



Colorado General Assembly  
Joint Budget Committee

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## FY 2016-17 Budget Briefing Summary

### *Department of Agriculture*

The Department of Agriculture regulates, promotes and supports various agricultural activities throughout Colorado. Department personnel perform a wide range of services including: regulatory and inspection services relating to agriculture; investigations and hearings; standardizing, grading, inspecting, labeling, handling, storage, and marketing of agricultural products; and agriculture-related policy analysis. The Department's FY 2015-16 appropriation represents approximately 0.2 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.1 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

### FY 2015-16 Appropriation and FY 2016-17 Request

Department of Agriculture						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
<b>FY 2015-16 Appropriation</b>						
S.B. 15-234 (Long Bill)	\$45,709,657	\$9,706,234	\$30,176,218	\$1,656,548	\$4,170,657	274.1
Other legislation	<u>564,396</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>564,396</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6.3</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,274,053</b>	<b>\$9,706,234</b>	<b>\$30,740,614</b>	<b>\$1,656,548</b>	<b>\$4,170,657</b>	<b>280.4</b>
<b>FY 2016-17 Requested Appropriation</b>						
FY 2015-16 Appropriation	\$46,274,053	9,706,234	\$30,740,614	\$1,656,548	\$4,170,657	280.4
R2 Hemp regulatory and seed certification program	220,471	0	220,471	0	0	1.0
R1 Pesticide laboratory resources	90,865	0	90,865	0	0	0.0
NPI Secure Colorado	9,222	7,009	2,213	0	0	0.0
NPI Resources for administrative courts	156	0	156	0	0	0.0
NPI Annual fleet vehicle request	(16,275)	(5,934)	(10,166)	0	(175)	0.0
Centrally appropriated line items	728,072	380,637	403,853	0	(56,418)	0.0
Annualize prior year legislation	319,799	0	319,799	0	0	0.0
Indirect cost assessment	<u>(21,691)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(18,080)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,611)</u>	<u>0.0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,604,672</b>	<b>\$10,087,946</b>	<b>\$31,749,725</b>	<b>\$1,656,548</b>	<b>\$4,110,453</b>	<b>281.4</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>	\$1,330,619	\$381,712	\$1,009,111	\$0	(\$60,204)	1.0
Percentage Change	2.9%	3.9%	3.3%	0.0%	(1.4%)	0.4%

## Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

**Biochemistry Laboratory Appropriation Request:** This issue brief provides an analysis of the Department of Agriculture's request for an appropriation for an additional 1.0 FTE for the Biochemistry Laboratory (BCL), which is housed in the Inspection and Consumer Services Division.

**Industrial Hemp Regulatory and Seed Certification Program Appropriation Request:** This issue brief discusses the Department of Agriculture's FY 2016-17 appropriation request for the Industrial Hemp Regulatory and Seed Certification Program (Program), created in Sections 35-61-104 and 35-61-104.5 (1.5), C.R.S. The Department requests an appropriation of \$220,471 cash funds and 1.0 FTE for FY 2016-17 for the Program.

**Noxious Weeds Management Fund Spending Authority:** This issue brief provides an analysis of the spending authority of the Noxious Weed Management Fund (Fund) created in Section 35-5.5-116 (1), C.R.S., and how that authority impacts the Fund's ability to support grants.

## For More Information

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