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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 106

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
17 YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby  
24 established for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2025-  
25 2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
31	(1)	SC001 SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
32	(2)	U072U DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
33	(3)	U057U AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
34	(4)	L104C AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
35	(5)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
36	(6)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08



1	(7)	D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
2	(8)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(9)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
4	(10)	D057C INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
5	(11)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
6	(12)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
7	(13)	G345C AGRI GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
8	(14)	A151C CFO OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE GS14
9	(15)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
10	(16)	B006C AGRI CONSERVATION DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
11	(17)	A010N AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
12	(18)	N001C DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
13	(19)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS13
14	(20)	B002C AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
15	(21)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
16	(22)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
17	(23)	B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
18	(24)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
19	(25)	T110C AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE GS10
20	(26)	B144C FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
21	(27)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
22	(28)	T130C AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPUTY CHIEF	1	GRADE GS09
23	(29)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
24	(30)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
25	(31)	T121C AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT ASST CHIEF	1	GRADE GS08
26	(32)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
27	(33)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
28	(34)	X109C AGRI INVESTIGATOR	3	GRADE GS07
29	(35)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
30	(36)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07
31	(37)	V008C BUYER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
32	(38)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
33	(39)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
34	(40)	P049C GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE GS06
35	(41)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
36	(42)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06

1	(43) V014C BUYER	3	GRADE GS05
2	(44) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
3	(45) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
4	(46) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS04
5	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	65	

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7 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,  
 8 for the Department of Agriculture - Shared Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal  
 9 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be  
 10 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 11 purposes: three (3) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates  
 12 of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 13 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 14 classification.

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16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is  
 17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 18 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 19 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -  
 20 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,311,179
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,482,467
27	(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
28	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,162,067
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
31	(C) PROF. FEES	704,500
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,115,613</u>

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SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
(1)	U048U	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	U043U	NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	U044U	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	U003U	STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	B004N	STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MP05
(6)	L106C	VETERINARY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE MP04
(7)	D040C	GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(8)	G052N	NATURAL RESOURCES DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(9)	B005C	AGRI WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
(10)	G344C	AGRI WATER RESOURCES DIV MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
(11)	B004C	AGRI WATER RESOURCES DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
(12)	B001C	DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE GS13
(13)	N058N	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION DEPUTY	1	GRADE GS13
(14)	B015C	ENGINEER SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS12
(15)	G036N	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(16)	B010C	AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE GS11
(17)	B014C	ASST STATE FORESTER	3	GRADE GS11
(18)	B023C	ENGINEER, P.E.	8	GRADE GS11
(19)	B149C	SR LABORATORY SCIENTIST	2	GRADE GS11
(20)	B022C	DISTRICT FORESTER	7	GRADE GS10
(21)	E013C	EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(22)	X217C	NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN COORD	1	GRADE GS10
(23)	B136C	AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(24)	S005C	AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(25)	B037C	CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
(26)	B035C	GEOLOGY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
(27)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(28)	B034C	MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09

1	(29)	B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
2	(30)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	22	GRADE GS08
3	(31)	X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT	2	GRADE GS08
4	(32)	B067C ARCHAEOLOGIST	8	GRADE GS08
5	(33)	B055C ECOLOGIST COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
6	(34)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
7	(35)	B043C PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	2	GRADE GS08
8	(36)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
9	(37)	B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS08
10	(38)	B058C STAFF FORESTER	5	GRADE GS08
11	(39)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
12	(40)	C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
13	(41)	X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
14	(42)	X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS07
15	(43)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE GS07
16	(44)	B081C CHEMIST	16	GRADE GS07
17	(45)	B065C ECOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS07
18	(46)	X054C ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
19	(47)	B080C FORESTER	39	GRADE GS07
20	(48)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
21	(49)	B060C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
22	(50)	B077C MICROBIOLOGIST	12	GRADE GS07
23	(51)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
24	(52)	G145C RURAL CONST GRANT/FINANCIAL OFFICER	6	GRADE GS07
25	(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
26	(54)	X146C AGRI INSPECTOR III	34	GRADE GS06
27	(55)	B147C AGRI PROGRAM SPECIALIST	14	GRADE GS06
28	(56)	D076C COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
29	(57)	B088C COUNTY FOREST RANGER	60	GRADE GS06
30	(58)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
31	(59)	B078C METROLOGIST	2	GRADE GS06
32	(60)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
33	(61)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
34	(62)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	2	GRADE GS06
35	(63)	X157C AGRI INSPECTOR II	96	GRADE GS05
36	(64)	X097C AGRI SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05

1	(65)	S036C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
2	(66)	X129C CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	1	GRADE GS05
3	(67)	B098C FOREST RANGER II	108	GRADE GS05
4	(68)	S034C INTERSTATE TRUCK DRIVER	2	GRADE GS05
5	(69)	B093C LAND RESOURCE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS05
6	(70)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	11	GRADE GS05
7	(71)	D081C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS05
8	(72)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
9	(73)	X165C AGRI INSPECTOR I	2	GRADE GS04
10	(74)	B096C AGRI SEED ANALYST	5	GRADE GS04
11	(75)	S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	4	GRADE GS04
12	(76)	S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
13	(77)	B101C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS04
14	(78)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	11	GRADE GS03
15	(79)	S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS02
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	610	

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18 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,  
 19 for the Department of Agriculture - Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
 20 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known  
 21 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:  
 22 one hundred eighty-one (181) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,  
 23 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification  
 24 and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 25 classification.

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27 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 28 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of  
 29 Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 30 Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 31 2026, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,195,891
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,060,189
2	(04) OVERTIME	21,571
3	(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
4	(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,272
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
7	(C) PROF. FEES	33,500
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
11	(08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,149,515</u>

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 14 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE  
 15 CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 16 Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry  
 17 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating  
 18 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission  
 19 - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending  
 20 June 30, 2026, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$543,206
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	245,853
27	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	213,846
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30	(C) PROF. FEES	0
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,177,905</u>

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 35 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM.  
 36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

1 from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating  
 2 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission  
 3 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

4	5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
7	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,550,361
8	(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
9	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	745,484
10	(04) OVERTIME	300,000
11	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	252,971
13	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
14	(C) PROF. FEES	0
15	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
16	(E) DATA PROC.	0
17	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	1,594,968
18	(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,694,134</u>

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21 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby  
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 23 Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and  
 24 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing  
 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,600
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	115,019
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,696,745
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000



1 (E) DATA PROC. 0

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3 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$2,446,864

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5 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS  
6 ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to  
7 be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control  
8 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
9 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for  
10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 NO.	2025-2026
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
15 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
16 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	233,046
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19 (C) PROF. FEES	0
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
21 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$439,157</u>

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24 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH.  
25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
26 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
27 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
28 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal  
29 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 NO.	2025-2026
33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$389,331
34 (02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
35 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	167,396
36 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$688,499</u></u>

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

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
10 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of  
11 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest  
12 Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,374,438
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	800,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,870,407
19	(04) OVERTIME	250,000
20	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,158,314
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
23	(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,200,000
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND	
27	OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
28	(07) PEST ERADICATION	<u>1,000,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,745,422</u></u>

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31 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

32 INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
33 Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services  
34 and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board -  
35 Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
36 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$202,230
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,407
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
9	(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$348,064</u></u>

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## 14 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

15 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 16 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 17 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance  
 18 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$179,529
23	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,932
24	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	0
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$300,244</u></u>

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32 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby  
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant  
 34 Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 35 Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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>

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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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

1 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 2 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri  
 3 Scholarship Program Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships of the  
 4 Department of Agriculture - Agri Scholarship Program for the fiscal year  
 5 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9	(01) AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$970,000</u>

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11 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State  
 13 Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department  
 14 of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year  
 15 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,084,408
20	(02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
21	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,989,693
22	(04) OVERTIME	52,400
23	(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
24	(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,710,744
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	280,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0
30	(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
31	(08) DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	400,000
32	(09) FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
33	(10) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	138,512
34	(11) UNDERSERVED LANDOWNER OUTREACH	500,000
35	(12) OUTREACH AND PLANTING AID	<u>225,000</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,739,593</u>

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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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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><u>\$1,702,156</u></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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	82,000
3	(03) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY	<u>1,875,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,074,500</u></u>

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6 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

7 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be

8 payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to

9 communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State

10 Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year

11 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
15	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

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17 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM.

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable

19 from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses,

20 fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services

21 of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry

22 Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
33	(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,750,000</u></u>

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



1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 2 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 3 State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry  
 4 Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June  
 5 30, 2026, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9	(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$230,000</u>

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11 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby  
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 13 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 14 operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture - State  
 15 Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
 16 the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
23	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(02) FOREST LEGACY ADMINISTRATION	157,000
27	(03) WHITE RIVER HEADWATERS PROJECT	1,455,000
28	(04) FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM	<u>6,000,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,625,399</u>

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31 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.  
 32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 33 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 34 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State  
 35 Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year  
 36 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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, 2026, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>\$99,500</u>

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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, 2026, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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>\$46,393</u>

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SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICINE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Veterinary Examiners Board Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and scholarships of the Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medicine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$61,131
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,830
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

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1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
3	(C) PROF. FEES	16,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(05) RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP	
7	PROGRAM	<u>30,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$168,238</u></u>

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

11 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 12 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the  
 13 Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection  
 14 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
18	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$70,000</u></u>

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20 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 21 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State  
 22 Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 23 the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal  
 24 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$606,083</u></u>

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30 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE.

31 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 32 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and  
 33 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection  
 34 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$150,000
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	85,000
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

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12 SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby  
 13 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral  
 14 Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to  
 15 eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year  
 16 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

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22 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri  
 24 Fair Fund, for personal services, fair funding and operating expenses of the  
 25 Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 26 following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30	(01) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	\$84,000
31	(02) ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO	48,000
32	(03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	54,000
33	(04) COUNTY FAIRS	959,272
34	(05) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOWS	27,000
35	(06) <i>NORTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR</i>	54,000
36	(07) <i>NORTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR</i>	54,000

1	(08) SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
2	(09) SOUTHEAST DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
3	(10) NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT FAIR	54,000
4	(11) FOUR STATES FAIR	54,000
5	(12) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	<u>23,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,519,272</u></u>

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8 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE

9 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

10 Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future

11 Scholarship Fund, for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture -

12 Arkansas Foresters For The Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year

13 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17	(01) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

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20 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - NRC - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby

21 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

22 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating

23 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources

24 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,928
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	448,479
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	193,182
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,165
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(04) SURVEYS & INVESTIGATIONS	3,900

1	(05) WATER PLANNING	<u>130,981</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,024,635</u></u>

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4 SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CASH. There is hereby appropriated,  
 5 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the cash fund deposited  
 6 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 7 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture  
 8 - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 9 2026, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,403,559
14	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,800
15	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	510,876
16	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	377,298
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	910,002
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	225,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(05) SOIL & WATER GRANTS & LOANS	<u>6,202,017</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,686,552</u></u>

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25 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - NRC - DAM INVENTORY. There is hereby  
 26 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 27 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 28 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -  
 29 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Dam Inventory for the fiscal year  
 30 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$89,358
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,211

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,216
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000
4	(C) PROF. FEES	130,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) GRANTS & AID DAM - SAFETY PROJECTS	76,997
8	(06) HIGH HAZARD DAMS REHAB	<u>226,803</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$638,585</u></u>

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11 SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - NRC - FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is  
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 13 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 14 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -  
 15 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Flood Insurance Program for the  
 16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$160,867
21	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
22	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,508
23	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	268,504
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,571
26	(C) PROF. FEES	1,700,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(05) GRANTS & AID - FLOOD HAZARD	
30	MITIGATION GRANTS	<u>3,000,000</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,262,450</u></u>

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33 SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER QUALITY PLAN IMPLEMENTAITON.  
 34 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
 35 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and  
 36 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural



1 Resources Commission - Water Quality Plan Implementation for the fiscal year  
2 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

3	4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
6	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$317,076
7	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	104,333
8	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,089
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000
11	(C) PROF. FEES	0
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(04) WATER QUALITY MATCH GRANTS	500,000
15	(05) WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN	<u>750,000</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,675,498</u></u>

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18 SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND POLLUTION  
19 ABATEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
20 Agriculture, to be payable from the Water, Waste Disposal, Pollution  
21 Abatement, Administrative and Research Facilities Construction Fund, for  
22 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -  
23 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution  
24 Abatement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$137,764
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,731
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,400
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(04) PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS	<u>90,000,000</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$90,187,895

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3 SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - NRC - NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL  
 4 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to  
 5 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 6 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department  
 7 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Nonpoint Source  
 8 Pollution Control Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 9 following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$294,446
14 (02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
15 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,166
16 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	282,774
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
19 (C) PROF. FEES	706,630
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0
22 (05) NON POINT SOURCE POLLUTION GRANTS	5,642,276
23 (06) HYPOXIA NUTRIENT REDUCTION	200,000
24 (07) SMALL/ DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	637,000
25 (08) SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE	<u>1,606,373</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$9,607,665</u>

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28 SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REVOLVING  
 29 LOAN FUND PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 30 Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief  
 31 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 32 the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission -  
 33 Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Program for the fiscal year  
 34 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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36 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$631,141
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,934
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	111,841
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,219
7	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,002,635</u></u>

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12           SECTION 46. APPROPRIATION - NRC - BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is  
 13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 14 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to the conservation districts  
 15 for beaver control programs within the districts of the Department of  
 16 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Beaver Eradication  
 17 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21	(01) GRANTS FOR BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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23           SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - NRC - GRANTS & ATTORNEY SERVICES. There is  
 24 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
 25 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department  
 26 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Grants and Attorney  
 27 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
31	(01) RIVER BASIN COMPACT	\$42,820
32	(02) LEGAL COUNSEL	5,871
33	(03) COMMITTEE/COMMISSION EXPENSES	10,000
34	(04) CONSERVATION PROJECTS	3,500
35	(05) ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT	17,800
36	(06) RED RIVER COMPACT	<u>11,720</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$91,711

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3 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM GRANTS.  
4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
5 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services matching  
6 and grants to conservation districts of the Department of Agriculture -  
7 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation District Program Grants  
8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
12	(01) GRANTS TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	\$250,000
13	(02) CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS &	
14	ASSISTANCE	<u>1,522,672</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,772,672</u>

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17 SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER RESEARCH. There is hereby  
18 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
19 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Department  
20 of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water Research for  
21 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
25	(01) WATER RESEARCH/CONTRACT	<u>\$42,800</u>

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27 SECTION 50. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -  
28 REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,  
29 to be payable from the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Revolving Fund, for  
30 water, sewer, and solid waste grants of the Department of Agriculture -  
31 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste -  
32 Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
36	(01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS &	

1 AID \$6,000,000

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3 SECTION 51. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE -  
4 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be  
5 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for water, sewer, and  
6 solid waste grants or loans that will be repaid to the water, sewer and solid  
7 waste revolving appropriation of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas  
8 Natural Resources Commission - Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste - State for the  
9 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13 (01) WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE GRANTS	<u>\$84,296</u>

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15 SECTION 52. APPROPRIATION - NRC - WATER USE PROGRAM. There is hereby  
16 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the  
17 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
18 reporting expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural  
19 Resources Commission - Water Use Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
20 2026, the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24 (01) WATER USE DATA REPORTING	<u>\$125,000</u>

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26 SECTION 53. APPROPRIATION - NRC - CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.  
27 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
28 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
29 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
30 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Conservation Technical  
31 Assistance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$164,013
36 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	61,434

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,246
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(04) RESOURCE GRANTS	<u>906,637</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,292,330</u></u>

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10 SECTION 54. APPROPRIATION - NRC - UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is

11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the

12 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the

13 Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Unpaved

14 Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
18	(01) UNPAVED ROADS GRANTS & AID OR	
19	OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$600,000</u></u>

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21 SECTION 55. APPROPRIATION NRC - FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL -

22 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to

23 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

24 of the State, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to

25 eliminate feral swine by the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural

26 Resources Commission - Feral Swine Eradication and Control - Federal for the

27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
31	(01) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

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33 SECTION 56. APPROPRIATION - NRC - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS. There

34 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from

35 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

36 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of

1 Agriculture - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission - Soil Classifiers for  
 2 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
6 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
8 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
9 (C) PROF. FEES	0
10 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,296</u></u>

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14 SECTION 57. APPROPRIATION - NRC - ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION  
 15 PRACTICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 16 Agriculture, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief  
 17 Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with Alliance Landowner  
 18 Conservation Practices of the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural  
 19 Resources Commission - Alliance Landowner Conservation Practices - Federal  
 20 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24 (01) ALLIANCE LANDOWNER CONSERVATION 25 PRACTICES	<u><u>\$2,445,538</u></u>

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27 SECTION 58. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 29 FAIR FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is  
 30 practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount  
 31 needed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from  
 32 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
 34 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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36 SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
2 SHARED SERVICES.

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

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

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

15 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of  
16 passage through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

20 FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission,  
21 with prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget  
22 Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the  
23 reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the  
24 transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and  
25 Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry  
26 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special  
27 Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the  
28 Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry  
29 Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate  
30 allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer  
31 will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which  
32 funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being  
33 reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or  
34 the Joint Budget Committee.

35 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
36 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year



1 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
2 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
3 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
4 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
5 has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and  
6 Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is  
7 provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry  
8 Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is  
9 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight  
10 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
11 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the  
12 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this  
13 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
14 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent  
15 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
17 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

21 TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines  
22 that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel  
23 expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and  
24 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations  
25 may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the  
26 line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services  
27 Matching.

28 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
29 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
30 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
31 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
32 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
33 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
34 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if  
35 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad  
36 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate

1 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
2 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this  
3 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
4 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement  
5 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
6 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
7 void.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
9 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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11 SECTION 62. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

13 TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that  
14 temporary firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the  
15 demands of a wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer  
16 of the State, appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or  
17 Professional Fees and Services to the proper character code for the  
18 employment of such personnel.

19 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air  
20 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and  
21 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
22 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be  
23 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry  
24 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

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

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
34 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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36 SECTION 63. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
2 REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to  
3 charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission  
4 for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees  
5 shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a  
6 refund to expenditure.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
8 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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10 SECTION 64. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
12 FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund  
13 balances or any law to the contrary, any funds up to \$500,000 which remain in  
14 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall  
15 remain in the Department of Agriculture Fund Account and be made available to  
16 fund appropriation(s) authorized by law to be made for maintenance and  
17 operating costs associated with wildfire suppression, as well as the purchase  
18 of fire suppression equipment for the Forestry Division and made payable from  
19 the Department of Agriculture Fund Account for the following fiscal year.  
20 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding up to \$500,000 as  
21 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:  
22 (1) Prior to June 30, 2026, the Agency shall by written statement set forth  
23 its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of  
24 Finance and Administration Office of Budget;  
25 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall  
26 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all  
27 amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or  
28 Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the  
29 Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding  
30 carried forward, from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the  
31 program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a  
32 copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;  
33 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written  
34 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
35 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written  
36 statement as so the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for

1 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)  
2 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents  
3 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
4 Committee; and

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

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11 SECTION 65. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
13 TRANSFER. (A)(1) If the Arkansas Department of Agriculture determines  
14 additional funding is required to support the purchase of firefighting  
15 equipment and forest fire suppression activities, to include the maintenance  
16 and operations costs associated with fire suppression, the Department of  
17 Agriculture with prior approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, may  
18 transfer the sum of one million one hundred eighty thousand one hundred  
19 dollars (\$1,180,100) of the amount authorized for transfer by Act 154 of  
20 2012, to the State Forestry Fund.

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

24 (3) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025  
25 through June 30, 2026.

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27 SECTION 66. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
29 REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. The Department of Agriculture provides a wide  
30 range of services to all Arkansans. The specific service needs, along with  
31 staffing required to meet them, can vary significantly due to factors such as  
32 natural disasters, changing federal mandates, and job market variations like  
33 wildland firefighters, dispatchers, foresters, engineers, and  
34 microbiologists' shortages. These factors make it challenging for the  
35 Department to accurately predict the exact needs for positions across its  
36 different appropriations throughout any fiscal year. To respond swiftly to

1 changing needs and to utilize resources effectively, the Department of  
2 Agriculture is authorized to reallocate resources as necessary. Upon  
3 determining that a reallocation is essential for the efficient and effective  
4 operation of the department, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture,  
5 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Legislative  
6 Council or the Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in Legislative Session, may  
7 request to transfer positions between existing business areas of the  
8 department. Transfer authority shall be limited to no more than 5% of the  
9 total authorized department positions in any fiscal year.

10 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
11 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
12 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
13 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
14 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
15 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has  
16 determined that the Department of Agriculture may operate more efficiently if  
17 some flexibility is provided to the Department of Agriculture authorizing  
18 broad powers under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein.  
19 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly  
20 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or  
21 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of  
22 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a  
23 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the  
24 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a  
25 court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.  
26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025,  
27 through June 30, 2026.

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

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

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
2 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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4 SECTION 68. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
6 FORWARD - NRC. At the end of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
7 the State shall authorize the carry forward of funds to support the amount of  
8 obligated grants that are certified by the Natural Resources Commission for  
9 Matching Grants in the appropriation entitled "Water Quality Plan  
10 Implementation".

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

13 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set  
14 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
15 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
36 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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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 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

1 SECTION 70. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 11 SECTION 71. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 12 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 13 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 14 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 15 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 16 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 17 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 18 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 20 SECTION 72. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
 22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
 24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
 27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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 32 /s/ Joint Budget Committee  
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