

OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. BLOXOM, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

The agencies in the Agriculture and Forestry secretariat promote and enhance statewide economic growth in the agriculture and forestry industries, protect forests, promote agricultural environmental stewardship, and protect consumers.



AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY AGENCIES INCLUDE:

- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Department of Forestry



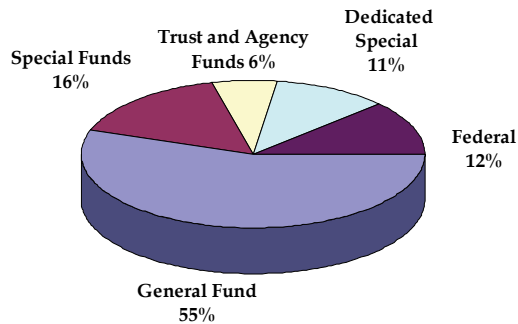
Accomplishments:

Department of Forestry: The agency added 6,700 acres of permanently protected forestlands to the state forest system through the acquisition of Dragon Run and Brumley Mountain and began the final phase-in of its Integrated Forest Resource Information System.

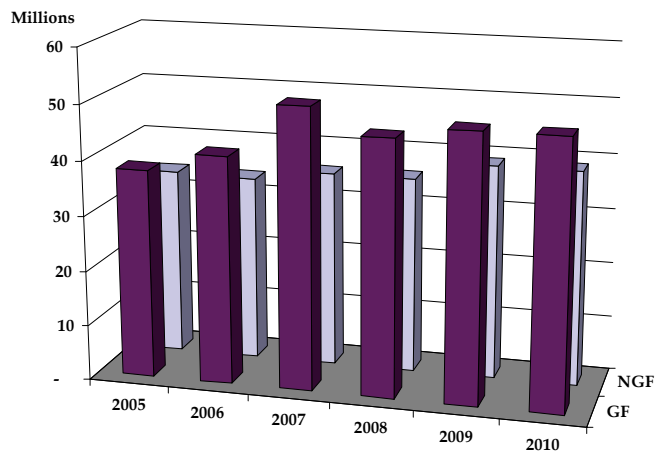


Financing of Agriculture and Forestry Agencies*

(Based on 2008 - 2010 Proposed Operating Budget)



Office of Agriculture and Forestry Operating Budget History



*Funds with totals less than 1% have not been included.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: The agency established the Virginia Wine Distribution Corporation to provide wholesaling and distribution functions for small wineries in Virginia; implemented a trade initiative for Virginia agriculture and forest products in India; began fully operating the Office of Farmland Preservation and implemented the process to provide state funding for local purchase of development rights programs, with the first funding to go to localities in 2008; responded successfully to an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza in Shenandoah County; and completed construction of a state-of-the-art animal health laboratory in Rockingham County to serve the state's most livestock-intensive region.

Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

<http://www.ag-forestry.virginia.gov/>

The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry provides policy guidance and direction to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Forestry in the conservation, protection and development of Virginia's agricultural and forest resources and in protecting the Virginia consumer.

Operating Budget History

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2005 Appropriation	\$118,000	\$0	3.00
2006 Appropriation	\$540,000	\$0	3.00
2007 Appropriation	\$4,904,497	\$0	3.00
2008 Appropriation	\$404,696	\$0	3.00

New Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2009 Base Budget	\$404,696	\$0	3.00
2009 Addenda	\$44,478	\$0	0.00
2009 TOTAL	\$449,174	\$0	3.00
2010 Base Budget	\$404,696	\$0	3.00
2010 Addenda	\$44,478	\$0	0.00
2010 TOTAL	\$449,174	\$0	3.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

► Distribute Central Appropriations amounts to agency budgets

Adjusts the agency budget to reflect amounts moved from Central Appropriations to cover the cost of items such as the continuation of 2007 and 2008 salary and health insurance premium increases, as well as changes in retirement and disability contribution rates and other centrally funded items. For each year, \$44,478 (GF).

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/>

We promote the economic growth and development of Virginia agriculture, provide consumer protection, and encourage environmental stewardship.

Key Objectives and Performance Measures

► Protect and enhance the economic viability of Virginia's agriculture industries through the prevention and management of foreign and emerging animal and poultry diseases of economic and public health significance.

Maintain Virginia's Tuberculosis-, Brucellosis- and Pseudorabies-free status

► Increase the value of Virginia food, agricultural and forestry products in the domestic and international marketplace through marketing services provided to producers and processors.

The economic value of products inspected, graded and certified, the sales values of marine, nursery, and wine products, as well as export values of all Virginia agricultural and forestry products.

► Increase the amount of permanently preserved working farms and forest land in Virginia.

Number of acres of farmland preserved by local purchase of development rights programs.

► Enhance food safety and security programs for citizens of the Commonwealth.

Rate of voluntary compliance with the Virginia Food Safety Code for food establishments inspected by the Office of Dairy and Foods.

Operating Budget History

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2005 Appropriation	\$23,471,283	\$23,910,831	508.00
2006 Appropriation	\$24,982,694	\$23,483,720	501.00
2007 Appropriation	\$27,703,277	\$24,923,881	508.00
2008 Appropriation	\$27,621,580	\$24,976,756	510.00

New Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2009 Base Budget	\$27,621,580	\$24,976,756	510.00
2009 Addenda	\$7,487,314	\$3,275,976	27.00
2009 TOTAL	\$35,108,894	\$28,252,732	537.00
2010 Base Budget	\$27,621,580	\$24,976,756	510.00
2010 Addenda	\$7,487,314	\$3,275,976	27.00
2010 TOTAL	\$35,108,894	\$28,252,732	537.00

New Capital Outlay Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2009 Addenda	\$0	\$6,578,000	0.00
2010 Addenda	\$0	\$0	0.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

► Distribute Central Appropriations amounts to agency budgets

Adjusts the agency budget to reflect amounts moved from Central Appropriations to cover the cost of items such as the continuation of 2007 and 2008 salary and health insurance premium increases, as well as changes in retirement and disability contribution rates and other centrally funded items. For each year, \$2.3 million (GF) and \$1.2 million (NGF).

► Remove one-time funding for early detection and monitoring of Asian soybean rust

A technical adjustment to remove one-time funding. For each year, a reduction of \$50,000 (GF).

► Remove one-time funding for the eradication of hydrilla

A technical adjustment to remove one-time funding provided

for the eradication of hydrilla in Lake Gaston, the Potomac River, and other bodies of water. For each year, a reduction of \$200,000 (GF).

- ▶ **Increase nongeneral fund appropriation for pesticides program**
A technical adjustment to increase appropriation to better reflect projected fee revenue. For each year, \$400,000 (NGF).
- ▶ **Increase nongeneral fund appropriation for veterinary services**
A technical adjustment to increase appropriation to better reflect projected revenue. For each year, \$600,000 (NGF).
- ▶ **Increase nongeneral fund appropriation for plant pest and disease control**
A technical adjustment to increase appropriation to better reflect projected revenue. For each year, \$750,000 (NGF).
- ▶ **Transfer funding from farmland conservation package**
Transfers funding for farmland conservation from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. For each year, \$700,000 (GF).
- ▶ **Align the base budget with the strategic plan**
A technical adjustment to transfer funding and positions between service areas to align the budget with the agency's strategic plan.
- ▶ **Provide funding for weights and measures inspections**
Increase support for the weights and measures and motor fuel sampling inspection programs in response to rising program costs. The department will need to lease and equip space for the testing of large weighing devices because the current facility is being closed. In addition, the cost to transport fuel samples to the laboratory has increased significantly. For each year, \$185,000 (GF).
- ▶ **Continue 2008 budget reductions**
Continues the budget reductions included in the Governor's 2008 reduction plan into the 2008-10 biennium. For 2009, a decrease of \$996,039 (GF), an increase of \$333,394 (NGF), and a reduction of three positions. For 2010, a decrease of \$996,039 (GF) and an increase of \$333,394 (NGF).
- ▶ **Assume functions of the Department of Charitable Gaming**
Transfers core activities of the Department of Charitable Gaming, including positions and related funding, to the office of consumer services. For 2009, \$2.6 million (GF) and 30 positions. For 2010, \$2.6 million (GF).
- ▶ **Provide state matching funds for local purchase of development rights programs**
Provide funding for matching grants to support local purchase of development rights programs to protect farmland from development. Additional funds are needed to help spur local efforts to provide attractive financial incentives for farm families to permanently protect working lands. For each year, \$3.0 million (GF).

Recommended Capital Outlay Addenda

- ▶ **Construct Eastern Shore Marketing and Inspection Office**
Provides for the construction of a new marketing and inspection office on the Eastern Shore. The existing facility is in disrepair and is not in compliance with Code requirements. The construction of the new facility will be financed through

the Virginia Public Building Authority. For the biennium, \$1.1 million (NGF).

▶ **Construct Eastern Shore Seafood Facility**

Provides for the planning and construction of a 29,500 square foot seafood processing and storage facility. The new facility will be constructed at the site of the Eastern Shore Farmers Market on land owned by the department. It will be operated cooperatively, similar to the farmers market, and provide a flash freeze facility for local seafood producers. Construction of the facility will be financed through the Virginia Public Building Authority. For the biennium, \$5.5 million (NGF).

Department of Forestry

<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/>

The mission of the Department of Forestry is to protect and develop healthy, sustainable forest resources for Virginians.

Key Objectives and Performance Measures

- **We will improve water quality by increasing compliance with best management practices (BMPs) on forest harvest sites.**
Percentage of harvest sites with sediment not reaching streams.
- **We will reduce the forest land burned by wild fires.**
Percentage of human caused fires.
- **We will increase the number of forestry conservation projects implemented on private land.**
Number of forestry management and conservation projects implemented on private land.

Operating Budget History

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2005 Appropriation	\$14,339,700	\$9,714,092	326.38
2006 Appropriation	\$15,828,704	\$9,814,092	323.38
2007 Appropriation	\$18,301,714	\$10,234,820	323.38
2008 Appropriation	\$18,274,268	\$10,234,820	323.38

New Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2009 Base Budget	\$18,274,268	\$10,234,820	323.38
2009 Addenda	\$330,058	(\$24,698)	0.00
2009 TOTAL	\$18,604,326	\$10,210,122	323.38
2010 Base Budget	\$18,274,268	\$10,234,820	323.38
2010 Addenda	\$330,058	(\$24,698)	0.00
2010 TOTAL	\$18,604,326	\$10,210,122	323.38

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- ▶ **Distribute Central Appropriations amounts to agency budgets**
Adjusts the agency budget to reflect amounts moved from Central Appropriations to cover the cost of items such as the continuation of 2007 and 2008 salary and health insurance premium increases, as well as changes in retirement and disability contribution rates and other centrally funded items. For each year, \$1.3 million (GF) and \$525,302 (NGF).
- ▶ **Remove one-time funding for the agency's Integrated Forest**

Resource Information System

Removes the one-time portion of funding provided in 2008 for continued development of the agency's information management system. For each year, a reduction of \$150,800 (GF).

► **Increase dedicated special fund appropriation to reflect proper accounting**

Increases the agency's nongeneral fund appropriation to reflect administrative actions executed during previous fiscal years. The funds are used to support a position working on education outreach. For each year, \$100,000 (NGF).

► **Increase special fund appropriation to reflect proper accounting**

Increases the agency's Water Quality Penalty Fund appropriation to reflect administrative actions executed during previous fiscal years. The funds are used to support a position working on education outreach. For each year, \$30,000 (NGF).

► **Transfer positions to reflect proper accounting**

Transfers three positions between service areas and fund sources to reflect proper accounting. This action will negate the need to execute the transfer administratively.

► **Reduce excess nongeneral special fund appropriation**

Reduces the agency's special fund appropriation because the agency will no longer serve as a third-party conduit between landowners and companies providing aerial spray services. For each year, a reduction of \$1.1 million (NGF).

► **Increase nongeneral fund appropriation for forest land management**

Increases the agency's trust and agency nongeneral fund appropriation for forest land management. The additional funds will be used to actively manage and improve forest land as well as support a position working on forest management activities and education outreach. For each year, \$100,000 (NGF).

► **Increase federal appropriation for grants**

Increases the agency's federal fund appropriation to reflect federal grant awards. The funds will be used to support activities under the Chesapeake Bay Grants and the Consolidated Payment Grant. For each year, \$320,000 (NGF).

► **Transfer four nongeneral fund positions between fund groups**

Transfers four positions to the appropriate service area and fund source. The positions will support activities under the Chesapeake Bay Grants and the Consolidated Payment Grant.

► **Continue 2008 budget reductions**

Continues the budget reductions included in the Governor's 2008 reduction plan into the 2008-10 biennium. Reductions include increasing the tractor tire rotation period and reducing discretionary expenses where possible. For each year, a reduction of \$648,000 (GF).

► **Reduce Reforestation of Timberland Program incentives**

Reduces the amount of general fund dollars available for the Reforestation of Timberland Program. This continues a strategy contained in the Governor's 2008 Budget Reduction Plan. The program provides financial incentives to landowners and is supported by both general and nongeneral fund dollars.

For each year, a reduction of \$72,184 (GF).

► **Reduce energy consumption in accordance with the Virginia Energy Plan**

Continues actions to reduce energy consumption in accordance with the Virginia Energy Plan. This continues a strategy contained in the Governor's 2008 Budget Reduction Plan. The agency will continue to reduce mileage and fuel, electricity, propane and oil usage. For each year, a reduction of \$133,000 (GF).

Virginia Agricultural Council

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/index.shtml>

The Virginia Agricultural Council supports agricultural research, education and services through research grants that assist agricultural producers and the agribusiness industry by finding new uses for agricultural products and by promoting more efficient and economical methods of agricultural production.

Operating Budget History

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Positions
2005 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,334	0.00
2006 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,334	0.00
2007 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,334	0.00
2008 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,334	0.00

New Operating Budget Summary

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2009 Base Budget	\$0	\$490,334	0.00
2009 Addenda	\$0	\$0	0.00
2009 TOTAL	\$0	\$490,334	0.00
2010 Base Budget	\$0	\$490,334	0.00
2010 Addenda	\$0	\$0	0.00
2010 TOTAL	\$0	\$490,334	0.00