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u>\$200,000</u>

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	\$84,000
(02) ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO	48,000
(03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	54,000
(04) COUNTY FAIRS	1,095,272
(05) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOWS	27,000
(06) NORTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(07) NORTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(08) SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(09) SOUTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(10) NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
(11) FOUR STATES FAIR	54,000
(12) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	<u>23,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,655,272</u></u>

SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Foresters For The Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - NRC - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
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(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,928
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	448,479
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	193,182
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,165
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	SURVEYS & INVESTIGATIONS	3,900
(05)	WATER PLANNING	<u>130,981</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,024,635</u></u>

SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,403,959
(02)	EXTRA HELP	30,800
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	510,968
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	377,298
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	910,002
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	SOIL & WATER GRANTS & LOANS	<u>6,202,017</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,687,044</u></u>

SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - NRC - DAM INVENTORY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Dam Inventory for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,158
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,394
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,216
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000
(C) PROF. FEES	130,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS & AID DAM - SAFETY PROJECTS	76,997
(06) HIGH HAZARD DAMS REHAB	<u>226,803</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$639,568</u></u>

SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Flood Insurance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$160,867
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,508
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	268,504
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,571
(C) PROF. FEES	1,700,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS & AID - FLOOD HAZARD	
MITIGATION GRANTS	<u>3,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,262,450</u></u>

SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER QUALITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Quality Plan Implementation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$317,076
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	104,333
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,089
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) WATER QUALITY MATCH GRANTS	500,000
(05) WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN	<u>750,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,675,498</u></u>

SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution Abatement, Administrative and Research Facilities Construction Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$137,764
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,731
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,400
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS	<u>90,000,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$90,187,895</u></u>

SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - NRC - NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$294,446
(02)	EXTRA HELP	25,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,166
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	282,774
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	706,630
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	NON POINT SOURCE POLLUTION GRANTS	5,642,276
(06)	HYPOXIA NUTRIENT REDUCTION	200,000
(07)	SMALL/ DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	637,000
(08)	SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE	<u>1,606,373</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,607,665</u></u>

SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$631,141
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,934
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,841
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,219
(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,002,635</u></u>

SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - NRC - BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the conservation districts for beaver control programs within the districts of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Beaver Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) GRANTS FOR BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - NRC - GRANTS & ATTORNEY SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Grants and Attorney Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) RIVER BASIN COMPACT	\$42,820
(02) LEGAL COUNSEL	5,871
(03) COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EXPENSES	10,000
(04) CONSERVATION PROJECTS	3,500
(05) ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT	17,800
(06) RED RIVER COMPACT	<u>11,720</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$91,711</u></u>

SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services matching and grants to conservation districts of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation District Program Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) GRANTS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	\$250,000
(02) CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	<u>1,522,672</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,772,672</u></u>

SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER RESEARCH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Research for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) WATER RESEARCH/CONTRACT	<u>\$42,800</u>

SECTION 50. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -

REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund, for water, sewer, and solid waste grants of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS & AID	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for water, sewer, and solid waste grants or loans that will be repaid to the water, sewer and solid waste revolving appropriation of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS	<u>\$84,296</u>

SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER USE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for reporting expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Use Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) WATER USE DATA REPORTING	<u>\$125,000</u>

SECTION 53. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical Assistance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$164,013
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	61,434
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,246
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) RESOURCE GRANTS	<u>906,637</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,292,330</u></u>

SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - NRC - UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) UNPAVED ROADS GRANTS & AID OR OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$600,000</u></u>

SECTION 55. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to eliminate feral swine by the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Feral Swine Eradication and Control - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

SECTION 56. APPROPRIATION - NRC - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Soil Classifiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,296</u>

SECTION 57. APPROPRIATION - NRC - ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PRACTICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION PRACTICES	<u>\$2,445,538</u>

SECTION 58. APPROPRIATION - WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES

GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program Fund, for water and sewer treatment facilities grants of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$50,000,000.

SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 60. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

SHARED SERVICES.

(a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture.

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriations acts authorized for the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 61. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Board of Animal Health, with prior

approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Animal Health Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Animal Health Disease and Pest Control Fund, Animal Health Special Revenue Fund, Animal Health Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Animal Health Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Animal Health may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Animal Health authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel

expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services Matching.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such personnel.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be

transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 64. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a refund to expenditure.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 65. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds up to \$500,000 which remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account and be made available to fund appropriation(s) authorized by law to be made for maintenance and operating costs associated with wildfire suppression, as well as the purchase of fire suppression equipment for the Forestry Division and made payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account for the following fiscal year. Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding up to \$500,000 as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, the Agency shall by written statement set

forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above:

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 66. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. (A)(1) If the Arkansas Department of Agriculture determines additional funding is required to support the purchase of firefighting equipment and forest fire suppression activities, to include the maintenance and operations costs associated with fire suppression, the Department of Agriculture with prior approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may transfer the sum of one million one hundred eighty thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,180,100) of the amount authorized for transfer by Act 154 of 2012, to the State Forestry Fund.

(2) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (A)(1) of this section may be used in furtherance of the State Forestry Trust

Program.

(3) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 67. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. The Department of Agriculture provides a wide range of services to all Arkansans. The specific service needs, along with staffing required to meet them, can vary significantly due to factors such as natural disasters, changing federal mandates, and job market variations like wildland firefighters, dispatchers, foresters, engineers, and microbiologists' shortages. These factors make it challenging for the Department to accurately predict the exact needs for positions across its different appropriations throughout any fiscal year. To respond swiftly to changing needs and to utilize resources effectively, the Department of Agriculture is authorized to reallocate resources as necessary. Upon determining that a reallocation is essential for the efficient and effective operation of the department, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in Legislative Session, may request to transfer positions between existing business areas of the department. Transfer authority shall be limited to no more than 5% of the total authorized department positions in any fiscal year.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Agriculture may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Agriculture authorizing broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a

severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 68. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

TRANSFER PROVISION - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall authorize the transfer of obligated water, sewer, and solid waste funds, as provided in the appropriation act for the Natural Resources Commission in the appropriation entitled "Water, Sewer and Solid Waste - State", from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, to the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 69. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

FORWARD - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for Matching Grants in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan Implementation".

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set

forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 70. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD - NRC. At the end of the fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for Water Quality Technicians in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan Implementation".

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written

report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 71. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 72. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 73. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of

the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.