

SMART Act Hearing

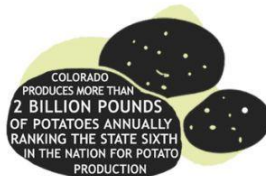
Joint Ag and Natural
Resources Committee

01/10/2022

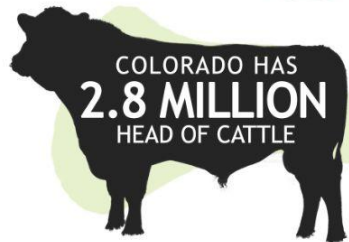
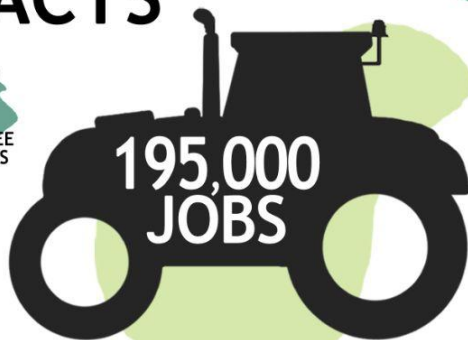
Kate Greenberg
Commissioner of Agriculture



COLORADO
RANKS
1ST
IN
PROSO
MILLET



COLORADO AGRICULTURE FACTS



115 MILLION
POUNDS OF
ONIONS



COLORADO AGRICULTURE IS MORE THAN JUST FOOD. FARMERS AND RANCHERS HELP CREATE PRODUCTS IN CONSTRUCTION, MANUFACTURING, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, AND PERSONAL CARE, INCLUDING X-RAY FILM, PAPER, SHOES, SOAPS, COSMETICS, HYDRAULIC BRAKE FLUID, BALL BEARINGS, BANDAGES, PIANO KEYS, PLASTICS, INSULATION, LINOLEUM, CRAYONS, FOOTBALLS, TIRES, PERFUME, DETERGENTS AND SHAVING CREAM.

AGRICULTURE IS IMPORTANT TO COLORADANS

98%

of Coloradans believe it is important to maintain land and water for agricultural purposes.

3 Most Important Beneficial Water Uses

- 1) Water for Agriculture
- 2) In-stream water flow
- 3) Recreation

91%

believe food produced by Colorado farmers and ranchers is safe.

98%

Believe Colorado's food and agriculture industries are essential to the state's future economic resiliency.

98%

believe ranches, farms, and agriculture are vital to Colorado's quality of life.

MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen and advance Colorado agriculture; promote a safe and high-quality food supply; protect consumers; and foster responsible stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

VISION

Our vision is that Colorado agriculture be strong and vibrant, a key driver of the state's economy, and recognized worldwide for its safe and abundant supply of high-quality food and agriculture products.

CORE VALUES

Respect: We recognize differences in people and communities touched by our work and treat all with dignity.

Professionalism: We represent the Department proudly and hold ourselves and each other accountable.

Partnership: We bring people together and use our collective knowledge to continually achieve better results.

Service: We care about each other and our customers and strive for every interaction to be a positive one.

Proactive: We are forward-thinking in our work and take early action to address emerging needs.

ORG CHART

COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE

COMMISSIONER
Kate Greenberg
18.7 FTE

ANIMAL
HEALTH

State Veterinarian
Dr. Maggie Baldwin
17.5 FTE

BRAND
INSPECTION

Brand Commissioner
Chris Whitney
59.0 FTE

COLORADO
STATE FAIR

General Manager
Scott Stoller
26.9 FTE

CONSERVATION
SERVICES

Director
Les Owens
23.8 FTE

INSPECTION AND
CONSUMER
SERVICES

Director
Mark Gallegos
56.2 FTE

LABORATORY
SERVICES

Director
Eric Petty
26.2 FTE

MARKETS

Director
Tom Lipetzky
41.7 FTE

PLANT
INDUSTRY

Director
Wondirad Gebru
56.7 FTE



FY 2022-23 Wildly Important Goals

Economic and Supply Chain Resilience Goal

Economic and Supply Chain Resilience

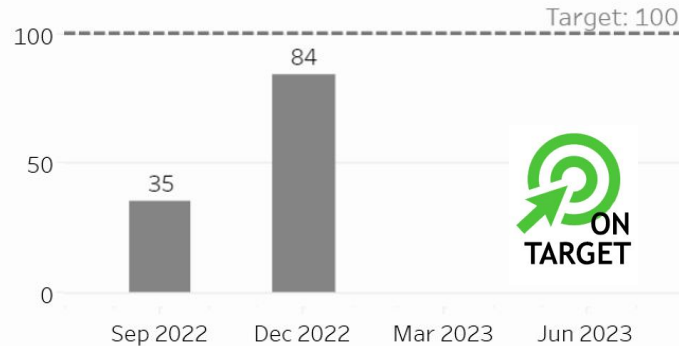
Advancing Voluntary Stewardship

Supporting Future Generations in Agriculture

Animal Health and Welfare

Wildly Important Goal:

Support economic and supply chain resilience in the agriculture industry by creating or supporting 100 new business opportunities by June 30, 2023.



Successful completion of this goal will strengthen the resilience of the agriculture industry and food systems in Colorado by investing in the expansion of processing, storage and distribution capacity and expanding market opportunities for agricultural products grown and made in Colorado.

Advancing Voluntary Stewardship Goal

Economic and Supply Chain
Resilience

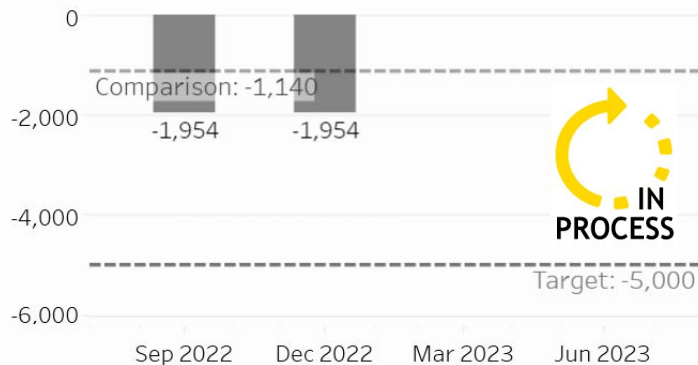
**Advancing Voluntary
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Supporting Future
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Animal Health and Welfare

Wildly Important Goal:

Enhance agricultural resilience, productivity, and economic opportunity through increased participation in CDA's voluntary conservation programs, reducing CO2 emissions by an additional 5,000 tons per year by June 30, 2023.



Successful completion of this goal will help producers improve their environmental performance and profitability by improving soil health, water quality, air quality, and wildlife habitat while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and developing new and emerging market opportunities.

Supporting Future Generations in Agriculture

Economic and Supply Chain
Resilience

Advancing Voluntary
Stewardship

**Supporting Future
Generations in Agriculture**

Animal Health and Welfare

Wildly Important Goal:

Provide training and financial opportunities to 200 next-generation agricultural leaders and producers to enhance their skills or provide them access to farmland, equipment, and new technologies by June 30, 2023.



Successful completion of this goal increases the number of people from all backgrounds entering careers in agriculture-related fields, supports access to land and resources for new entry farmers, and provides greater access to resources for farm and ranch families to transition the farm to the next generation.

Animal Health and Welfare Goal

Economic and Supply Chain
Resilience

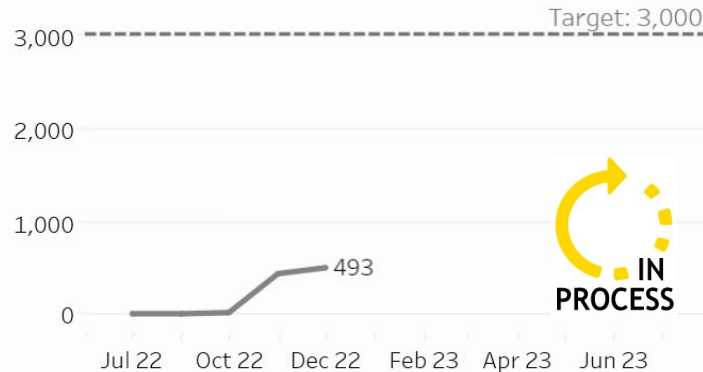
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**Animal Health and
Welfare**

Wildly Important Goal:

Provide direct assistance and education to 3,000 veterinarians, shelters, rescues, law enforcement agencies, and ranchers to advance animal health and welfare by June 30, 2023.



Successful completion of this goal supports the health, care, and welfare of Colorado's companion animals and livestock.

More Information

To view monthly updates on Wildly Important Goals and corresponding lead measures, please visit the [Governor's Dashboard](#).

For more information on additional CDA goals, view our [FY 2022-23 Performance Plan](#)



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FY 2022-2023 PERFORMANCE PLAN



FY 2023-24 Budget Requests

CDA FY 2023-24 Budget Request

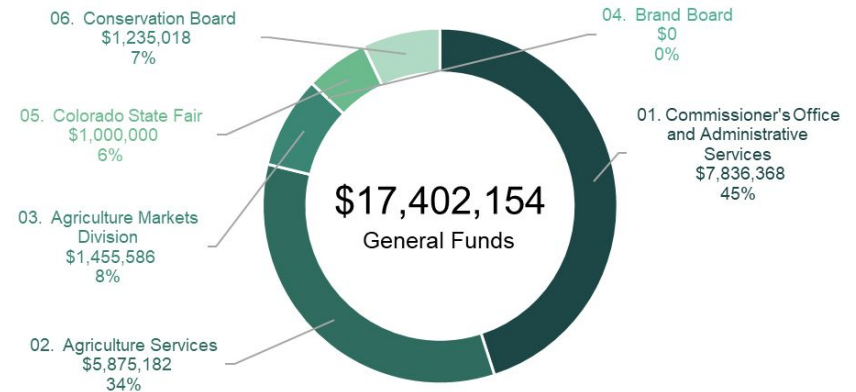
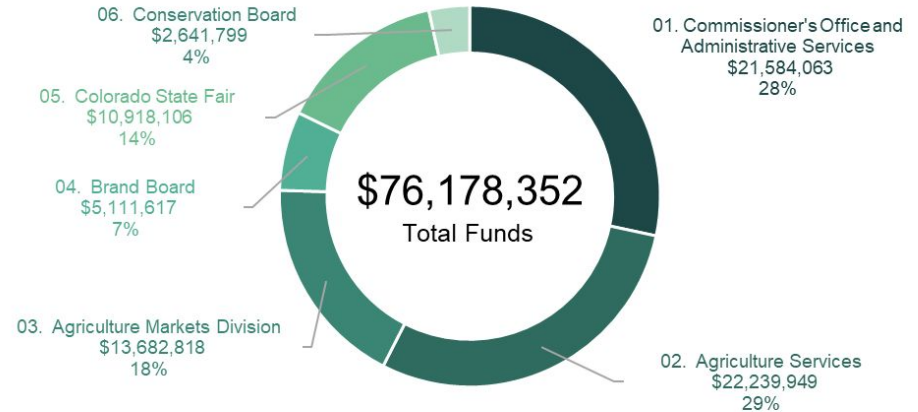
FY 2023-24 Budget Snapshot

FY 2023-24 Total Funds **\$76,178,352**

FY 2023-24 General Fund **\$17,402,154**

FY 2023-24 FTE **317.4 FTE**

General Funds
\$17,402,154



CDA FY 2023-24 Budget Requests

- **R-1 Climate & Drought Smart Agriculture Marketing Specialist**
- **R-2 Commissioner's Office Support**
- **R-3 Fruit and Vegetable Adjustments**
- **R-4 Insectary Lab Technician***
- **R-5 Inspection and Consumer Services Funds Adjustments**
- **R-6 Animal Health and Welfare**
- **S-1 Insectary Lab Technician Supplemental***
- **S-2 Agricultural Water Advisor**

*Both R-4 and S-1 are directly related. R-4 is the FY23-24 Decision Item Request and S-1 is the FY22-23 Supplemental Request.

FY 2023-24 Regulatory and Legislative Agenda



Regulatory Agenda

In 2022 we conducted 14 Rulemaking hearings, including:

- **12 Rule Revisions**
- **2 New Rules**

In 2023 we have 5 Rulemaking hearings planned, including:

- **5 Rule Revisions**

Legislative Agenda

Working with legislators and stakeholders to support and strengthen Colorado agriculture:

- **Agriculture Workforce Development Program Extension**
- **Animal Disease Response and Prevention**
- **Colorado Agricultural Futures Loan Program Eligibility**
- **Colorado Wine Industry Development Board Updates**
- **Stabilizing Agricultural Product Inspection Fees**

Program Specific Required Reporting

Soil Health

No gifts or grants were received in FY22.

Emergency Invasive Pest Response Reporting Transfers

There were no transfers made in FY22.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Governor's Executive Order [2020 175](#)

Within the community

- **Agriculture Workforce Development**
- **Revamped Ag Leadership Program**
- **Colorado Agriculture Future Loan Program**
- **Hiring bilingual Spanish/English staff member to increase communications in Spanish to Ag stakeholders**
- **Created Agricultural Workforce Services Program for outreach to ag worker communities**
- **Regional Assistant Commissioners**

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Within our Agency

- **Reviewing our workforce data in an effort to have our staff more closely represent our applicant pool**
- **Implementing skills-based recruiting and examine bias in the hiring process**
- **Created and launched Inclusive Leadership Program, required for all managers**



American Rescue Plan Act

State and Local
Fiscal Recovery
Funds

State Stimulus

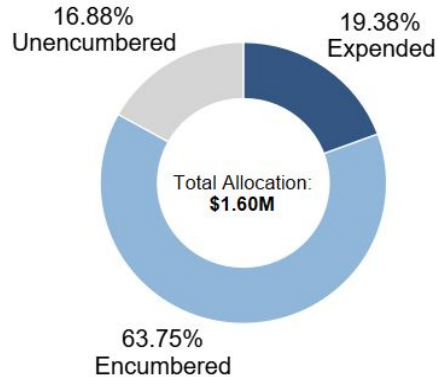
Stimulus Funding Implementation

Overall Spending Status - CDA

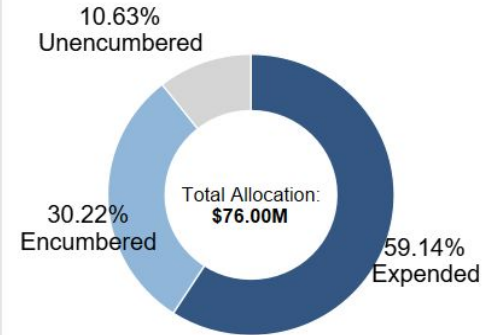
ARPA State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)



ARPA Direct to Agency Awards (DAA)



State Stimulus



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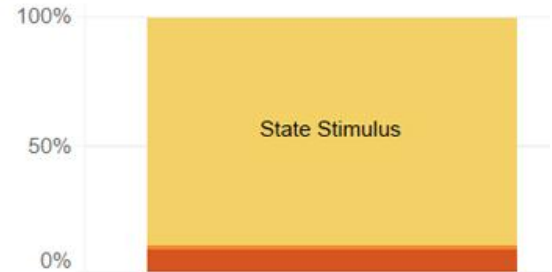
CDA Spending Status



CDA Allocation by Major Program Group



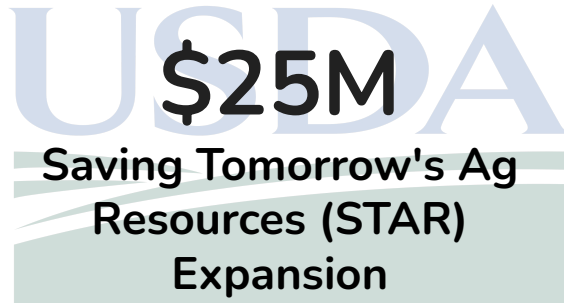
CDA Allocation by Funding Source



Major Program Group	Project Name	Spend by	Allocation	Amount Expended	Amount Encumbered	Percent Expended + Encumbered
Behavioral & Mental Health	Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network	08/2023	\$0.50M	\$0.27M	\$0.13M	80.0%
Capacity to Serve Coloradans	Investments in Drought Response	06/2023	\$3.00M	\$2.86M	\$0.11M	99.0%
	Support of Stock Show and State Fair	06/2023	\$35.50M	\$32.33M	\$0.68M	93.0%
Economic Recovery & Resilience	Agricultural sector renewable energy/energy efficiency/soil-health	06/2023	\$5.00M	\$2.15M	\$2.52M	93.4%
	Funding for Colorado Proud	12/2022	\$2.50M	\$1.89M	\$0.32M	88.4%
	Loan Program For Colorado Agriculture	12/2025	\$30.00M	\$5.72M	\$19.34M	83.5%
	Specialty Crop Block Grants	09/2025	\$1.10M	\$0.04M	\$0.89M	84.5%
Public Health & Safety	Community Food Access Program	12/2024	\$8.00M	\$0.00M	\$0.00M	0.0%

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CDA's Proactive Approach to Seeking Additional Funds



Partnering with 19 local NGOs and government agencies to double participation in the STAR program across Colorado, expand research on the benefits of regenerative agriculture across eight Intermountain West states, scale the model nationwide, and continue building markets for producers deploying climate-smart agricultural practices.



The stakeholder-led effort, with more than 35 local governments, conservation districts, grazing boards, nonprofits, and landowners, is working together to improve our watersheds' health by focusing on restoring riparian zones, urban-wildland interfaces, and habitat connectivity.



Leveraging state funds to access federal funds. The CDA has dispersed funds (received via SB22-209) to 14 Coloradan meat processors in order to assist in hiring grant writers with the intent of applying for the second round of the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) grants coming soon from the USDA

Ag Event Stimulus

[HB 21-1262](#)



\$25M

To NWSS for campus construction.



\$5M

For Colorado State Fair to fund Master Plan projects



\$3.5M

Paid for 2022 NWSS Event Support the majority of which was used to hire staff



\$2M

for county fairs and ag events including support to 50 events



93%

Of funding is out the door supporting agriculture events

Colorado Agriculture Future Loan Program

[SB 21-248](#)



\$5.9M

Farm-to-Market
Infrastructure Projects



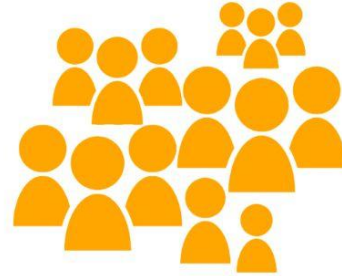
\$10.1M

Farmer and Rancher
Loans



\$250K

Average Loan Size as
of Dec 2022



57%

Of funds going to
Beginning producers.

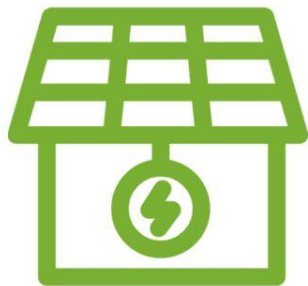


\$7.1M

Top counties for
funding include Rio
Grande, Montezuma,
Alamosa, Saguache
and Bent

Agriculture Efficiency

[SB 21-235](#)



46 Projects

15 energy efficiency
19 solar PV
3 agrivoltaics projects,
1 solar thermal,
8 energy-recovery
hydropower



4K tons

Reduction in GHG
emissions. This
achieves 2.83 million
kWh plus 23.6 million
cubic feet of natural
gas in energy savings



\$300K

Annual energy
cost savings for
agriculture producers
participating in these
46 projects



146

STAR+ and STAR
Participants including
farmers and ranchers
raising corn, wheat,
potatoes, fruit,
vegetables and cattle



14,288

Acres of cropland
enrolled in Star and
Star+ programs

Agriculture Drought Resiliency

[SB 21-234](#)



\$1.7M

Awarded in
Competitive Grant
Program



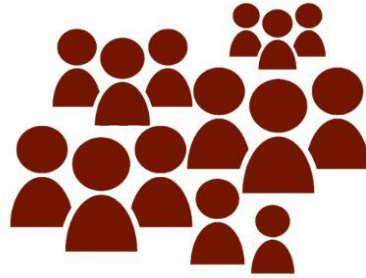
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Total acres affected by
project assistance



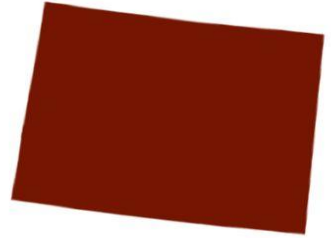
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Projects including
Agriculture Water
projects, Grazing Land
Improvements,
Wildfire Recovery,
Drought and Technical
Assistance



75

Trained personnel for
the Master Irrigators
and Drought Advisors
program



\$292K

Additional Statewide
Assistance

Colorado Proud

SB 21-203



\$2.5M

Colorado Proud
Program

\$1.28M

Strengthen awareness
among buyers and
consumers of Colorado
agriculture; the wide
range of products grown,
raised, or made in
Colorado.

\$372K

Total grant funds
awarded to 42
Colorado
businesses

\$660K

Provide new
opportunities to increase
sales globally and help
support the growth and
resiliency of Colorado
food systems.



**“From Our
State to your
Plate”**

One-year campaign to
highlight CO
agriculture lifecycle

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Thank you!

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All of the photos on this slide are CDA's "Best in Show" photography contest entries. These represent the best images of Colorado agriculture coming from those who work in and celebrate ag.



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