

- AGR will oversee the Livestock Regulation Program, which regulates feeding operations of 1,000 or more animal units.
- GRF funding for Gypsy Moth Prevention is increased by 103% in FY 2002.

Department of Agriculture

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ROLE

Ohio's Department of Agriculture is primarily a regulatory agency responsible for the quality of the state's food supply. The agency's other priorities include promoting Ohio's agricultural products in domestic and international markets, controlling livestock diseases, inspecting amusement rides, and enforcing the state's weights and measures laws by inspecting commercial measuring devices and packaged agricultural commodities. The department administers these activities through 11 separate program areas. The department currently employs 485 staff. This number is expected to increase to 492 during FYs 2002 and 2003 due in large part to the new Livestock Regulation Program.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
485	\$42.2 million	\$44.0 million	\$22.9 million	\$23.8 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94 Am. Sub. H.B. 3

OVERVIEW

Departmental appropriations for FY 2002 total \$42,172,291, which is an 11.6 percent increase over actual FY 2001 disbursements. Appropriations for FY 2003 total \$43,978,694. This represents a 4.3 percent increase over FY 2002 levels. GRF appropriations receive a 2.2 percent increase for FY 2002 and a 3.8 percent increase for FY 2003.

GRF funding accounts for 54 percent of the total appropriations for both fiscal years. This figure is lower than in past years. In the previous biennium, GRF funding accounted for 59 percent of the total funding. The State Special Revenue Fund represents 25 percent of total funding, while the Federal Special Revenue Fund is approximately 21 percent.

Notable funding increases for the FY 2002-2003 biennium occur in the department's Gypsy Moth Prevention Program. This program will receive \$623,716 in FY 2002 and \$624,765 in FY 2003.

BUDGET ISSUES

LIVESTOCK REGULATION PROGRAM

This program will oversee consolidated feeding operations of 1,000 or more animal units. This is a new program for the Department of Agriculture. Sub. S.B. 141 of the 123rd General Assembly transferred most of the authority to permit and regulate concentrated animal feeding facilities to the Department of Agriculture from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The department has indicated that it will need 17 employees for the program. GRF appropriations constitute the majority of funding with \$2,992,814 for the biennium. A state special revenue fund will hold application fees, civil fines, and money for hazardous discharge expenses to be used to help administer the program. Appropriation item 700-604, Livestock Management Program in Fund 5L8, will receive \$500,000 for the biennium.

GYPSY MOTH PREVENTION

The gypsy moth is an insect that is highly destructive to forests, trees, and landscapes throughout the nation. It also decreases timber value, lowers the quality of life for people living in infected areas, affects water quality, and damages wildlife habitats. According to the department, Ohio has the largest contiguous advancing front of gypsy moth infestation in the nation. The Gypsy Moth Prevention program is within the Division of Plant Industry. GRF appropriation item 700-413, Gypsy Moth Prevention, has received \$1,248,481 for the biennium. The department has five full-time employees concentrating on this problem. The department is currently in consultation with the Governor's Office regarding solutions to this problem.

CLEAN OHIO (STATE ISSUE 1)

The department will be involved in the implementation of State Issue 1. Am. Sub. H.B. 3 created several new funds for the receipt of bond revenues to be used for various purposes. The Department of Agriculture is responsible for the administration of the Clean Ohio Agriculture Easement Fund. That fund is in addition to the continuing Agricultural Easement Purchase Fund. The act has allocated \$150,000 in FY 2002 and \$320,000 in FY 2003 to appropriation item 700-409, Farmland Preservation. Appropriation item CAP-047 is granted \$6,250,000 and appropriation item 700-632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement – Operating, is granted \$146,000 for FY 2002 and \$149,000 for FY 2003. The capital funds for CAP-047 will be accounted for as if in Am. Sub. H.B. 640 of the 123rd General Assembly, the most recent capital appropriations act. The Director of Agriculture is required to adopt rules governing how matching grants from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund may be awarded for the purchase of agricultural easements. These rules must establish: 1) procedures for the solicitation and acceptance of grant applications; 2) a ranking system for grant applications based on soil type, proximity of land to other agricultural land already protected from development, the use of best management practices and a history of substantial compliance with applicable laws, development pressure, areas identified for agricultural protection in local comprehensive land use plans, and any other criteria that the director determines are necessary for selecting applications for matching grants; 3) the preparation and submittal of annual monitoring reports for agricultural easement purchases.

TRANSFERAL OF AUCTION PROGRAM FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE


The responsibility for the administration of the Auctioneer Licensing Program was transferred from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Agriculture on October 1, 2001. This transferal involves appropriation item 700-628, Auctioneers, with \$346,769 in FY 2002 and \$365,390 in FY 2003. Appropriation item 700-609, Auction Education, with \$30,476 each year for FYs 2002 and 2003, is also transferred. The money in the funds will be transferred as the Director of Budget and Management and the Controlling Board deem proper.

ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL

Moneys within appropriation item 700-401, Animal Disease Control, are allowed to be used for the detection, prevention, and emergency management of foot and mouth disease, mad cow disease, and the West Nile virus. Moneys can also be used for the education of the public regarding those diseases.

DEPARTMENT CUTS AND/OR ADJUSTMENTS

According to the department, adjustments or cuts will have to be made in a few program areas due to the reductions in several line items. Chief among these cuts are the following:

- **Amusement Ride Safety** – Appropriation item 700-402, Amusement Ride Safety, will receive \$226,451 in FY 2002. This is a 28.6 percent reduction from actual FY 2001 expenditures. In FY 2003, the program will receive a 1.9 percent increase with \$230,769. As a result of this reduction, the department is considering raising fees charged for inspection services.
- **Ohio Proud** – Appropriation item 700-404, Ohio Proud, will receive \$219,513 for FY 2002, which is a 10.6 percent reduction from actual FY 2001 expenditures. Consequently, the department is considering a program reduction.
- **International Trade and Market Development** – In FY 2002, appropriation item 700-411, International Trade and Market Development will receive a reduction in funding of 30.0 percent from actual FY 2001 expenditures. The program will receive \$777,776 in FY 2002 compared to \$1,111,185. Additionally, the program will receive another reduction in FY 2003. In FY 2003, the program will receive \$589,091, which is a 24.3 percent reduction from FY 2002 appropriations. As such, the department plans to freeze two positions and is also discussing further adjustments. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
AGR Agriculture, Department of									
057	700-632	Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement	----	----		\$ 146,000	N/A	\$ 149,000	2.05%
Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Total			----	----	----	\$ 146,000	N/A	\$ 149,000	2.05%
GRF	700-100	Personal Services	\$ 2,044,579	\$ 5,253		----	N/A	----	N/A
GRF	700-200	Maintenance	\$ 854,917	\$ 31,587		----	N/A	----	N/A
GRF	700-300	Equipment	\$ 219,197	\$ 220,448		----	N/A	----	N/A
GRF	700-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 3,067,739	\$3,283,459	\$ 3,113,471	-5.18%	\$ 3,284,062	5.48%
GRF	700-401	Animal Disease Control	\$ 4,033,538	\$ 4,009,101	\$4,041,578	\$ 4,275,774	5.79%	\$ 4,319,331	1.02%
GRF	700-402	Amusement Ride Safety	\$ 320,214	\$ 319,955	\$316,924	\$ 226,451	-28.55%	\$ 230,769	1.91%
GRF	700-403	Milk Lab Program	\$ 926,019	\$ 1,630,059	\$1,659,076	\$ 1,545,561	-6.84%	\$ 1,682,259	8.84%
GRF	700-404	Ohio Proud	\$ 269,393	\$ 273,906	\$245,461	\$ 219,513	-10.57%	\$ 224,842	2.43%
GRF	700-405	Animal Damage Control	\$ 107,759	\$ 70,228	\$94,390	\$ 85,478	-9.44%	\$ 83,093	-2.79%
GRF	700-406	Consumer Analytical Lab	\$ 806,580	\$ 819,575	\$747,682	\$ 875,722	17.12%	\$ 886,501	1.23%
GRF	700-407	Food, Dairies, & Drugs	\$ 1,565,128	\$ 1,457,510	\$1,556,979	\$ 1,401,653	-9.98%	\$ 1,357,287	-3.17%
GRF	700-409	Farmland Preservation	\$ 159,505	\$ 161,980	\$207,728	\$ 150,000	-27.79%	\$ 320,000	113.33%
GRF	700-410	Plant Industry	\$ 1,525,872	\$ 1,549,139	\$1,551,322	\$ 1,495,199	-3.62%	\$ 1,538,196	2.88%
GRF	700-411	International Trade/Market Developmen	\$ 1,168,709	\$ 1,191,625	\$1,111,185	\$ 777,776	-30.00%	\$ 589,091	-24.26%
GRF	700-412	Weights and Measures	\$ 970,072	\$ 1,074,328	\$1,097,178	\$ 976,269	-11.02%	\$ 981,684	0.55%
GRF	700-413	Gypsy Moth Prevention	\$ 358,234	\$ 410,707	\$307,097	\$ 623,716	103.10%	\$ 624,765	0.17%
GRF	700-414	Concentrated Animal Feeding Facilities	----	----		\$ 22,926	N/A	\$ 22,323	-2.63%
GRF	700-415	Poultry Inspection	\$ 262,018	\$ 300,500	\$311,137	\$ 317,422	2.02%	\$ 316,146	-0.40%
GRF	700-418	Livestock Regulation Program	----	----	\$582,421	\$ 1,337,125	129.58%	\$ 1,540,440	15.21%
GRF	700-424	Livestock Testing & Inspection	\$ 148,596	\$ 182,661	\$157,524	\$ 226,546	43.82%	\$ 225,011	-0.68%
GRF	700-499	Meat Inspection Match	\$ 4,195,118	\$ 4,401,694	\$4,541,297	\$ 4,654,566	2.49%	\$ 4,977,168	6.93%
GRF	700-501	County Agricultural Societies	\$ 454,367	\$ 451,270	\$466,842	\$ 459,839	-1.50%	\$ 459,839	0.00%
GRF	700-503	Swine & Cattle Breeder Awards	\$ 101,120	\$ 97,750	\$122,918	\$ 111,463	-9.32%	\$ 105,470	-5.38%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 20,490,935	\$ 21,727,015	\$ 22,402,196	\$ 22,896,469	2.21%	\$ 23,768,276	3.81%
382	700-601	Cooperative Contracts	\$ 745,485	\$ 811,498	\$904,650	\$ 1,027,692	13.60%	\$ 1,091,347	6.19%
3J4	700-607	Indirect Cost	\$ 798,138	\$ 792,120	\$927,153	\$ 1,380,026	48.85%	\$ 1,314,020	-4.78%
3R2	700-614	Federal Plant Industry	\$ 531,370	\$ 1,603,445	\$1,052,451	\$ 1,607,887	52.78%	\$ 1,682,330	4.63%

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AGR Agriculture, Department of									
336	700-617	Ohio Farm Loan Revolving Fund	\$ 153,922	\$ 137,728	\$190,263	\$ 181,774	-4.46%	\$ 181,774	0.00%
326	700-618	Meat Inspection Service	\$ 4,148,658	\$ 4,495,054	\$4,043,318	\$ 4,401,707	8.86%	\$ 4,959,973	12.68%
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 6,377,573	\$ 7,839,845	\$ 7,117,834	\$ 8,599,086	20.81%	\$ 9,229,444	7.33%
4V0	700-602	License Fees	\$ 10,640	\$ 21,264	\$32,324	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
493	700-603	Fruits and Vegetables	\$ 270,026	\$ 277,854	\$197,701	\$ 212,764	7.62%	\$ 171,772	-19.27%
5L8	700-604	Livestock Management Program	----	----		\$ 250,000	N/A	\$ 250,000	0.00%
4C9	700-605	Feed, Fertilizer, & Lime Inspection	\$ 773,964	\$ 754,536	\$836,855	\$ 909,033	8.62%	\$ 975,244	7.28%
4E4	700-606	Utility Radiological Safety	\$ 31,548	\$ 35,161	\$96,964	\$ 69,016	-28.82%	\$ 73,059	5.86%
5H2	700-608	Metrology Lab	----	\$ 39,855	\$45,559	\$ 74,674	63.91%	\$ 138,624	85.64%
4D2	700-609	Auction Education	----	----		\$ 30,476	N/A	\$ 30,476	0.00%
4P7	700-610	Food Safety	\$ 166,095	\$ 199,456	\$280,129	\$ 559,611	99.77%	\$ 575,797	2.89%
4T6	700-611	Poultry and Meat Inspection	\$ 35,576	\$ 207,911	\$42,976	\$ 47,294	10.05%	\$ 47,294	0.00%
494	700-612	Agr. Commodity Marketing Program	\$ 165,195	\$ 160,070	\$170,077	\$ 166,536	-2.08%	\$ 169,867	2.00%
4T7	700-613	International Trade	\$ 28,784	\$ 41,172	\$41,190	\$ 161,991	293.28%	\$ 166,356	2.69%
4V5	700-615	Animal Industry Lab	\$ 165,276	\$ 227,221	\$368,663	\$ 626,633	69.97%	\$ 633,097	1.03%
578	700-620	Ride Inspection Fees	\$ 358,818	\$ 342,789	\$415,555	\$ 634,099	52.59%	\$ 650,774	2.63%
496	700-626	Ohio Grape Industries	\$ 418,434	\$ 559,727	\$641,706	\$ 1,048,667	63.42%	\$ 1,071,099	2.14%
497	700-627	Commodity Handlers Regulatory	\$ 640,381	\$ 559,326	\$627,151	\$ 566,862	-9.61%	\$ 648,616	14.42%
5B8	700-628	Auctioneers	----	----		\$ 346,769	N/A	\$ 365,390	5.37%
498	700-628	Commodity Indemnity Fund	\$ 983	\$ 22,390	\$470,684	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
579	700-630	Scale Certification	\$ 136,106	\$ 136,243	\$188,982	\$ 230,047	21.73%	\$ 230,047	0.00%
652	700-634	Laboratory Services	\$ 896,618	\$ 1,243,614	\$1,240,002	\$ 1,179,560	-4.87%	\$ 1,144,766	-2.95%
669	700-635	Pesticide Program	\$ 1,291,445	\$ 1,555,029	\$1,530,122	\$ 2,108,049	37.77%	\$ 2,181,491	3.48%
4R0	700-636	Ohio Proud Marketing	\$ 18,817	\$ 21,917	\$70,493	\$ 125,297	77.74%	\$ 133,614	6.64%
4R2	700-637	Dairy Inspection	\$ 1,496,797	\$ 1,074,964	\$980,477	\$ 1,183,358	20.69%	\$ 1,174,591	-0.74%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 6,905,503	\$ 7,480,499	\$ 8,277,609	\$ 10,530,736	27.22%	\$ 10,831,974	2.86%
Agriculture, Department of Total			\$ 33,774,011	\$ 37,047,359	\$ 37,797,639	\$ 42,172,291	11.57%	\$ 43,978,694	4.28%