



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

Joint Budget Committee Staff

FY 2015-16 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 2014-15 appropriation represents 0.17 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.10 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

FY 2014-15 Appropriation and FY 2015-16 Request

Department of Agriculture						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2014-15 Appropriation						
HB 14-1336 (Long Bill)	\$44,184,405	\$9,311,389	\$29,141,578	\$1,629,526	\$4,101,912	274.1
TOTAL	\$44,184,405	\$9,311,389	\$29,141,578	\$1,629,526	\$4,101,912	274.1
FY 2015-16 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2014-15 Appropriation	\$44,184,405	9,311,389	\$29,141,578	\$1,629,526	\$4,101,912	274.1
R1 State fair facilities maintenance	300,000	300,000	0	0	0	0.0
NP1 Annual fleet vehicle request	15,775	0	15,775	0	0	0.0
Centrally appropriated line items	238,348	52,436	126,283	0	59,629	0.0
Indirect cost assessment	54,044	0	27,022	27,022	0	0.0
Technical changes	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Annualize prior year funding	(155,809)	(2,560)	(152,856)	0	(393)	0.0
TOTAL	\$44,636,763	\$9,661,265	\$29,157,802	\$1,656,548	\$4,161,148	274.1
Increase/(Decrease)	\$452,358	\$349,876	\$16,224	\$27,022	\$59,236	0.0
Percentage Change	1.0%	3.8%	0.1%	1.7%	1.4%	0.0%

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Issue: Colorado State Fairgrounds Maintenance and Operations

This issue brief provides a summary of the maintenance and operations of the Colorado State Fairgrounds, as well as an overview of revenue sources and associated operating expenses. The Department has requested additional General Funds for the Colorado State Fair Authority (Authority).

Issue: Industrial Hemp Production in Colorado

This issue brief provides a summary of the difficulties facing the implementation of industrial hemp cultivation and production in Colorado.

Issue: Long Bill Line Item Format Change

This issue brief provides a summary of a staff initiated request to make changes to the Agriculture Services Division line item of the Department of Agriculture's section of the Long Bill.

For More Information

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To read the entire briefing: http://www.tornado.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2014-15/agrbrf.pdf