Accounts Overview – Agriculture Finance



Agriculture Finance Accounts

Dept. of Agriculture (including Rural Finance Authority)

Animal Health Board

Agricultural Utilization Research Board (AURI)

Horticultural Society

Agriculture Finance Accounts (cont)

General Fund

- Agriculture Fund
- Remediation Fund
- Federal Funds
- Special Revenue Fund



Appropriation Types

Direct Appropriation

- An appropriation for a specific amount of money, for use only during a specific time period, usually the biennium.
- Most appropriations in omnibus bills are direct appropriations.

Statutory Appropriation

- An appropriation made in statute (instead of session law) authorizing the ongoing payment out of the treasury for a program.
- In contrast to direct appropriations, statutory appropriations need not be renewed every biennium for funding to continue.



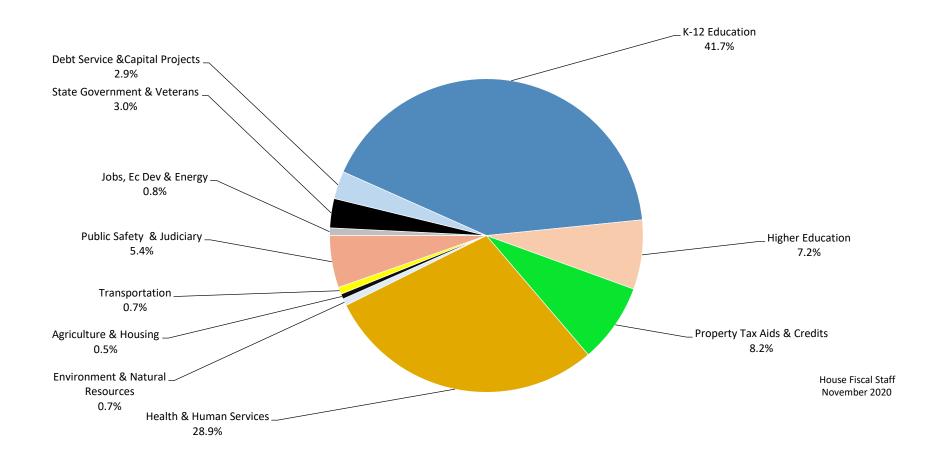
Appropriation Types

Open Appropriation

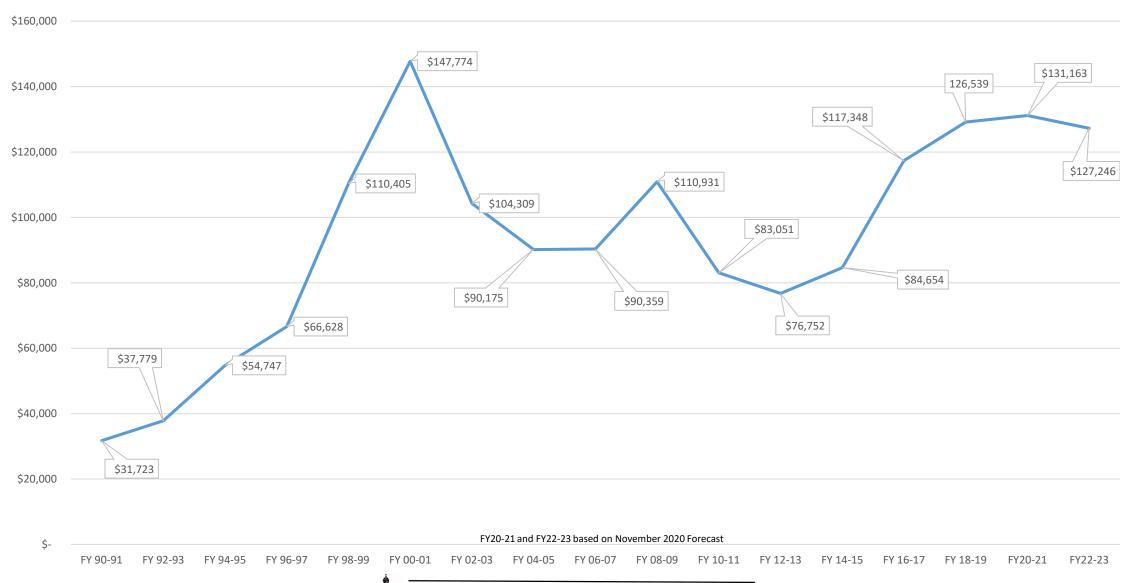
- A form of statutory appropriation where the level of funding necessary to fulfill the obligation is made available in the fiscal year.
- The state fund balance shows an estimate of the amount expected to be spent.
- Most commonly funds programs funded by formula or programs funded through fees.

General Fund Spending FY 2020-21

Data from November 2020 Forecast Information FY 2020-21 General Fund Spending = \$47.7 Billion



Agriculture - General Fund Expenditures - Biennial Basis (\$ in thousands) Based on November 2020 Forecast



Agriculture Bill Construction

- Appropriation Article
 - Department of Agriculture Appropriations
 - Protection Services
 - Promotion and Marketing
 - Value-Added Products
 - Administration and Financial Assistance
 - Board of Animal Health Appropriations
 - AURI Appropriations
 - Other Appropriations



2019 Session Overview

Agriculture, Housing and Rural Development Finance							
Total General Fund Spending							
(all dollars in thousands)							
				Percentage Change:	Percentage		
				Enacted FY 2020-21	Change: Enacted		
		Forecast Base	Enacted	vs. FY 2018-19	vs. Base	Enacted	
	FY 18-19 Forecast	FY 2020-21	FY 2020-21	with Changes	FY 2020-21	FY 2022-23	
Department of Agriculture	106,771	103,712	107,617	0.8%	3.8%	107,056	
Board of Animal Health	12,182	10,954	11,354	-6.8%	3.7%	11,354	
AURI	7,586	7,586	7,786	2.6%	2.6%	7,786	
Total Expenditures	126,539	122,252	126,757	0.2%	3.7%	126,196	
General Fund Revenue			-6			(6)	
Net GF Total	126,539	122,252	126,763	0.2%	3.7%	126,202	

2020 Regular Session Overview

- \$1.25 million Second Harvest Heartland One-time funding for food shelf support.
- \$50 million Rural Finance Authority One-time for additional lending programs/capacity to support farmers.
- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) One time appropriations in FY2020.
- \$40k additional farmer mental health support.
- \$100k assist farmers/producers with market loss.
- \$175k offset farm crisis loan origination fees.
- \$125k support to retailers/food handlers with sanitary equipment purchases and supplies.
- \$100k establish a grant program to increase capacity of meat/poultry processors.
- \$60k additional support for farm advocate services.
- Repurpose of AGREET funds to provide \$675k of lab equipment to the VDL and \$100k for farm safety programing.

2020 Special Session(s) Overview

Special Session 5

• Flexibility to utilize previous CRF appropriation for loan origination fees for the purposes of providing grants to eligible farmers harmed by COVID-19.

Special Session 7

 Waived late license renewal fees for food handlers, wholesalers, manufacturers and brokers for calendar year 2021. Waiving of the late fees results in \$8k lost revenue to the general fund in FY20-21 and \$46k in FY22-23.

Budget Enactment Timeline – Odd Year Session

3u	dget Enactment Timeline — Odd Year Session: ☐ Early December (12-1-2020) — MMB releases November economic forecast.
	☐ January – Legislative session convenes (1-5-2021) . Governor makes budget recommendations (fourth Tuesday in Jan. in 2021). Legislative bill deadlines established.
	☐ End of February – MMB releases February economic forecast.
	☐ March – House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Leadership establish committee spending targets.
	☐ April – Omnibus finance bills leave the House floor. Conference committees begin meeting.
	☐ May – Conference committees conclude. Conference committee reports return to the House floor for final passage. Legislature adjourns May 17, 2021 (no later than 1 st Monday after 3 rd Saturday in May).
	☐ May – Governor signs/vetoes legislation.

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