

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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**General Fund and
Other Appropriated Funds****FY 1998
Actual****FY 1999
Estimate****FY 2000
Approved****FY 2001
Approved**Program Summary

Administration	1,793,600	2,137,300	2,235,000	2,278,200
Animal Services	3,894,500	4,157,400	4,183,300	4,263,200
Plant Services	4,651,700	4,905,100	5,229,100	5,327,700
Environmental Services	1,010,800	1,145,700	1,155,000	1,174,900
Laboratory	1,393,100	1,452,800	1,474,300	1,495,200
Total Appropriations	12,743,700	13,798,300	14,276,700	14,539,200

Expenditure Detail

FTE Positions	284.3	291.1	303.6 ^{1/}	303.6 ^{1/}
Personal Services	6,625,000	7,135,100	7,312,800	7,460,200
Employee Related Expenditures	1,585,200	1,656,300	1,648,100	1,729,300
Professional and Outside Services	170,700	211,700	211,700	211,700
Travel - In State	553,900	569,400	569,400	569,400
Travel - Out of State	47,800	58,200	29,000	29,000
Other Operating Expenditures	1,495,000	1,534,100	1,459,700	1,461,900
Equipment	274,600	200,000	320,200	310,200
Operating Subtotal	10,752,200	11,364,800	11,550,900^{2/}	11,771,700^{2/}
Consulting and Training	97,600	136,300	138,100	141,100
Agricultural Employment Relations Board	23,100	23,300	23,300	23,300
Animal Damage Control	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Aquaculture	7,600	9,000	9,200	9,200
Egg Inspection	232,800	258,600	261,300	266,400
Ratite Control Program	2,800	115,100	40,200	40,300
Livestock Custody	0	0	79,400	79,400
Commercial Feed Program	158,300	177,300	179,400	182,300
Fertilizer Materials Program	171,300	223,800	225,100	227,900
Pesticide Program	189,200	211,000	210,300	214,400
Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization	704,300	870,500	859,900	875,700
Dangerous Plants, Pests and Diseases	143,400	21,400	21,400	21,400
Organic Food Certification	0	12,500	12,500	12,500
Native Plant Program	178,100	216,900	221,600	225,700
Seed Law Program	18,000	92,800	48,200	49,900
Red Imported Fire Ant	0	0	330,900	333,000
Total Appropriations	12,743,700	13,798,300	14,276,700^{3/}	14,539,200^{3/}

^{1/} Includes 56.5 FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2000 and FY 2001.^{2/} Of the Operating Lump Sum appropriation in FY 2000 and FY 2001, the sum of \$50,000 is appropriated in both fiscal years for the Arizona Grown Promotion Program. Every dollar expended by the Department of Agriculture for the Arizona Grown Program shall be matched by \$0.50 in contributions from the private sector. Any unmatched monies revert to the state General Fund. (General Appropriation Act footnote)^{3/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items.

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Fund Summary

General Fund	10,882,200	11,603,700	12,047,800	12,272,300
Consulting and Training Fund	55,700	60,700	60,400	61,800
Aquaculture Fund	7,600	9,000	9,200	9,200
Egg Inspection Fund	232,800	258,600	261,300	266,400
Ratite Control Fund	2,800	40,100	40,200	40,300
Commercial Feed Fund	158,300	177,300	179,400	182,300
Fertilizer Materials Fund	171,300	223,800	225,100	227,900
Pesticide Fund	189,200	211,000	210,300	214,400
Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund	704,300	870,500	859,900	875,700
Dangerous Plants, Pests and Diseases Fund	143,400	21,400	21,400	21,400
Arizona Protected Native Plant Fund	178,100	216,900	221,600	225,700
Organic Food Certification Fund	0	12,500	12,500	12,500
Seed Law Fund	18,000	92,800	48,200	49,900
Livestock Custody Fund	0	0	79,400	79,400
Total Appropriations	12,743,700	13,798,300	14,276,700	14,539,200

Agency Description — *The Arizona Department of Agriculture administers and enforces agriculture-related statutes, which regulate, protect, and promote Arizona's agricultural industries. The department regulates certain phases of food production (such as milking, butchering, and harvesting) to protect public health and to ensure product quality. The department administers programs to protect livestock and crops from diseases and to protect farm-workers who handle agricultural chemicals. It also tests certain non-food agricultural products to ensure product quality and content, and provides administrative support to several product-promotion groups.*

Information Technology — The FY 2000 approved amount includes \$120,000 from the General Fund for upgrades to the department's automated information systems. This amount includes the replacement of 4 servers, 35 personal computers, 1 printer, and various other software upgrades. In FY 2001, funding is reduced by \$(10,000), leaving the department \$110,000 to replace additional servers, computers and printers.

Agriculture Laboratory Technician — The FY 2000 amount includes \$26,200 and 1 FTE Position from the General Fund for a new Agriculture Laboratory Technician. The position will help the laboratory address the increased number of priority rush samples that need identification. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Consulting and Training — Through on-site visits, the department provides non-regulatory advice to the agricultural community on how to comply with state statutes, regulations, policies, and federal mandates that the department administers. The program is funded from both the General Fund and the Consultation and Training Fund. The approved FY 2000 and FY 2001 amounts maintain funding for the program.

Agricultural Employment Relations Board C The board receives and investigates complaints of unfair agricultural labor practices and arbitrates agriculture labor disputes. It also conducts farm labor union elections. The board is funded from the General Fund.

Animal Damage Control — The department enters into written agreements with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to control, dispatch or relocate predatory animals and noxious rodents which are injurious to livestock, poultry, agriculture, other industries or the public health. The agreements are funded from the General Fund.

Aquaculture — The department regulates facilities such as fish hatcheries where aquatic organisms are raised. Regulations include product labeling, quality and disease control, and aquatic wildlife protection. The department assesses facility license fees which are deposited into the Aquaculture Fund to support the regulatory program.

Egg Inspection — The department regulates egg production facilities and egg product handling to protect public health and to ensure product quality. Inspection fees deposited to the Egg Inspection Fund support the program. The FY 2000 and FY 2001 approved amount includes 6 FTE Positions.

Ratite Control Program — The department has authority to regulate ratite slaughter facilities from contagious diseases and parasites. (Ratite are large birds such as ostriches and emus.) The program received a \$75,000 General Fund appropriation in FY 1999 to subsidize 50% of slaughter inspections. This amount, in addition to assessed inspection fees from the Ratite Control Fund, support the program.

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Livestock Custody — The FY 2000 amount includes \$79,400 for a new Livestock Custody Special Line Item. The Livestock Custody Fund, which funds the program, was converted to appropriated status beginning in FY 2000 by Laws 1998, Chapter 241. The fund is used to investigate complaints of neglected livestock and to seize, keep, and care for seized and stray livestock. The funding is continued in FY 2001.

Commercial Feed Program — The department enforces animal feed content and labeling laws to protect consumers. Fees deposited into the Commercial Feed Fund support the program.

Fertilizer Materials Program — The department enforces labeling requirements and other laws related to fertilizer products. Fees deposited into the Fertilizer Materials Fund support the program.

Pesticide Program — The department licenses pesticide handlers and enforces pesticide labeling and use laws. License fees from the Pesticide Fund support the program.

Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization — The department inspects produce before and after harvesting to ensure that marketed products meet standards of quality and packaging requirements. Inspection and licensing fees from the Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Fund support the program.

Dangerous Plants, Pests and Diseases C The department works to control, suppress and/or eradicate noxious weeds and other plants, pests and diseases. The Dangerous Plants, Pests and Diseases Fund supports the program.

Organic Food Certification — This program monitors, inspects and certifies agricultural products that have been grown or produced according to USDA organic standards. Produce certification fees from the Organic Food Certification Fund support the program.

Native Plant Program — The department regulates the harvesting, transporting and sale of native plants and investigates and prosecutes unlawful native plant destruction and theft. The program is supported through industry permits and assessments deposited in the Arizona Protected Native Plant Fund.

Seed Law Program — This program regulates Arizona seed brokers by issuing licenses and inspecting seed to ensure label compliance. The approved FY 2000 amount includes the reduction of \$(44,800) in one-time equipment purchases. It also includes the addition of a 0.5 FTE Position that will analyze mandated seed samples. This position will be funded from monies in the Seed Law Fund previously used to contract with the Agriculture Laboratory for the same function.

Red Imported Fire Ant — The FY 2000 General Fund amount includes \$330,900 and 11 FTE Positions for the new Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) Special Line Item. The RIFA recently established itself in Southern California and is considered a large urban pest problem. Besides stinging people and animals, it can cause damage to air conditioners, sprinkler systems and various electronic equipment. The department will survey for the pest at border ports-of-entry and will also inspect all imported nursery stock at delivery. Upon detection of the ants, quarantine and eradication efforts will be taken. The funding is continued in FY 2001.