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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

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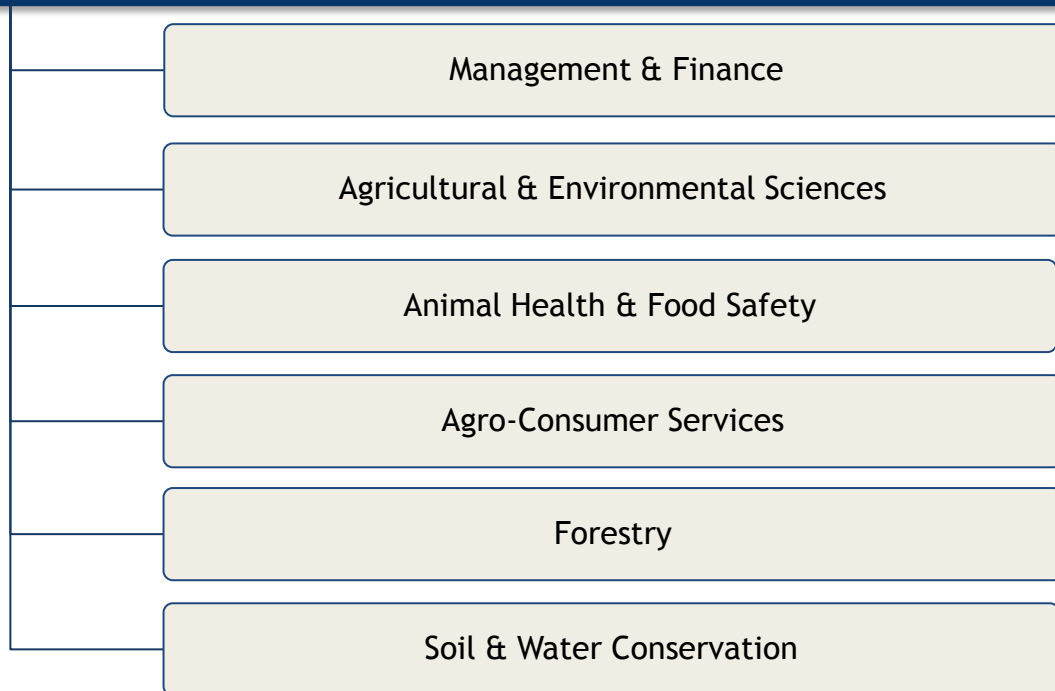
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DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Department of Agriculture & Forestry



DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Management & Finance



The mission of the Office of Management and Finance is to specify, procure and allocate resources necessary to support the mission of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF).

The Management & Finance Program Includes:

- Fiscal Services - Coordinates, prepares, and administers the budget development, implementation, control, and management of the operating budget for LDAF.
- Human Resources - Recruits and employs qualified candidates for positions, handles various employee matters, and provides employee training.
- Information Technology - Provides the department's network infrastructure, security administration and development of applications to support department function.
- Procurement - Assures all purchases of supplies, equipment, and services requested by the department are made in accordance with all policies, codes and laws.
- Fleet and Facility - Responsible for the repairs and maintenance of 43 properties, 120 buildings, and 613 motor vehicles for the department.
- Indian Creek Recreation Area-Alexandria - Used for the operation and maintenance of the Indian Creek Recreation Area and Reservoir Area in Woodworth, Louisiana, which is used for timber production, research, education, recreation, water control and environmental protection.

DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Agricultural & Environmental Sciences



The mission of the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is to ensure that animal feeds, pet foods, fertilizers, agricultural liming materials and pesticides meet all requirements of law; to monitor, prevent, control and eradicate plant pests and diseases that threaten Louisiana's agriculture, environment and economy; to protect human health and the environment by ensuring the proper labeling, distribution, storage, use, application and disposal of pesticides, and through enforcing of all pesticide laws.

The Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Program Includes:

- Horticulture & Quarantine Program - Monitors and provides for the prevention, control, and eradication of regulated and exotic crop pests or diseases, as well as oversees the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry.
- Pesticide & Environmental Program - Inspects, enforces, and regulates the registration, distribution, sale, offering for sale, and application of pesticides.
- Agricultural Chemistry Programs - Administers state laws and regulations which regulate the manufacturing and sale of animal feeds, pet foods, fertilizers, and agricultural liming materials.
- Seed Program - Ensures that seed sold for planting purposes meets seed label guarantees and quality standards.

DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Animal Health & Food Safety



The mission of the Office of Animal Health and Food Safety is to: guard and protect the integrity of the livestock industry against animal diseases through diagnostic, preventative eradication and other deterrent measures; to protect the food chain, public health, and general welfare of the Louisiana citizenry by assuring that meat, seafood, poultry, eggs, fruits and vegetables and their products are properly identified, labeled, inspected and accurately graded; and to control livestock theft by denying a market for stolen cattle and horses in Louisiana.

The Animal Health & Food Safety Program Includes:

- Livestock Brand Commission - Investigates farm related crimes with the main focus on the identification of livestock through registered brands and markings.
- Food Quality Services (FQS) Program - Provides unbiased third party inspections, state inspections, and shipping point inspections for fresh fruits and vegetables grown in Louisiana.
- Poultry & Egg Division - Establishes grades for poultry and eggs sold in Louisiana. It also enforces state laws, rules and regulations for egg and poultry production, packing, and sales.
- Louisiana Egg Commission - Promotes eggs and egg products in Louisiana and issues licenses. In addition, the commission can hold hearings on violation of the state egg marketing laws and enforce penalties for found violations.
- Veterinary Health Division - Protects Louisiana livestock from infectious diseases; ensures the safety of the meat and poultry that enter the food chain.
- Meat & Poultry Inspection Program - Provides consumers with safe, wholesome, properly labeled meat and poultry products.
- Food Distribution Program - Ensures the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities are distributed to eligible recipient agencies. It is an integral part in the National School Lunch Program.

DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Agro-Consumer Services



The mission of the Office of Agro-Consumer Services is to ensure that equity prevails in the marketplace by regulating various aspects of commerce and trade and by promoting and heightening consumer awareness of Louisiana's agricultural commodities to increase sales, thereby enhancing the economic well being of Louisiana farmers and the state as a whole.

The Agro-Consumer Services Program Includes:

- Grain Sampler/Grader Certification - Handles the certification and testing of samplers and graders.
- Grain Commodity Program - Inspectors compare quality or condition of agricultural commodities with official standards to determine the official grade.
- Weights and Measures - Inspects and tests all weighing, measuring, metering, scanning, and packaging devices used commercially.
- Metrology Laboratory - Maintains the standards of mass, length, and volume, and calibrates and certifies those standards and instruments used in commerce, industry, education, and research institutions.
- Dairy Testing and Programs - Work with other agencies to regulate and test dairy within the state. They also enforce the Milk Buyers Bonding Law, which ensures dairy farmers will be paid for the milk they produce.
- Commodity Promotion and Research - Administers promotion and research development programs that serve farmers and consumers. It is responsible for the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Forestry



The mission of the Office of Forestry is to protect, conserve and replenish the forest resources of the state.

The Forestry Program Includes:

- Forestry Protection - Includes detection, suppression, and prevention of wildfires on the forest land of Louisiana. Included in these objectives are community education, training, and outreach.
- Forestry Management - Provides landowner assistance to ensure proper forest management practices. These services include technical and practical assistance as well as administering landowner subsidy programs.



DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Soil & Water Conservation

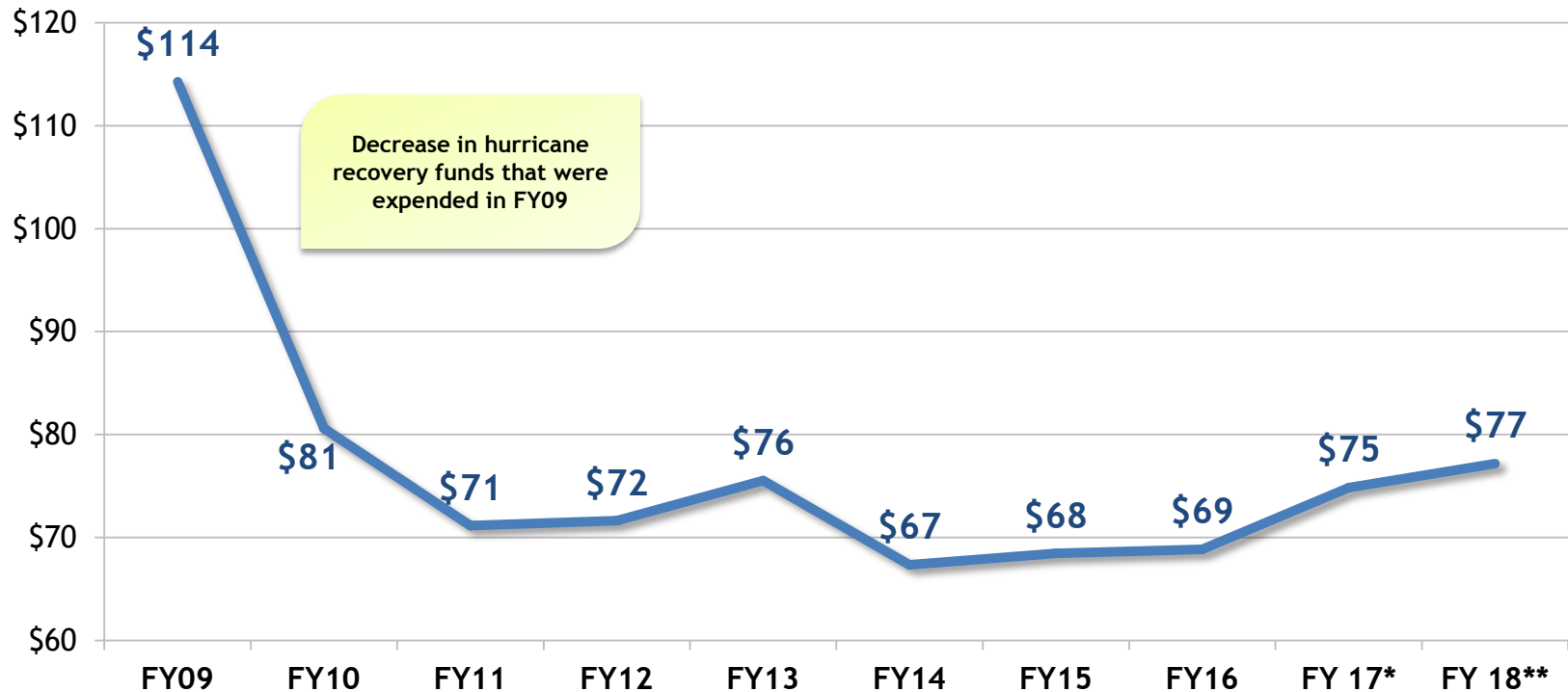


The mission of the Office of Soil and Water Conservation (OSWC) is to conserve and sustain these resources on Louisiana's croplands, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, urban areas and waterways.

The Soil & Water Conservation Program Includes:

- Coastal Marsh Revegetation Planting Program - Plans and implements vegetative planting for erosion control and restoration on private and state owned coastal marshes.
- Soil Survey Program - Ensures availability of current scientific soils data and interpretive information for the development and application of effective conservation and environmental and protective practices.
- EPA Clean Water Act, Section 319 - Implements site specific conservation and environmental protection plans within priority watersheds.
- Agricultural Solid Waste Program - Reduces the costly disposal of agricultural waste at regulated solid waste sites, increases the beneficial use of most agricultural and forestry processing by-products for improving soil condition, fertility, and production and protects air and water quality.
- Information/Education Outreach Program - Delivers quality standards-based conservation education materials and resources to classroom educators and students, communities, individuals and agricultural producers.
- Federal Conservation Programs - Directed toward wetland restoration, soil erosion control, water quality protection, wildlife habitat creation/enhancement and native vegetation restoration.

BUDGET HISTORY (IN MILLIONS)

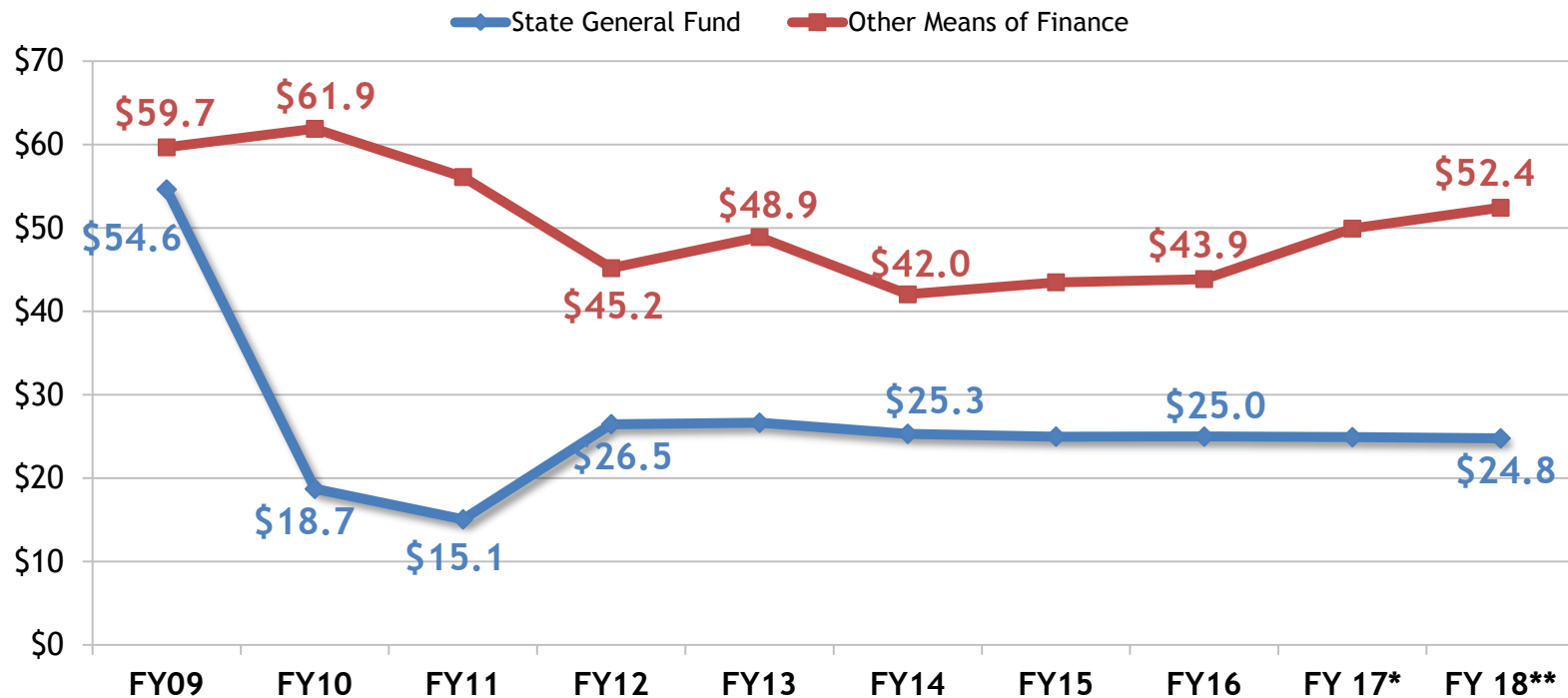


Source: Executive Budget Supporting Documents

* Existing Operating Budget as of 12/1/16

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MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE

Federal Funding \$10.6 Million

Funds are primarily received from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help administer services throughout Louisiana. Other sources of Federal Funding include the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure environmental safety while administering pesticides and other substances to the crops of Louisiana.

Statutory Dedications \$34.1 Million

The four largest include:

- \$12 Million - Louisiana Agriculture Authority Fund
- \$4 .6 Million - Petroleum Products Fund
- \$4 Million - Pesticide Fund
- \$2.6 Million - Horticulture & Quarantine Fund

Statutory dedications are listed in further detail on the following slide.

Self Generated Revenue \$7.0 Million

Derived from miscellaneous sources such as:

- Various fees and fines for violations of agricultural regulations
- Pesticide dealer licenses
- Agriculture dealing
- Reimbursement from the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority (LAFA) for salaries of maintenance personnel
- Poultry, egg, fruit and vegetable inspections
- Market Bulletin subscriptions.

Interagency Transfers \$686,125

Funds received from various agencies for: the storage of the state's antiviral cache of medications which would be needed during an influenza pandemic to treat and protect citizens; restoration of fire prevention and suppression activities; and to develop erosion control along the coast of Louisiana and the critical area treatment for erosion control and vegetation management.

MEANS OF FINANCE BREAKDOWN

Means of Financing	FY 15-16 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	FY 16-17 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/16	FY 17-18 Executive Budget Recommendation	\$ Change from Existing	% Change from Existing
State General Fund	\$24,979,202	\$24,908,204	\$24,767,213	(\$140,991)	(0.6%)
Interagency Transfers	\$636,945	\$641,125	\$686,125	\$45,000	7.0%
Fees and Self-Gen Rev.	\$5,032,531	\$7,296,414	\$7,029,476	(\$266,938)	(3.7%)
Statutory Dedications	\$30,700,547	\$32,547,947	\$34,115,006	\$1,567,059	4.8%
Federal Funds	\$7,491,507	\$9,430,742	\$10,584,973	\$1,154,231	12.2%
Total Means of Finance	\$68,840,732	\$74,824,432	\$77,182,793	\$2,358,361	3.2%
State Effort	\$60,712,280	\$64,752,565	\$65,911,695	\$1,159,130	1.8%

Source: Executive Budget Supporting Documents

MEANS OF FINANCE BREAKDOWN - AFTER DEFICITS

Means of Financing	FY 15-16 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	FY 16-17 Existing Operating Budget 3/1/17	FY 17-18 Executive Budget Recommendation	\$ Change from Existing 3/1/17	% Change from Existing 3/1/17
State General Fund	\$24,979,202	\$23,662,794	\$24,767,213	\$1,104,419	4.7%
Interagency Transfers	\$636,945	\$2,132,979	\$686,125	(\$1,446,854)	(67.8%)
Fees and Self-Gen Rev.	\$5,032,531	\$7,296,414	\$7,029,476	(\$266,938)	(3.7%)
Statutory Dedications	\$30,700,547	\$33,210,103	\$34,115,006	\$904,903	2.7%
Federal Funds	\$7,491,507	\$9,430,742	\$10,584,973	\$1,154,231	12.2%
Total Means of Finance	\$68,840,732	\$75,733,032	\$77,182,793	\$1,449,761	1.9%
State Effort	\$60,712,280	\$64,169,311	\$65,911,695	\$1,742,384	2.7%

1st Deficit Plan - \$0

2nd Deficit Plan (\$1.2 Million SGF)

Absorbed through expenditure freeze by attrition in the Forestry Program, limited supplies and travel, and the retention of profits from selling an aircraft.

Flood Related BA-7 \$1.2 Million IAT

Funds coming from GOHSEP to cover flood costs, increase in \$600K of Statutory Dedications authority.

These comparisons are to the Existing Operating Budget at March 1, 2017 which includes all adjustments since December 1, 2016 including the two mid-year deficit reductions.

STATUTORY DEDICATION DETAILS

Statutory Dedication Name	FY 15-16 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	FY 16-17 Existing Operating Budget	FY 17-18 Executive Budget Recommendation	\$ Change from Existing	% Change from Existing
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	\$12,004,470	\$12,000,742	\$12,000,919	\$177	0.0%
Petroleum Products Fund	\$4,596,877	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000	\$0	0.0%
Pesticide Fund	\$3,803,131	\$4,000,000	\$5,293,249	\$1,293,249	32.3%
Weights and Measures Fund	\$2,255,929	\$2,228,776	\$2,228,776	\$0	0.0%
Agricultural Commodity Dealers & Warehouse Fund	\$2,186,390	\$2,341,988	\$2,277,455	(\$64,533)	(2.8%)
Horticulture and Quarantine Fund	\$1,742,102	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000	\$0	0.0%
Feed and Fertilizer Fund	\$1,167,116	\$1,500,000	\$1,749,865	\$249,865	16.7%
Forest Protection Fund	\$787,385	\$806,606	\$806,606	\$0	0.0%
Structural Pest Control Commission Fund	\$719,223	\$980,212	\$1,157,795	\$177,583	18.1%
Seed Commission Fund	\$678,945	\$866,931	\$807,008	(\$59,923)	(6.9%)
Ag. Commodity Commission Self-Insurance Fund*	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Forestry Productivity Fund	\$192,668	\$262,692	\$333,333	\$70,641	26.9%
Sweet Potato Pests and Diseases Fund	\$169,376	\$300,000	\$200,000	(\$100,000)	(33.3%)
Livestock Brand Commission Fund	\$37,242	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.0%
Boll Weevil Eradication Fund	\$9,693	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.0%
Total Expenditures	\$30,700,547	\$32,547,947	\$34,115,006	\$1,567,059	4.8%

* These funds were moved to the *Agriculture & Forestry Pass Through Funds* agency located in Other Requirements (Schedule 20 of the budget)

STATUTORY DEDICATION DETAILS

Statutory Dedication Name	Type	Reverts to SGF?	Fund Source	Fund Use
Ag. Commodity Commission Self-Insurance Fund	Statutory	No	Fees charged for the participation in the program	Administration of the self-insurance program
Agricultural Commodity Dealers & Warehouse Fund	Statutory	No	Assessments and fees for warehouse licensing, grain dealer licensing, moisture meter inspection and registration, grain exam, certification, and grading	Funds regulation of grain industry, licensing, regulation of commercial grain warehouses, and grain dealers; grain sampling, official grading; licensing, regulation of cotton merchants
Boll Weevil Eradication Fund	Statutory	No	Fines from the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission	Provides for the maintenance of Louisiana's Boll Weevil free status
Feed and Fertilizer Fund	Statutory	No	Fees from registration and filing a label with the commissioner	Funds the regulation of the feed, fertilizer and lime industries and provides funding for required lab analyses
Forest Protection Fund	Statutory	No	Assessment paid by owners of timberland	Purchasing forest fire fighting equipment
Forestry Productivity Fund	Statutory	Yes	Twenty-five percent of a severance tax on timber	Implementation of reforestation of forest lands
Horticulture and Quarantine Fund	Statutory	No	Fees, fines, and assessments charged by the state entomologist	Funds the regulation of licensed horticulture professions, including inspections and investigations; funds the regulation of horticulture permit holders, including inspections and investigations; funds and regulates the Louisiana bee industry
Livestock Brand Commission Fund	Statutory	No	Various assessments, fees, and penalties for livestock branding	Funds registration & certification of livestock brands

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STATUTORY DEDICATION DETAILS

Statutory Dedication Name	Type	Reverts to SGF?	Fund Source	Fund Use
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	Statutory	Yes	Slot machine proceeds (R.S. 27:392)	Funds bond debt obligation
Pesticide Fund	Statutory	No	Permits, registration, and fines for pesticides	Funds the regulation of the pesticide industry, to include such persons as aerial applicators, mosquito control, pesticide dealers, etc., and supports LDAF's agreement with EPA (FIFRA)
Petroleum Products Fund	Statutory	No	4/32 of a penny per gallon of fuel sold	Funds inspection, regulation, and analysis of petroleum products
Seed Fund	Statutory	No	Assessments and fees of the Seed Program	Funds the regulation of the seed industry, supports Louisiana's seed certification program and provides funding for required lab analyses
Structural Pest Control Commission Fund	Statutory	No	Fees and fines for Place of Business Permit, Technician Exam and Certification, and Wood Destroying Insect Eradication and Reporting	Funds the regulation of the pest control industry, including inspections and investigations
Sweet Potato Pests and Diseases Fund	Statutory	No	Six cents per bushel of potatoes moved within Louisiana	Funds the regulation of the sweet potato industry to prevent the spread of the sweetpotato weevil and to certify that all shipments of sweet potatoes from Louisiana are weevil free
Weights and Measures Fund	Statutory	No	Registration fees from commercial weighing and measuring devices	Funds the regulation of motor fuel quality & dispenser accuracy; funds price verification of scanners and scales, commercial weight testing and calibration; funds taximeter registration, inspection; country of origin labeling for USDA

SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS



\$1.2 Million
Statutory
Dedications

- Increase in the Pesticide Fund in the Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Program. The Revenue Estimating Conference forecasted collections of \$5.2 million for FY 18, and this increase allows the department to fully utilize the authority of the fund.



\$585,817
Statutory
Dedications

- Increases in the Feed & Fertilizer Fund (\$309,541), Structural Pest Control Fund (\$177,583) and the Pesticide Fund (\$98,693) to fund six additional inspectors. The positions are being moved from vacant positions in Management & Finance.



\$575,000
Federal Funds

- Increase in Acquisitions and Major Repairs for the purchase of IT equipment in the Management & Finance program, a refrigerated truck, and a USAmals software package for the federal Food Distribution Program.



\$422,368

- Transfers a federal grant from the Food and Drug Administration related to the Feed Program from Agriculture and Environmental Science to Animal Health and Food Safety.

SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS



\$399,424
Federal Funds

- Additional funding for a federal grant received in FY17 for the implementation of the Food and Drug Administration's Produce Safety Rule. that establishes science-based minimum standards for the safe growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fruits and vegetables grown for human consumption.



\$140,991
State General Fund

- The governor proposes a State General Fund reduction of \$505,453 (2.03%) to balance the FY18 state budget. Of this, \$231,990 was reduced from Management & Finance, \$205,338 was reduced from Forestry, \$62,670 was reduced from Animal Health and Food Safety, and \$6,455 was reduced from Soil & Water Conservation.
- The reduction was offset with an increase in State General Fund of \$229,080 to replace high mileage vehicles. There is also an additional net increase of \$135,382 for statewide adjustments for things such as retirement, related benefits, risk management, and acquisitions.

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Expenditure	FY 15-16 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	FY 16-17 Existing Operating Budget	FY 17-18 Executive Budget Recommendation	\$ Change from Existing	% Change from Existing
Salaries	\$27,932,444	\$29,426,593	\$29,396,575	(\$30,018)	(0.1%)
Other Compensation	\$1,052,083	\$1,536,636	\$1,523,652	(\$12,984)	(0.8%)
Related Benefits	\$18,943,464	\$20,017,048	\$20,699,286	\$682,238	3.4%
Travel	\$191,425	\$278,764	\$283,975	\$5,211	1.9%
Operating Services	\$4,138,344	\$4,613,976	\$5,484,620	\$870,644	18.9%
Supplies	\$2,497,383	\$3,278,564	\$3,477,601	\$199,037	6.1%
Professional Services	\$42,930	\$271,482	\$368,942	\$97,460	35.9%
Other Charges	\$13,768,482	\$14,801,749	\$14,899,920	\$98,171	0.7%
Acq/Major Repairs	\$274,177	\$599,620	\$1,048,222	\$448,602	74.8%
Unallotted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total Expenditures	\$68,840,732	\$74,824,432	\$77,182,793	\$2,358,361	3.2%
Authorized Positions	553	563	563	0	0.0%

SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE CHANGES

Operating Services \$870,644

- Increased funding to replace 73 vehicles with over 150,000 miles throughout the department with leased vehicles and to provide necessary funding to support the addition of 6 positions in the Agricultural and Environmental Science program.

Supplies \$199,037

- Increase in funds is primarily due to additional supplies that will be needed in Agricultural and Environmental Science program with the transfer of 6 positions.

Acquisitions/Major Repairs \$448,602

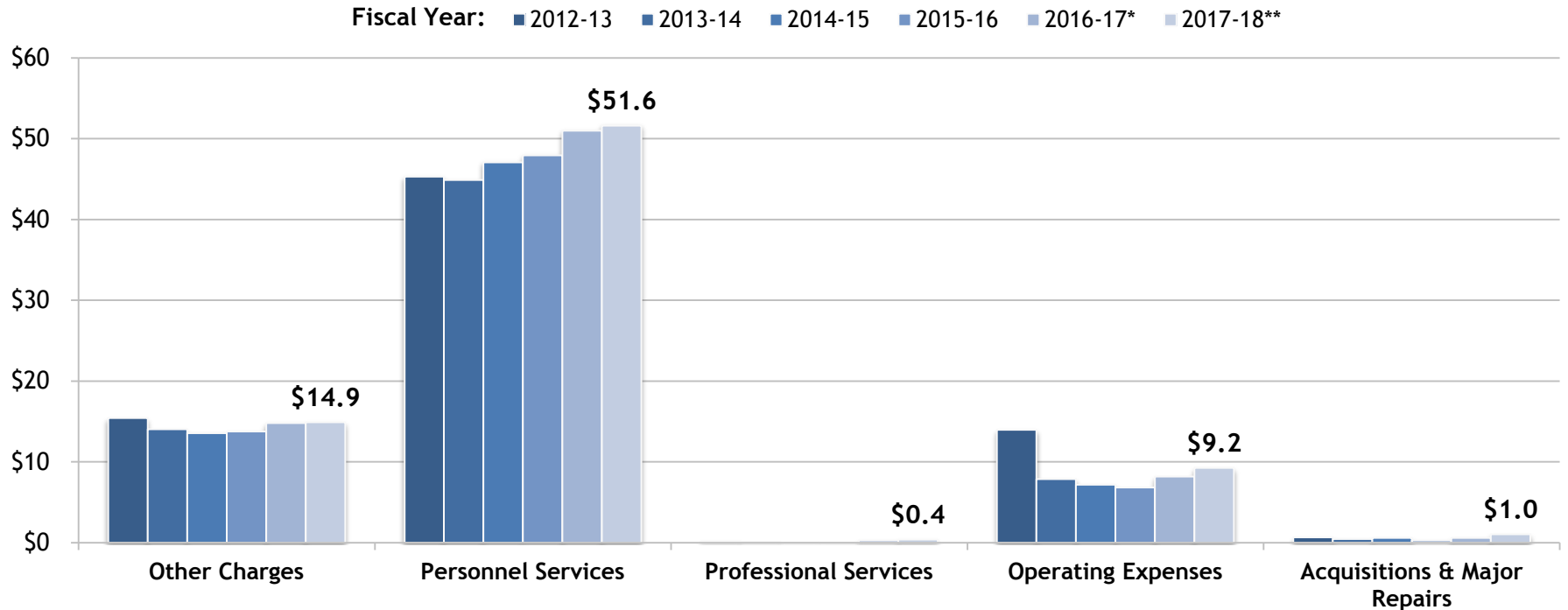
- Additional funds are to purchase a new refrigerated truck and a USAmEals software package for the federal Food Distribution Program, and for the replacement of IT equipment in the Management & Finance program.

OTHER CHARGES

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
\$7,945,486	Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority - Debt Service on Bonds
\$1,704,600	Office of Risk Management Fees
\$1,297,655	Various Forestry Promotion, Education, and Protection Programs
\$1,288,474	Federal Grants in the Animal Health and Food Safety Program
\$936,796	Statewide Costs
\$656,899	Miscellaneous
\$531,472	Funding for the 44 Soil & Water Conservation Districts
\$428,538	Boll Weevil Program - salaries, related benefits, operating services, and other charges for the Boll Weevil Program
\$110,000	LSU - Sudden Oak Death National Survey
\$14,899,920	OTHER CHARGES TOTAL

Source: Executive Budget Supporting Documents

EXPENDITURE HISTORY



Source: Executive Budget Supporting Documents

* Existing Operating Budget as of 12/1/16

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DISCRETIONARY/NON-DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

TOTAL BUDGET
\$77.2 Million

\$686,125 IAT
Double Count

\$76.5
Million
Remaining

Self Generated
Revenue
\$7.0 Million

Statutory
Dedications
\$34.1 Million

Federal Funds
\$10.6 Million

State General Fund
\$24.8 Million

Non Discretionary
\$5.9 Million

Discretionary
\$ 18.8 Million

Management & Finance
\$5.7 Million
Retiree's Group Insurance

Management & Finance
\$160,252
Commissioner's Salary and
Related Benefits

Management & Finance
\$68,910
Legislative Auditor Fees

Forestry
\$10.1 Million

Management & Finance
\$5.4 Million

Animal Health & Food Safety
\$3.0 Million

Soil & Water Conservation
\$314,374

Source: Office of Planning and Budget

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Personnel/Budget Ratio

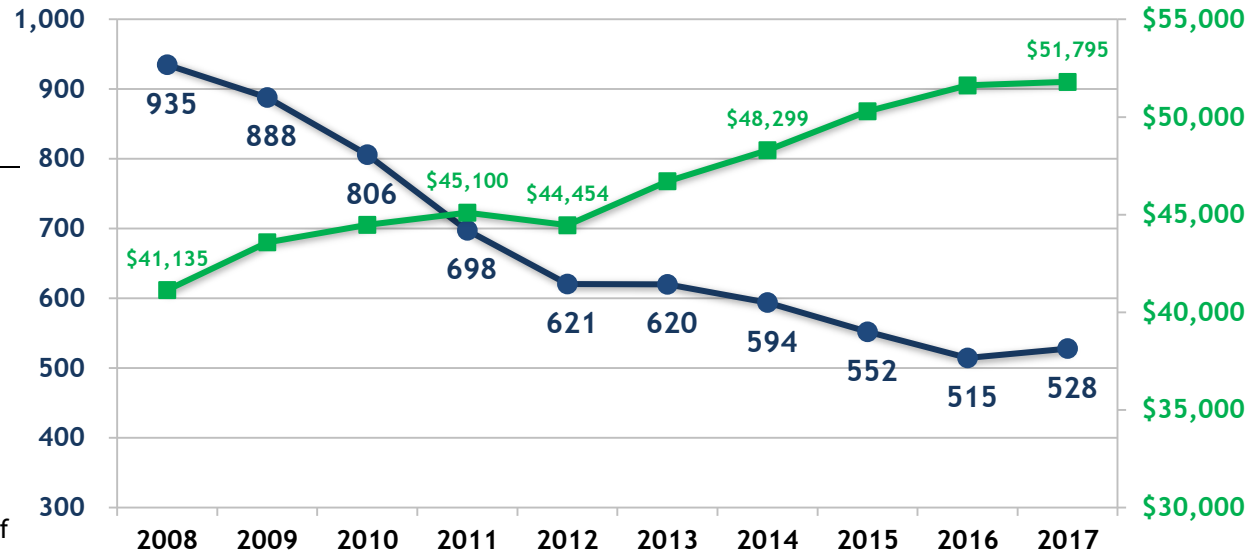
\$30.9 M	Salaries and Other Comp.
+ \$20.7 M	Related Benefits
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= \$51.6 M	Total Personnel Services

82.9% of budget expenditures
(excluding Other Charges)

Authorized Positions

- 563 (525 classified and 38 unclassified)
- 42 full-time non-T.O. positions
- 27 Other Charges positions
- Agriculture & Forestry had 46 vacancies as of 1/27/2017
- In the FY 18 Executive Budget, no vacancies were eliminated.

10 Year FTE Positions/Avg Salary



Source: FTE and Average Salary data provided by the Dept. of Civil Service

PASS THROUGH FUNDS

INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE 20:
OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The Agriculture & Forestry Pass Through Funds Include:

- Pass through funds for the 44 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Louisiana
- The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Specialty Crop Block Grant
- Volunteer Fire Assistance
- Forest Land Enhancement Program
- Urban and Community Forestry
- State Fire Assistance - Mitigation
- Forest Health Monitoring
- Forest Productivity Program
- Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund

Means of Financing	FY 15-16 Prior Year Actual Expenditures	FY 16-17 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/16	FY 17-18 Executive Budget Recommendation	\$ Change from Existing	% Change from Existing
State General Fund	\$1,531,793	\$1,572,577	\$1,541,126	(\$31,451)	(2.0%)
Interagency Transfers	\$262,090	\$1,257,910	\$257,910	(\$1,000,000)	(79.5%)
Fees and Self-Gen Rev.	\$40,785	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Statutory Dedications	\$1,796,600	\$3,121,010	\$3,884,034	\$763,024	24.4%
Federal Funds	\$4,526,585	\$5,046,260	\$5,556,260	\$510,000	10.1%
Total Means of Finance	\$8,157,853	\$10,997,757	\$11,239,330	\$241,573	2.2%
State Effort	\$3,369,178	\$4,693,587	\$5,425,160	\$731,573	15.6%

Significant Adjustments

- Reduction of \$1 million in Interagency Transfers is to non-recur money from the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development Block Grant Program for pass through funding related to the Healthy Food Retail Act.
- Increase in \$763,024 from the Forest Productivity Fund is due to an increase in the application limit to receive funding for Forestry Productivity Program activities from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
- Increase in \$510,000 in federal pass through funding from the United States Department of Agriculture is for The Emergency Food Assistance Program which provides food commodities to school districts and emergency assistance during food disasters.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Louisiana Wildfire Metrics

Statewide Standards	FY 15-16 Actual Performance	FY 16-17 Projected Performance	FY 17-18 Executive Budget Recommendation
Average Fire Size (acres)	15.8	13.2	13.2
Percentage of Protected Area Burned	0.00%	0.31%	0.31%
Homes Protected that Were Damaged	52	25	25
Number of Wildfires	1,147	3,000	3,000

Notes:

- Historically there have been 110 fire teams that deal with wildfire suppression across the state but today that number is 36.
- Increased drought conditions in the North and mid-Western states have not affected Louisiana.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION


Louisiana's Agricultural Commodities

In 2015 Louisiana collected over \$3.3 billion in revenue related to agricultural commodities, which was about 0.9% of the total revenue related to agricultural commodities for the United States.

Rank	Commodity	State Receipts (in \$1,000's)	% Total National Receipts by Commodity
1	Soybeans	623,612	1.9%
2	Chicken	500,362	1.7%
3	Rice	389,956	13.5%
4	Sugarcane	386,513	38.1%
5	Cattle	360,861	0.5%
6	All Other Animals	277,056	4.8%
7	Corn	273,421	0.6%
8	Miscellaneous Crops	131,438	0.7%
9	Chicken Eggs	89,256	0.7%
10	Cotton lint, Upland	75,345	2.1%

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service

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