

Office of Agriculture and Forestry

The Honorable Matthew Lohr, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry



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Operating Summary for Office of Agriculture and Forestry (Dollars in Millions)

Funds	FY 2025 Base Budget	FY 2025 Changes	FY 2025 Total	FY 2026 Base Budget	FY 2026 Changes	FY 2026 Total
Total	\$156.22	\$1.10	\$157.32	\$152.30	\$5.15	\$157.45
General	\$86.64	\$1.10	\$87.74	\$82.42	\$3.47	\$85.89
Special	\$30.13	\$0.00	\$30.13	\$30.43	\$0.00	\$30.43
Trust and Agency	\$9.34	\$0.00	\$9.34	\$9.34	\$0.00	\$9.34
Dedicated Special	\$11.90	\$0.00	\$11.90	\$11.90	\$1.68	\$13.58
Federal	\$18.23	\$0.00	\$18.23	\$18.23	\$0.00	\$18.23

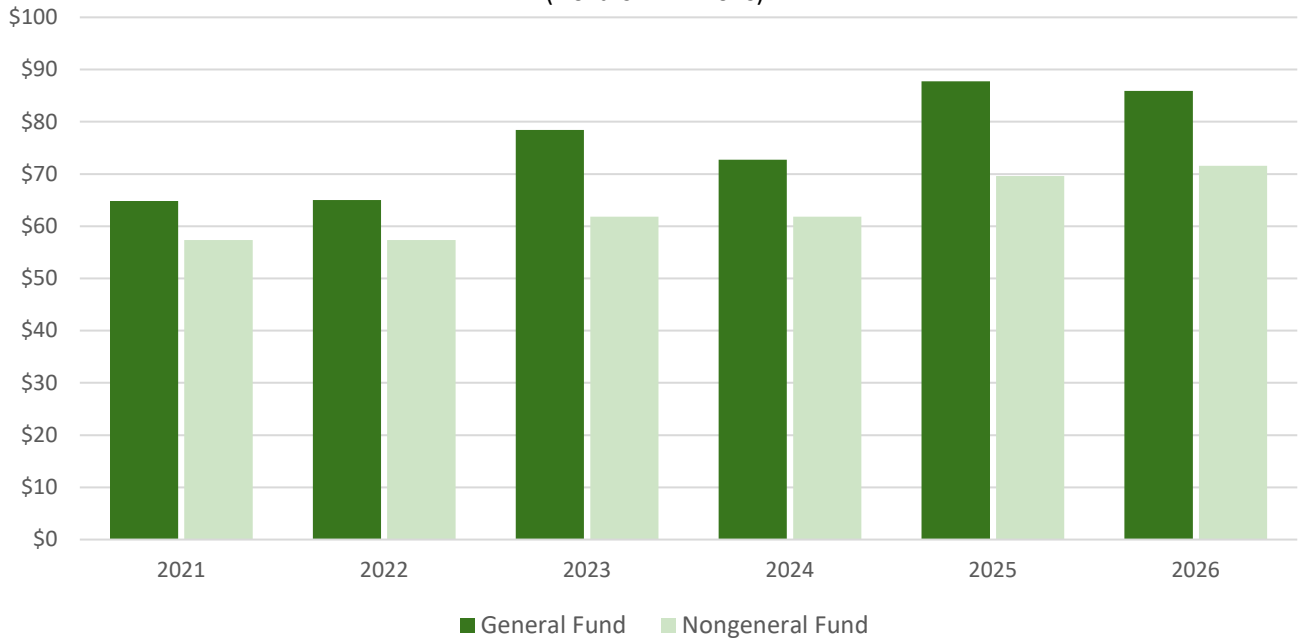
Authorized Positions for Office of Agriculture and Forestry

Funds	FY 2025 Base Budget	FY 2025 Changes	FY 2025 Totals	FY 2026 Base Budget	FY 2026 Changes	FY 2026 Totals
Total	907.00	0.00	907.00	907.00	0.00	907.00
General Fund	548.58	0.00	548.58	548.58	0.00	548.58
Nongeneral Fund	358.42	0.00	358.42	358.42	0.00	358.42

Operating Budget History

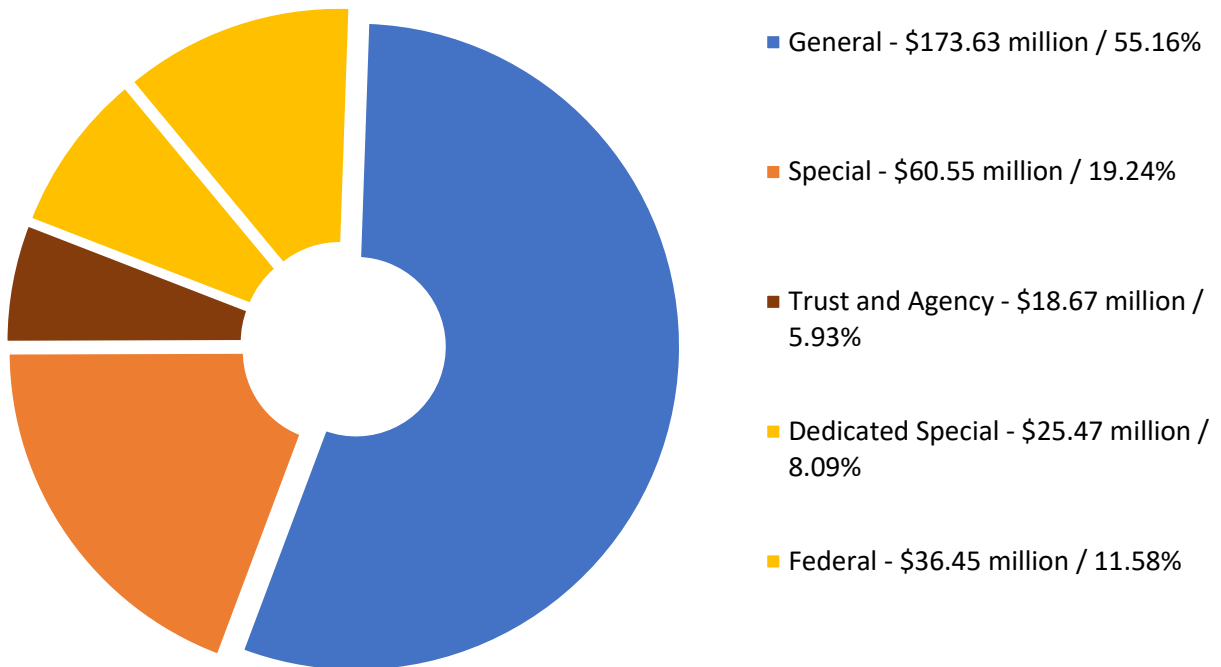
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(Dollars in Millions)



2024-2026 Biennium Total Proposed Operating Budget

Office of Agriculture and Forestry



Part B: 2025 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2024-2026 Biennium

Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$518,381	\$0	\$402,866	3.00	0.00	3.00
2022 Appropriation	\$518,381	\$0	\$402,866	3.00	0.00	3.00
2023 Appropriation	\$546,828	\$0	\$489,565	3.00	0.00	3.00
2024 Appropriation	\$546,828	\$0	\$489,565	3.00	0.00	3.00
2025 Appropriation	\$599,235	\$0	\$521,056	3.00	0.00	3.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$599,235	\$0	\$521,056	3.00	0.00	3.00
2026 Appropriation	\$599,235	\$0	\$521,056	3.00	0.00	3.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Total	\$599,235	\$0	\$521,056	3.00	0.00	3.00

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$43,871,662	\$38,240,917	\$44,294,781	344.00	214.00	558.00
2022 Appropriation	\$42,788,031	\$38,240,917	\$45,393,878	349.99	219.01	569.00
2023 Appropriation	\$49,249,000	\$39,246,929	\$52,515,778	359.49	222.51	582.00
2024 Appropriation	\$49,165,125	\$39,241,929	\$53,615,778	376.49	232.51	609.00
2025 Appropriation	\$55,634,282	\$42,237,446	\$59,499,468	374.99	235.01	610.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$832,081	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$56,466,363	\$42,237,446	\$59,499,468	374.99	235.01	610.00
2026 Appropriation	\$54,414,982	\$42,237,446	\$59,499,468	374.99	235.01	610.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$3,239,800	\$1,680,000	\$309,847	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Total	\$57,654,782	\$43,917,446	\$59,809,315	374.99	235.01	610.00

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Technical Changes

Clarify funding for the Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program

Clarifies that appropriation for the Blue Catfish Processing Grant Program is part of the Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund.

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Decrease deposit to the Virginia Wine Promotion Fund

Adjusts the annual deposit to the Virginia Wine Promotion Fund based on certain wine liter tax revenue collections.

	2025	2026
General Fund	(\$38,924)	(\$38,924)

Increase deposit to the Virginia Spirits Promotion Fund

Adjusts the annual deposit to the Virginia Spirits Promotion Fund based on certain spirits tax revenue collections.

	2025	2026
General Fund	\$89,294	\$89,294

Modernize regulatory program platform

Provides ongoing funding to modernize the first two of the agency's 21 regulatory programs. It is anticipated that the modernization of all programs will be complete in 2036, and that the new platform will improve and streamline services.

	2025	2026
General Fund	\$0	\$2,939,430

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Replace outdated liquid propane gas testing equipment		2025	2026
Provides one-time funding for necessary upgrades to liquid propane gas provers used in field inspections. Existing 102-gallon, 23-gallon, and 20-gallon provers will be replaced with one 100-gallon and two 25-gallon provers to meet industry standards.	General Fund	\$149,500	\$0
Establish Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Premium Assistance Program		2025	2026
Creates a new program to reimburse a portion of the annual federal premium paid by livestock producers enrolled in the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency Rainfall Index Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage insurance program.	General Fund	\$0	\$250,000
Support required inspection and testing of commercially used chargers for electric vehicles		2025	2026
Provides one-time money for new equipment to begin inspecting electric vehicle chargers.	General Fund	\$632,211	\$0
Adjust spending authority for the Virginia Corn Board			
Updates budget language to allow for the expenditure of increasing nongeneral fund revenue for the Corn Board.			
Adjust spending authority for the Virginia Soybean Board			
Updates budget language to allow for the expenditure of increasing nongeneral fund revenue for the Soybean Board.			
Increase nongeneral fund appropriation for pesticide services		2025	2026
Increases appropriation for ongoing maintenance costs of a new online registration system for pesticide applicators.	Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$500,000
Increase nongeneral fund appropriation for the Virginia Horse Industry Board		2025	2026
Increases appropriation to allow for the expenditure of increasing revenue for the Virginia Horse Industry Board.	Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$1,180,000

Department of Forestry

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$20,411,165	\$15,413,742	\$20,800,142	165.59	113.41	279.00
2022 Appropriation	\$21,701,822	\$15,413,742	\$21,651,549	165.59	113.41	279.00
2023 Appropriation	\$28,624,159	\$15,994,378	\$23,026,416	165.59	113.41	279.00
2024 Appropriation	\$23,047,329	\$15,994,378	\$23,190,912	165.59	113.41	279.00
2025 Appropriation	\$30,104,282	\$18,794,366	\$26,476,138	170.59	113.41	284.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$270,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$30,374,282	\$18,794,366	\$26,476,138	170.59	113.41	284.00
2026 Appropriation	\$27,404,282	\$18,794,366	\$26,476,138	170.59	113.41	284.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$232,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Total	\$27,636,282	\$18,794,366	\$26,476,138	170.59	113.41	284.00

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Upgrade Integrated Forest Resource Information System modules		2025	2026
Provides one-time funding over the biennium to complete software upgrades for mission critical systems. The current system is 20 years old and has functionality limitations.	General Fund	\$270,000	\$232,000

Part B: 2025 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2024-2026 Biennium

Agricultural Council

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,675	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,675	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,509	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,509	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,422	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$0	\$490,422	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Appropriation	\$0	\$490,422	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Total	\$0	\$490,422	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00

Virginia Racing Commission

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$0	\$3,208,655	\$996,807	0.00	10.00	10.00
2022 Appropriation	\$0	\$3,208,655	\$996,807	0.00	10.00	10.00
2023 Appropriation	\$0	\$6,073,891	\$2,205,222	0.00	10.00	10.00
2024 Appropriation	\$0	\$6,073,891	\$2,205,222	0.00	10.00	10.00
2025 Appropriation	\$300,000	\$8,061,561	\$1,956,602	0.00	10.00	10.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Total	\$300,000	\$8,061,561	\$1,956,602	0.00	10.00	10.00
2026 Appropriation	\$0	\$8,361,561	\$1,956,602	0.00	10.00	10.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026 Total	\$0	\$8,361,561	\$1,956,602	0.00	10.00	10.00