

# REDBOOK

## LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

### Department of Agriculture

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- Catalog of Budget ALIs (COBLI)
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# LBO Redbook

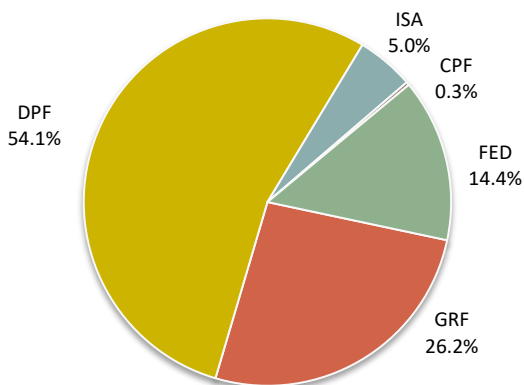
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### Quick look...

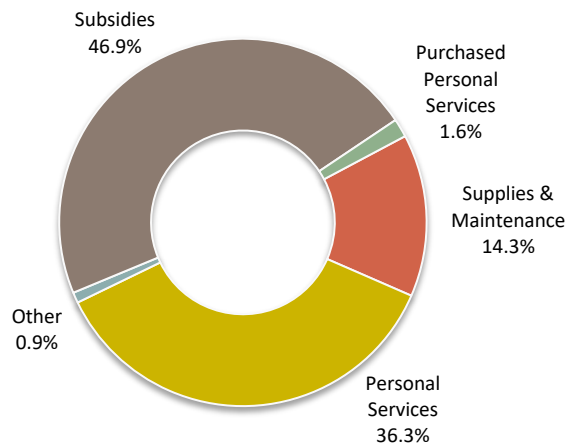
- Total recommended budget of \$361.7 million for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.
- Of this total, \$121.3 million across the biennium is for water quality initiatives overseen by the Department of Agriculture (AGR) under the H2Ohio Program.
- The executive budget changes fees in the areas of pesticide and fertilizer regulation, amusement ride inspection, livestock dealer and broker licensing, apiary oversight, and certain other areas.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
General Revenue (GRF)	\$50,749,481	\$49,682,000	\$46,987,500	\$47,916,900
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$66,153,167	\$101,872,230	\$97,690,900	\$97,934,800
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$7,656,080	\$8,745,000	\$8,914,000	\$9,329,000
Capital Projects (CPF)	\$172,337	\$512,000	\$512,000	\$515,000
Federal (FED)	\$20,468,097	\$28,403,051	\$26,663,000	\$25,246,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$145,199,161</b>	<b>\$189,214,281</b>	<b>\$180,767,400</b>	<b>\$180,941,700</b>
<b>% change</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>GRF % change</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

**Chart 1: AGR Budget by Fund Group  
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



**Chart 2: AGR Budget by Expense Category  
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



Biennial total: \$361.7 million

## Overview

### Agency overview

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (AGR) safeguards the health of Ohio's food supply to protect consumers, promotes environmental stewardship, and maintains the health of the state's animals and plants. The Department also promotes Ohio's agricultural products by creating economic opportunities for Ohio's farmers, food processors, and agribusinesses. Overall, there are ten operating divisions corresponding to these responsibilities, as well as department-wide staff for support and management oversight. The DataOhio web portal shows that the Department's headcount is 496 people as of February 2025.

### Appropriation summary

The executive budget provides funding of \$180.8 million in FY 2026 and \$180.9 million in FY 2027. Chart 1 on the previous page shows that \$195.6 million (54.1%) of all appropriations comes from Dedicated Purpose Funds which are supported by fees, other revenues, or cash transfers from other sources. Of this amount, approximately \$121.3 million (62.0%) will go to the H2Ohio Program. GRF appropriations account for \$94.9 million (26.2%) of the proposed budget over the biennium. Federal funding makes up \$51.9 million (14.4%) of recommended appropriations.

Chart 2 shows that subsidies (mostly related to soil and water conservation and H2Ohio) comprise the largest share of the budget. Payroll and fringe benefits account for \$131.2 million (36.3%) of the recommended budget. Supplies and maintenance costs among the Department's operating divisions amount to \$51.7 million (14.3%) of proposed spending. Purchased personal services are \$5.9 million (1.6%) of proposed biennial appropriations. Table 1 below shows the executive recommendations for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium by the categories used in this Redbook. Funding for soil and water conservation programs (\$179.1 million) and animal and food safety (\$89.8 million) make up about 75% of the amount recommended for AGR's operations over the biennium.

Category	FY 2026	FY 2027	Biennial Total	% of Total
Animal and Food Safety	\$44.5	\$45.3	\$89.8	24.8%
Plant Health	\$27.6	\$26.2	\$53.8	14.9%
Soil and Water	\$89.5	\$89.7	\$179.1	49.5%
Commodities and Marketing	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$4.1	1.1%
Other Agriculture Services	\$4.7	\$4.8	\$9.5	2.6%
Farmland Preservation	\$1.4	\$1.3	\$2.7	0.7%
Administration	\$11.1	\$11.5	\$22.6	6.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180.8</b>	<b>\$180.9</b>	<b>\$361.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note: Figures may not add to totals due to rounding.

## Budget highlights

### Continuation of water quality initiatives

As shown in Table 1 above, \$179.1 million (49.5%) of AGR's recommended biennial appropriations will support functions of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Of that, \$121.3 million is continuation funding for AGR's responsibilities under the state's H2Ohio initiative to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and address lead contamination. The responsibility for carrying out these initiatives lies with AGR, the Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Lake Erie Commission. Fund 6H20 is funded by GRF surplus revenue.

In addition to H2Ohio, the proposed budget earmarks \$12.5 million in each fiscal year for soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in priority regions identified by the AGR Director. These earmarks are found under GRF appropriation line item (ALI) 700509, Soil and Water District Support. This is an increase when compared to the \$7.0 million in each fiscal year earmarked for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium. This funding may be used locally for staffing costs and to assist in soil testing and nutrient management plan development, including manure transformation and manure conversion technologies, enhanced filter strips, water management, and H2Ohio Program support.

### Fee changes

The proposed budget contains a series of fee changes that affect programs involving plant health, food safety, amusement ride inspection, pesticide regulation, and other areas. The most significant are proposed changes in pesticide and fertilizer regulation. Adjustments to fees in that area are estimated to yield gains of approximately \$1.7 million annually for the Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Program Fund (Fund 6690). Additionally, adjustments to fees in the food safety area are expected to increase revenue \$145,000 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70). Apiary fee changes will result in additional annual revenue of \$105,000 for the Plant Pest Program Fund (Fund 5FC0). Commercial Feed and Seed fee restructuring is expected to result in an increased revenue of about \$56,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90). Changes regarding livestock brokers and dealers will result in a net increase in annual revenue of about \$56,000 for the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund (Fund 5MS0). Amusement ride fee changes will result in a net decrease in annual revenue of about \$23,000 for the Amusement Ride Safety Fund (Fund 5780).

# Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

## Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the Governor's recommended funding for each appropriation line item (ALI) in the Department of Agriculture's (AGR) budget. For organizational purposes, these ALLs are grouped into seven major categories based on their funding purposes.

To aid the reader in locating each ALI in the analysis, the following table shows the category in which each ALI has been placed, listing the ALLs in order within their respective fund groups and funds. This is the same order the ALLs appear in the AGR section of the budget bill.

In the analysis, each appropriation item's estimated expenditures for FY 2025 and recommended appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are listed in a table. Following the table, a narrative describes how the appropriation is used and any changes affecting the appropriation that are proposed by the Governor. If the appropriation is earmarked, the earmarks are listed and described.

### Categorization of AGR's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Proposal

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Category
<b>General Revenue Fund Group</b>			
GRF	700401	Animal Health Programs	1:1 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700403	Dairy Division	1:2 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700404	Ohio Proud	4:1 Commodities and Marketing
GRF	700406	Consumer Protection Lab	1:3 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700407	Food Safety	1:4 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700409	Farmland Preservation	6:1 Farmland Preservation
GRF	700410	Plant Industry	2:1 Plant Health
GRF	700412	Weights and Measures	5:1 Other Agriculture Services
GRF	700415	Poultry Inspection	1:6 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700418	Livestock Regulation Program	1:7 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700424	Livestock Testing and Inspections	1:7 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700426	Dangerous and Restricted Animals	1:8 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700427	High Volume Breeder Kennel Control	1:9 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700428	Soil and Water Division	3:1 Soil and Water
GRF	700499	Meat Inspection Program – State Share	1:5 Animal and Food Safety
GRF	700501	County Agricultural Societies	5:4 Other Agriculture Services
GRF	700509	Soil and Water District Support	3:2 Soil and Water
GRF	700511	Ride Inspection	5:3 Other Agriculture Services
GRF	700512	Local Fairs	5:4 Other Agriculture Services
GRF	700674	Plant Testing	2:3 Plant Health

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Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group</b>				
4900	700651	License Plates – Sustainable Agriculture	4:4	Commodities and Marketing
4940	700612	Agricultural Commodity Marketing Program	4:2	Commodities and Marketing
4960	700626	Ohio Grape Industries	4:3	Commodities and Marketing
4970	700627	Grain Warehouse Program	4:2	Commodities and Marketing
4C90	700605	Commercial Feed and Seed	2:2	Plant Health
4D20	700609	Auction Education	5:2	Other Agriculture Services
4E40	700606	Utility Radiological Safety	7:1	Administration
4P70	700610	Food Safety Inspection	1:4	Animal and Food Safety
4R00	700636	Ohio Proud Marketing	4:1	Commodities and Marketing
4R20	700637	Dairy Industry Inspection	1:2	Animal and Food Safety
4T60	700611	Poultry and Meat Inspection	1:6	Animal and Food Safety
5780	700620	Ride Inspection	5:3	Other Agriculture Services
5B80	700629	Auctioneers	5:2	Other Agriculture Services
5BV0	700660	Heidelberg Water Quality Lab	3:3	Soil and Water
5BV0	700661	Soil and Water Districts	3:2	Soil and Water
5FC0	700648	Plant Pest Program	2:2	Plant Health
5H20	700608	Metrology Lab and Scale Certification	5:1	Other Agriculture Services
5L80	700604	Livestock Management Programs	1:7	Animal and Food Safety
5MA0	700657	Dangerous and Restricted Animals	1:8	Animal and Food Safety
5MR0	700658	Commercial Dog Breeding	1:9	Animal and Food Safety
5MS0	700659	Animal and Consumer Protection	1:8	Animal and Food Safety
5QW0	700653	Watershed Assistance	3:4	Soil and Water
5WJ0	700671	Hemp Program	2:3	Plant Health
6520	700634	Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs	1:3	Animal and Food Safety
6690	700635	Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Inspection Program	2:2	Plant Health
6H20	700670	H2Ohio	3:5	Soil and Water
<b>Internal Service Activity Fund Group</b>				
5DA0	700644	Laboratory Administration Support	7:2	Administration
5GH0	700655	Administrative Support	7:3	Administration
<b>Capital Projects Fund Group</b>				
7057	700632	Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating	6:1	Farmland Preservation
<b>Federal Fund Group</b>				
3260	700618	Meat Inspection Program – Federal Share	1:5	Animal and Food Safety

Categorization of AGR’s Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Proposal				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
3360	700617	Ohio Farm Loan – Revolving	6:2	Farmland Preservation
3820	700601	Federal Cooperative Contracts	2:4	Plant Health
3AB0	700641	Agricultural Easement	6:1	Farmland Preservation
3J40	700607	Federal Administrative Programs	7:4	Administration
3R20	700614	Federal Plant Industry	2:5	Plant Health

### Category 1: Animal and Food Safety

This category of ALIs provides funding for AGR’s animal and food-related services. This includes all ALIs funding animal diseases; food safety and inspections; dairy, livestock, and poultry inspections; and ALIs that fund AGR’s labs. This category also includes funding for the Dangerous and Wild Animal Program and Commercial Dog Breeders Program. Proposed funding for all ALIs in this category totals \$44.5 million in FY 2026 and \$45.3 million in FY 2027, or about one-quarter of the proposed funding for the agency over the biennium.

#### C1:1: Animal Health Programs (ALI 700401)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700401, Animal Health Programs	\$7,622,000	\$8,055,500	\$8,265,900
% change	--	5.7%	2.6%

This ALI is the primary funding source for the Division of Animal Health. It funds field and laboratory staff, as well as costs for laboratory supplies and equipment maintenance contracts for the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL). The testing services offered by ADDL include avian serology, bacteriology, histology, immunohistochemistry, molecular diagnostics, pathology, serology, and virology. The laboratory’s regulatory responsibilities include oversight of animal disease control and eradication efforts through quarantine, vaccination verification, movement permits, and tracing animal identification. Additionally, ADDL can provide diagnostic testing to respond to emerging and emergency animal disease situations at the state, regional, and national level.

#### C1:2: Dairy Division (ALIs 700403 and 700637)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700403, Dairy Division	\$1,513,000	\$1,569,000	\$1,613,000
% change	--	3.7%	2.8%
Fund 4R20 ALI 700637, Dairy Industry Inspection	\$1,970,000	\$1,751,000	\$1,787,000
% change	--	-11.1%	2.1%



GRF ALI 700403, Dairy Division, is used in conjunction with the Dairy Inspection Fund (Fund 4R20) ALI 700637, Dairy Industry Inspection, to administer the state’s milk inspection program, applying to both producers and processors. Fund 4R20 is supported by licensing and milk inspection fees. Generally, all the licensing fees for dairy producers are \$15, but milk inspection fees vary depending on data contained in reports that each licensed producer is required to file with the Department. Fund 4R20 collected approximately \$1.7 million in revenue in FY 2024. Together, the ALIs are used to cover payroll and maintenance expenses necessary to license and inspect dairy producers and dairy processors. The reduction in Fund 4R20 ALI 700637, Dairy Industry Inspection for FY 2026 is a return to standard spending after an increase in FY 2025.

**C1:3: Laboratory Services (ALIs 700406 and 700634)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700406, Consumer Protection Lab	\$1,705,000	\$1,880,000	\$1,906,000
% change	--	10.3%	1.4%
Fund 6520 ALI 700634, Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs	\$8,144,700	\$8,483,900	\$8,328,000
% change	--	4.2%	-1.8%

These two ALIs, GRF ALI 700406, Consumer Protection Lab, and Fund 6520 ALI 700634, Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs, are used to operate the Consumer Protection Laboratory (CPL). The lab performs chemical analysis and microbiological surveillance testing for food, livestock, and poultry feed to assure food product safety and verify the accuracy of product labeling. Increases in these ALIs are to cover higher costs for materials, equipment, personnel (including an additional full-time equivalent (FTE)), and significant increases in testing volumes. Fees received for laboratory services are deposited into the Animal and Consumer Analytical Lab Fund (Fund 6520) which collected almost \$7.4 million in revenue in FY 2024. The requested increase is to keep up with growing staff and equipment costs.

**C1:4: Food Safety (ALIs 700407 and 700610)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700407, Food Safety	\$1,657,000	\$1,705,000	\$1,752,000
% change	--	2.9%	2.8%
Fund 4P70 ALI 700610, Food Safety Inspection	\$1,259,000	\$1,353,000	\$1,396,000
% change	--	7.5%	3.2%

These two ALIs support the Food Safety Division. GRF ALI 700407, Food Safety, is used to cover payroll and maintenance costs. The Division conducts surveillance, random sampling, facility inspections, consultations, technical assistance, and training. The Food Safety Division has a contract for facility inspections through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct pesticide program and

microbiological program sampling. The Division is also responsible for implementing rules under the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act. The Division inspects food manufacturing facilities annually, registers home bakeries, collects food samples annually, and distributes food defense self-assessment guides and informational brochures to retail food establishments.

Spending under Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70) ALI 700610, Food Safety Inspection, is supported through testing fees charged by local health departments for food sampling, and license fees from wholesale bakeries, soft drink bottlers, canneries, frozen food establishments, cold storage warehouses, and syrups and extracts manufacturers. It also consists of license fees collected by local health departments from retail food establishments that are transmitted to the Department. This fund collected \$1.2 million in FY 2024.

**Fee changes**

The proposed budget includes fee changes affecting Fund 4P70. In particular, the changes replace current fees that apply to frozen food storage (\$50) and bakery registration fees (which are based on production volume) with a \$200 flat fee. The proposed changes also eliminate the \$100 syrup and extract license fee. The expected net increase to Fund 4P70 from these changes is \$145,000 annually.

**C1:5: Meat Inspection (ALIs 700499 and 700618)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700499, Meat Inspection Program – State Share	\$7,839,000	\$8,080,000	\$8,304,000
% change	--	3.1%	2.8%
Fund 3260 ALI 700618, Meat Inspection Program – Federal Share	\$5,814,000	\$5,891,000	\$6,133,000
% change	--	1.3%	4.1%

These two ALIs support the Meat Inspection Program. GRF ALI 700499, Meat Inspection Program – State Share, is used to provide the 50% state match required to operate the federally approved meat inspection program. The federal share from the USDA is appropriated under ALI 700618, Meat Inspection Program – Federal Share.

The Meat Inspection Division may inspect any animal or bird at the time of harvest for the presence of harmful pathogenic microorganisms. It regulates meat and poultry establishments statewide – most are fully inspected facilities and provide slaughtering and processing services for resale. The remaining establishments operate under a “custom exempt” status and provide a “not-for-sale” service to individuals who wish to have their own animals slaughtered.

### C1:6: Poultry Inspection (ALIs 700415 and 700611)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700415, Poultry Inspection	\$954,000	\$970,000	\$992,000
% change	--	1.7%	2.3%
Fund 4T60 ALI 700611, Poultry and Meat Inspection	\$109,900	\$113,500	\$117,000
% change	--	3.3%	3.1%

These two ALIs support various poultry inspection functions. GRF ALI 700415, Poultry Inspection, provides funding for poultry laboratory testing, sample collection, and veterinary inspection of live birds transported into the state. These activities help prevent and combat avian influenza through testing, inspection, and surveillance programs. This ALI also supports the Ohio Egg Quality Assurance Program, which focuses on controlling the threat of salmonella. ADDL conducts all of the testing associated with these activities.

The second ALI, 700611, Poultry and Meat Inspection, pays for the costs related to licensing and regulating poultry establishments. The Division of Meat Inspection requires establishments to be relicensed annually. The cost is \$100 for all licenses. These fees, as well as fines and penalties, are deposited into the Poultry and Meat Inspection Fund (Fund 4T60). Fund 4T60 collected nearly \$90,000 in revenue in FY 2024.

### C1:7: Livestock Regulation (ALIs 700418, 700424, and 700604)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700418, Livestock Regulation Program	\$1,453,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,649,000
% change	--	10.1%	3.1%
GRF ALI 700424, Livestock Testing and Inspections	\$129,000	\$135,000	\$138,000
% change	--	4.7%	2.2%
Fund 5L80 ALI 700604, Livestock Management Program	\$245,000	\$186,800	\$189,800
% change	--	-28.3%	1.6%

These ALIs support the Department's responsibilities with regard to livestock regulation throughout the state. GRF ALI 700418, Livestock Regulation Program, pays for the operating expenses associated with the Livestock Environmental Permitting Program. The program issues permits to install after reviewing applications for large animal feeding facilities. The program also develops administrative rules and guidelines for operating procedures, compliance monitoring, ground water quality, manure handling and containment, as well as rodent, pest, and odor control.

There are three primary licenses that exist under the Livestock Environmental Permitting Program. These are the: (1) Permit to Install (PTI), (2) Permit to Operate (PTO), and (3) Certified Livestock Manager. The PTI is a one-time fee of \$1,250 that is paid before construction of a

livestock facility begins. The PTO fee is \$750 and must be renewed every five years. The Certified Livestock Manager fee is \$30 and must be renewed every three years. These license fees are deposited into the Livestock Management Fund (Fund 5L80).

GRF ALI 700424, Livestock Testing and Inspections, pays for the supplies necessary to collect urine, blood, or tissue samples from livestock exhibited at county, independent, and state fairs. These funds also help to support the analytical and toxicology laboratory testing section of CPL. This ALI does not directly fund any employees, as separate GRF funding pays those costs.

Fund 5L80 ALI 700604, Livestock Management Program, covers the cost of abating problems associated with concentrated animal feeding facilities (CAFFs). Specifically, the funding is used to administer emergency remediation for any water quality problems that cannot be quickly rectified through enforcement actions. The funding is supported by application and permit fees, and the proceeds of any fees and amounts recouped from abatement work. These amounts are also deposited into Fund 5L80.

Fund 5L80 collected almost \$103,000 in revenue in FY 2024.

**C1:8: Dangerous Wild Animal Program (ALIs 700426, 700657, and 700659)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700426, Dangerous and Restricted Animals	\$687,000	\$708,000	\$716,000
% change	--	3.1%	1.1%
Fund 5MA0 ALI 700657, Dangerous and Restricted Animals	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
% change	--	-100.0%	N/A
Fund 5MS0 ALI 700659, Animal and Consumer Protection	\$18,000	\$8,400	\$8,400
% change	--	-53.3%	0.0%

GRF ALI 700426 and Fund 5MA0 ALI 700657 are used to cover the cost of administering the Dangerous Wild Animal Program, which regulates the possession of dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes. The Dangerous and Restricted Animal Fund (Fund 5MA0) consists of permit fees and penalties. In FY 2024, Fund 5MA0 collected \$7,800. Note that the proposed budget eliminates Fund 5MA0 and requires the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director to transfer the remaining cash balance into the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund (Fund 5MS0), through which AGR will continue to pay for operations related to dangerous wild animals.

Fund 5MS0 ALI 700659 is currently used to fund the Captive Deer Program, a monitoring and testing program to protect the captive whitetail deer population from Chronic Wasting Disease. Specifically, the line item funds the administrative costs associated with enforcement of the program, licensing of captive deer propagating facilities and hunting reserves, disease testing, disease mitigation and elimination, investigations and inspections of the premises of whitetail deer licenses, and education and outreach to facility owners. The proposed fund consolidation is an administrative restructuring to support personnel costs and growing demand for testing under ALI 700659, Animal and Consumer Protection.

## Fee changes

The proposed budget makes several fee changes affecting livestock dealers and brokers. First, it replaces the current fee range of \$25 to \$250 depending on herd size to a flat \$250. The annual license fee for small dealers increases from \$25 to \$50. The related late penalty fee increases from \$25 to \$100. The proposed budget also increases the annual license fee for weighers from \$10 to \$30. Additionally, the proposed budget creates an annual \$50 license and renewal fee for each captive deer facility. Finally, the proposed budget replaces a first degree misdemeanor penalty for violating laws that apply to livestock dealers and brokers under current law with a series of escalating civil penalties, from up to \$500 for a first violation to up to \$10,000 for subsequent violations. All of the fees, as well as the penalty revenue, would be deposited into the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund (Fund 5MS0). These fee changes are expected to increase revenue by \$56,000 annually.

### **C1:9: Commercial Dog Breeders Program (ALIs 700427, 700658, and 700662)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700427, High Volume Breeder Kennel Control	\$1,524,000	\$1,449,000	\$1,524,800
% change	--	8.4%	5.2%
Fund 5MR0 ALI 700658, Commercial Dog Breeding	\$510,000	\$450,000	\$465,000
% change	--	-11.8%	3.3%
Fund 5PLO ALI 700662, Pet Store License	\$32,900	\$0	\$0
% change	--	-100.0%	N/A

These two ALIs support the Commercial Dog Breeders Program. GRF ALI 700427, High Volume Breeder Kennel Control, is used to cover operating costs, including staff and inspections for the Commercial Dog Breeders Program and pet store regulations. In regard to the Commercial Dog Breeders Program, the Department annually inspects each facility that is registered as a high-volume breeder and inspects these operations if a complaint is filed. There has been a large increase in the number of licenses and permits issued due to industry growth which will increase the number of employees needed to complete inspections.

Fund 5MR0 ALI 700658, Commercial Dog Breeding (formerly: High Volume Breeders and Kennels), consists of license fees received from high volume breeders. License fees depend on the number of puppies sold in a calendar year, ranging from \$150 to \$750 annually, depending on litter size. A portion of the license and registration fees are remitted to county dog and kennel funds to defray the costs that county auditors incur for licensing dogs and county dog wardens bear for their operations.

The proposed budget abolishes another fund that supports regulation in this area, the Pet Store License Fund (Fund 5PLO). With this change, the revenue from the annual \$500 pet store license and penalties will go into Fund 5MR0. In FY 2024, \$24,500 was deposited into Fund 5PLO.

## Category 2: Plant Health

This category of ALIs provides funds for the Division of Plant Health which includes the Grain Warehouse, Apiary, Feed and Seed, Pesticide and Fertilizer Regulation, and Plant Pest Control sections. Additionally, it contains appropriations for the Hemp Program that began in FY 2020. The Division conducts plant inspections and pesticide regulation activities. This includes consumer and farmer protection regulations, such as inspecting honey bee colonies, controlling the spread of gypsy moths and other pests, testing germination of packaged seeds, verifying label statements on feed and fertilizers, certifying fertilizer and commercial pesticide applicators, and regulating nursery stock. The funding recommended in this area amounts to about \$53.8 million over the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, or approximately 14.9% of AGR's proposed budget.

### C2:1: Plant Industry (ALI 700410)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700410, Plant Industry	\$489,000	\$542,000	\$594,000
% change	--	10.8%	9.6%

This item supports the Division of Plant Health to oversee the Department's Apiary, Grain Warehouse, Feed and Seed, Pesticide and Fertilizer Regulation, and Plant Pest Control sections. The ALI supports the inspection of apiaries and monitoring and control of invasive plant pests and diseases. In addition, the ALI can be used to fund nursery stock certification inspection for import and export products such as lumber, logs, seed, fruit, and vegetables. The bill creates a large amount of changes to the fee structures of apiaries, pesticide, and fertilizer. These changes are expected to be revenue neutral.

### C2:2: Pesticide and Fertilizer Regulation (ALIs 700605, 700648, and 700635)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4C90 ALI 700605, Commercial Feed and Seed	\$2,396,000	\$2,273,000	\$2,329,000
% change	--	-5.1%	2.5%
Fund 5FC0 ALI 700648, Plant Pest Program	\$1,328,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
% change	--	-9.6%	0.0%
Fund 6690 ALI 700635, Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Inspection Program	\$6,188,000	\$4,533,000	\$4,649,000
% change	--	-26.7%	2.6%

These ALIs support the Plant Division's various responsibilities relating to testing germination of packaged seeds, verifying label statements on feed and fertilizers, and regulating nursery stock.

ALI 700605, Commercial Feed and Seed, is used to test feeds for medication, perform routine inspections of feed mills, perform BSE (mad cow) inspections, testing lime, fertilizer sampling, and inspections of fertilizer contaminants and anhydrous ammonia facilities.

### **Fee changes**

There are fee changes that affect services under this area in the proposed budget. The Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90) is expected to see an increase in revenue of \$56,000 annually. This is a result of increasing the annual Commercial Seed Labeler Permit Fee from \$10 to \$50, eliminating the Minimum Seed Sales Fee, and requiring a commercial feed manufacturer or distributor to pay a \$50 annual registration fee. Additionally, the proposed budget removes the \$25 Commercial Feed Inspection Fee, and instead exempts the first 200 tons of commercial feed sold in a calendar year from a fee of 25¢ per ton.

ALI 700648, Plant Pest Program, is supported through various nursery stock fees that are deposited into the Plant Pest Program Fund (Fund 5FC0). Fund 5FC0 collected approximately \$1.2 million in revenues in FY 2024. This ALI is used to fund annual inspections of nursery stock producers and plant-based commodities entering commerce within the state. The program also registers apiaries and coordinates apiary inspections to monitor the health of the state's honey bee population. State and federal pest quarantines are also administered under funding in this ALI.

Fund 5FC0 is expected to see a revenue gain of \$105,000 annually as a result of fee changes. The primary reason is a proposed new \$50 certification fee for apiarists who sell or distribute packaged bees, nucs, or bee colonies in place of the existing \$5 registration fee.

The Pesticide Program Fund (Fund 6690) ALI 700635, Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Inspection Program, is used to register pesticides, license applicators, test applicators, perform routine pesticide inspections, investigate citizen complaints, and enforce pesticide laws. The ALI is also used to provide funding for the Fertilizer Applicator Certification Program which requires Ohio's farmers and commercial fertilizer applicators to complete training provided by OSU Extension. The funding under this ALI is made up of license fees collected from dealers and applicators that are deposited into Fund 6690. Revenue from these sources totaled almost \$5.2 million in FY 2024.

Fund 6690 is expected to see a revenue increase of approximately \$1.5 million annually. This is due to a proposed increase of the annual license fee to manufacture or distribute fertilizer, which would go from \$5 to \$50, and increases in the late license renewal fee, which would go from \$10 to \$25. Additionally, the bill proposes the increase of fees relating to the annual registration of a pesticide sold or distributed in Ohio as follows: (1) from \$150 to \$250 for each product name and brand registered for the company whose name appears on the pesticide label, (2) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for late registration renewal, and (3) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for each product name and brand of a nonregistered pesticide that is distributed in Ohio before registration.

### C2:3: Hemp Program (ALIs 700674 and 700671)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700674, Plant Testing	\$250,000	\$247,000	\$218,000
% change	--	-1.2%	-11.7%
Fund 5WJ0 ALI 700671, Hemp Program	\$411,400	\$367,000	\$375,000
% change	--	-10.8%	2.2%

These ALIs are used to administer and enforce the Hemp Law which was created by S.B. 57 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. It supports costs incurred under the Hemp Program, including personnel, testing and collecting hemp or cannabidiol (CBD) products, and equipment. The Department began accepting and approving licenses to allow for the cultivation of hemp in CY 2020. Demand for hemp as a crop has been lower than anticipated by the industry and therefore less profitable than expected, meaning there is less testing.

#### Possible transfer of Hemp Program to the USDA

Hemp is a relatively new commercial crop in the United States. However, since federal law was relaxed to allow for commercial production under the 2014 Farm Bill, and subsequently the 2018 Farm Bill, industry growth has been weaker than anticipated. Long-term trends are uncertain due to lack of markets, international competition, and other factors. Under Ohio's hemp program, receipts from licenses and other sources deposited into the Hemp Program Fund (Fund 5WJ0) have fallen in successive fiscal years from about \$300,000 in FY 2021 to about \$125,000 in FY 2024. Expenses have exceeded income throughout this period, totaling \$344,826 in FY 2024. Consequently, the proposed budget permits the AGR Director to transfer jurisdiction for the hemp cultivation licensure program to the USDA. If so, there would be cost savings. As of February 2025, the cash balance in Fund 5WJ0 was just under \$700,000

### C2:4: Federal Cooperative Contracts (ALI 700601)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 3820 ALI 700601, Federal Cooperative Contracts	\$11,954,051	\$11,612,000	\$9,669,000
% change	--	-2.9%	-16.7%

This ALI receives revenues from federal agencies for grants and contracted services provided by the Department. These federal awards are deposited into the Cooperative Contracts Fund (Fund 3820) to facilitate cash flow where revenue from these various federal sources is intermittently received. There are approximately 40 various federal grants and contracts under the federal Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control and Animal Care, and Food Safety programs. Additionally, this ALI includes federal grants for the Agricultural Soil and Water Conservation Program. Once the Department receives federal funding for these purposes, the required sums of cash are then transferred to the appropriate program-specific fund. In some cases, the costs



related to the above programs are paid directly from Fund 3820. Receipts from the federal government totaled approximately \$7.8 million in FY 2024.

### **C2:5: Federal Plant Industry (ALI 700614)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 3R20 ALI 700614, Federal Plant Industry	\$8,029,000	\$6,843,000	\$7,189,000
% change	--	-14.8%	5.1%

This ALI also is used to distribute funding from federal grants and cooperative agreements and is used for cost sharing in the operation of the Gypsy Moth Program as well as for operating the Pesticide Program and performing pest and disease surveys for the USDA. Additionally, this ALI is used for Asian Longhorned Beetle and Spotted Lantern Fly eradication efforts, which pose a threat to Ohio's timber crop.

### **Category 3: Soil and Water**

This category of funding includes ALIs within the Department's budget that fund AGR's soil and water conservation responsibilities. The Division of Soil and Water Conservation is charged with (1) providing support to Ohio's 88 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs), (2) implementing statewide agricultural and nonpoint source water pollution control programs, (3) supporting local development of watershed management and protection action plans, and (4) administering conservation programs and cost share for Agricultural Pollution Best Management Practices. Altogether, the proposed funding in this area amounts to \$179.1 million over the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, or 49.5% of the budget recommended for AGR.

### **C3:1: Soil and Water Division (ALI 700428)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700428, Soil and Water Division	\$4,000,000	\$4,679,000	\$4,857,000
% change	--	17.0%	3.8%

This ALI is the primary source of operating support for the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Overall, about 65%-70% of the recommended funding, or \$3.1 million in FY 2026 and \$3.3 million in FY 2027 is for personnel. Altogether, the Division oversees implementation of the state's H2Ohio Water Quality Program, provides technical and financial support to the state's 88 SWCDs, runs the Agricultural Pollution Abatement Program, and operates the Statewide Watershed Planning and Management Program. Division staff consists of nutrient management specialists, professional engineers, program specialists, and soil scientists. The nutrient management specialists within the Division implement statewide agricultural and nonpoint source water pollution control programs and assist SWCDs and local watershed groups in implementing these types of programs. The Division's professional engineers provide engineering services to help install equipment and practices for pollution reduction as well as train SWCD staff, including administrative, financial, organizational, and strategic planning

assistance. In addition, Division staff also assists the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission with its oversight responsibilities. Lastly, the Division's soil scientists update and maintain soil information based on data collected in county-based soil survey projects.

### **C3:2: Soil and Water Conservation District Support (ALIs 700509 and 700661)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700509, Soil and Water District Support	\$12,510,000	\$12,527,000	\$12,533,000
% change	--	0.1%	0.0%
Fund 5BV0 ALI 700661, Soil and Water Districts	\$10,500,000	\$10,507,000	\$10,509,000
% change	--	0.1%	0.0%

The Division of Soil and Water Conservation uses these two ALIs to provide direct assistance to Ohio's 88 county SWCDs for the planning, design, and construction of conservation projects to reduce soil erosion and protect local water resources. A portion of these funds are also used to provide technical assistance, support local watershed coordinators, implement pollution control programs, and related activities. SWCDs are required to match state assistance pursuant to a formula adopted by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission. For more information on SWCDs' funding structure, Chapter 5 of the [SWCD Administrative Handbook](#) provides additional detail.

Funding for this direct assistance under ALI 700661, Soil and Water Districts, is supported by the Soil and Water Districts Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0). Fund 5BV0 receives revenue from (1) a disposal fee of 25¢ per ton of construction and demolition debris, (2) 25¢ per ton of municipal solid waste, and (3) 50¢ per tire on the sale of new tires. Additionally, ALI 700661, Soil and Water District Support, can be used to pay any SWCD an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000 upon receipt of request and justification from the district and approval by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

### **Earmark for SWCDs**

In addition to the direct assistance explained above, the bill earmarks funding for SWCDs in priority regions, as defined by the AGR Director, under GRF ALI 700509, Soil and Water District Support. Specifically, \$4.2 million in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 under this ALI is earmarked for local staffing costs and to assist in soil testing and nutrient management plan development, including manure transformation and manure conversion technologies, enhanced filter strips, water management, and H2Ohio Program support.

### **C3:3: Heidelberg Water Quality Lab (ALI 700660)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5BV0 ALI 700660, Heidelberg Water Quality Lab	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI supports the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University in Tiffin. The laboratory performs research on soil and water issues, including studying agricultural impacts on soil and water resources and conducting water quality analyses. Funding for this ALI is provided by the solid waste, construction and demolition debris, and tire sale fees credited to Fund 5BV0.

**C3:4: Watershed Assistance (ALI 700653)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5QW0 ALI 700653, Watershed Assistance	\$1,996,000	\$857,000	\$832,000
% change	--	-57.1%	-2.9%

This ALI supports Ohio’s watersheds and is funded by various grants, fees, and contributions made directly to it. Specifically, this ALI funds the Muskingum Water District Program and SWCD Staff Technical and Administrative Development programs. The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District provides funding to local SWCDs to cost share with landowners for projects that conserve and manage natural resources and ecosystems within the Muskingum River and Duck Creek watersheds. The Staff Technical and Administrative Development programs are training programs for newly hired SWCD staff.

**C3:5: H2Ohio (ALI 700670)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 6H20 ALI 700670, H2Ohio	\$60,755,574	\$60,607,500	\$60,662,000
% change	--	-0.2%	0.1%

This ALI is used to support the H2Ohio Program, the Governor’s water quality initiative aimed to reduce phosphorous in waterways, creating wetlands, addressing failing septic systems, and preventing lead contamination through programs implemented by the departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. About 95% of the funding each fiscal year is designated for subsidies. This ALI has been used to provide multi-year incentive payments to farmers for implementing any of the seven best conservation practices proven to reduce phosphorous runoff on farmland and into the waterways. Incentive payments depend on the best conservation practice implemented by landowners.

Under current law, the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) supports seven particular activities: (1) agricultural water projects, which focuses on agricultural practices, (2) community water projects, which involve a public water system operated by a political subdivision, (3) nature water projects, which involve a natural water system, (4) awarding or allocating grants or money, issuing loans, or making purchases for the development and implementation of projects and programs that are designed to address water quality priorities, (5) funding cooperative research, data gathering and monitoring, and demonstration projects related to water quality priorities, (6) encouraging cooperation with and among leaders from state legislatures, state agencies, political subdivisions, business and industry, labor, agriculture, environmental organizations,

institutions of higher education, and water conservation districts, and (7) other purposes, policies, programs, and priorities identified by the Lake Erie Commission in coordination with the state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management.

### Category 4: Commodities and Marketing

This category is used to fund the Department's marketing activities, which seek to increase consumer purchasing and awareness of Ohio-based foods and other agricultural products.

#### C4:1: Ohio Proud (ALIs 700404 and 700636)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700404, Ohio Proud	\$180,000	\$189,000	\$208,000
% change	--	5.0%	10.1%
Fund 4R00 ALI 700636, Ohio Proud Marketing	\$30,500	\$25,000	\$25,000
% change	--	-18.0%	0.0%

These ALIs are used to fund Ohio Proud, a domestic marketing program to promote Ohio food and agricultural products within the state and throughout the country. Companies may be involved in the Ohio Proud Program and Ohio Proud Logo Program, in which the Ohio Proud logo is placed on domestic products sold by the participating company. Companies pay an initial \$50 fee to join Ohio Proud which is deposited into the Ohio Proud Marketing Program Fund (Fund 4R00). Additionally, AGR may sell merchandise that promotes the Ohio Proud Program and deposit any of those proceeds into Fund 4R00.

#### C4:2: Commodities (ALIs 700612 and 700627)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4940 ALI 700612, Agricultural Commodity Marketing Program	\$200,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
% change	--	-37.5%	0.0%
Fund 4970 ALI 700627, Grain Warehouse Program	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

ALI 700612, Agricultural Commodity Marketing Program, consists of voluntary assessments from the producers of agricultural commodities to cover the operating costs for marketing those commodities. The Department provides oversight for five marketing programs: (1) small grains, (2) beef, (3) corn, (4) small fruit and vegetable, and (5) propane. In FY 2024, over \$106,000 in assessments were deposited into the Agriculture Commodity Marketing Program Fund (Fund 4940).

ALI 700627, Grain Warehouse Program, is used to pay the costs of licensing and regulating grain warehouses and handlers, including inspection of grain elevators to determine the quantity of grain stored and financial status of the facility. The Commodity Handlers Regulatory Fund (Fund 4970) consists of inspection fees paid by commodity handlers, and interest transferred in

from a related indemnity fund. Examination fees range from \$50 to \$1,200 depending on the size of the facility.

### C4:3: Ohio Grape Industries (ALI 700626)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4960 ALI 700626, Ohio Grape Industries	\$1,550,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
% change	--	-22.6%	0.0%

This ALI funds the Ohio Grape Industries Program, which promotes the sale and production of grape products within the state by providing new information on growing techniques, marketing strategies, research, and identification of grape varieties suitable for cultivation in Ohio. This program is funded through a 5¢ per gallon tax on all wine sales in Ohio that is deposited into the Ohio Grape Industries Fund (Fund 4960).

### C4:4: License Plates – Sustainable Agriculture (ALI 700651)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4900 ALI 700651, License Plates – Sustainable Agriculture	\$18,300	\$16,800	\$16,800
% change	--	-8.2%	0.0%

This ALI is used to promote agriculture awareness and sustainability programs through the issuance of license plates. Of these fees, \$20 goes to the Agro Ohio Fund (Fund 4900).

## Category 5: Other Agriculture Services

This category encompasses ALIs that fund other agricultural services not directly related to food or plant regulation.

### C5:1: Weights and Measures (ALIs 700412 and 700608)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700412, Weights and Measures	\$791,000	\$825,000	\$849,000
% change	--	4.3%	2.9%
Fund 5H20 ALI 700608, Metrology Lab and Scale Certification	\$1,460,000	\$1,194,000	\$1,240,000
% change	--	-18.2%	3.9%

These two ALIs support the operating expenses of the Division of Weights and Measures. Specifically, GRF ALI 700412, Weights and Measures, is used to pay the operating costs of the Division. Under the proposed budget, about 85% of total funding under this line item – \$713,000 in FY 2026 and \$735,000 in FY 2027 – goes to payroll. The Division annually inspects measuring

devices, processes device permits, registers service persons, issues calibration certificates in the Metrology Lab, and provides training for state and local jurisdiction inspectors.

Funding for this program under ALI 700608, Metrology Lab and Scale Certification, is derived from fees paid by private companies for calibration and measuring device certification services which are deposited into the Metrology and Scale Certification Fund (Fund 5H20). The bulk of proposed funding under this ALI is for payroll and supplies and maintenance to cover these activities. The funding is used to certify and ensure the accuracy of secondary weights and measures standards.

**C5:2: Auctioneers (ALIs 700629 and 700609)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5B80 ALI 700629, Auctioneers	\$367,600	\$230,000	\$236,000
% change	--	-37.4%	2.6%
Fund 4D20 ALI 700609, Auction Education	\$54,900	\$53,000	\$54,000
% change	--	-3.5%	1.9%

These two ALIs are used to pay the operating expenses related to the regulation of the auctioneer industry, including the licensing of auctioneers, and providing continuing education. ALI 700629, Auctioneers, is used to pay the operating expenses of licensing auctioneers. Auctioneers are required to renew their license biennially, which includes a fee of \$200 that is deposited into the Auctioneers Fund (Fund 5B80). In FY 2024, Fund 5B80 collected approximately \$243,000 in revenue.

The funding under ALI 700609, Auction Education, is used to provide continuing education to licensed auctioneers. The ALI is funded by the proceeds from \$7.50 collected from each initial or renewed auctioneer’s license in Ohio. This amount is then deposited into the Auction Education Fund (Fund 4D20). Receipts from this source were almost \$19,000 in FY 2024.

**C5:3: Amusement Ride Safety (ALIs 700511 and 700620)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700511, Ride Inspection	\$749,000	\$779,000	\$801,000
% change	--	4.0%	2.8%
Fund 5780 ALI 700620, Ride Inspection	\$1,417,000	\$1,245,000	\$1,273,000
% change	--	12.9%	4.6%

These ALIs support the Division of Amusement Ride Safety in overseeing and enforcing safety requirements for the operation of amusement rides, games, and concessions.

Fund 5780 ALI 700620, Ride Inspection, is supported by fees for licenses, inspections, reinspections, and fines for amusement ride operators that are deposited into the Amusement Ride Inspection Fund (Fund 5780). Fund 5780 collected almost \$1.2 million in revenue in FY 2024.

**Fee changes**

The bill changes the way amusement rides are classified for purposes of inspection and reinspection fees to the following: (1) kiddie ride, (2) family ride, (3) major ride, (4) spectacular ride, (5) family/portable roller coaster, (6) tower ride, and (7) large roller coaster. For all of these, a current law \$225 permit fee remains. However, under the proposed change, inspection and reinspection fees would increase by specified amounts according to the classifications above. Along with these changes, the provision reduces the annual permit fee for an inflatable ride from \$225 to \$100 per inflatable. It also alters the way inspection and reinspection fees for inflatables are calculated, depending on the number of inflatables an owner has. For three or fewer inflatables – \$100 each, for three to ten – \$75 each, and for 11 or more – \$50 each. Cumulatively, these changes in the way amusement ride fees are calculated will result in a net decrease in annual revenue of about \$23,000 for the Amusement Ride Safety Fund (Fund 5780).

**C5:4: County Agricultural Societies (ALIs 700501 and 700512)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700501, County Agricultural Societies	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%
GRF ALI 700512, Local Fairs	\$4,700,000	\$0	\$0
% Change	--	-100.0%	N/A

These GRF subsidy ALIs are used to provide funding to county agricultural societies. GRF ALI 700501 is used to reimburse part of the expenses incurred by county and independent agricultural fairs for youth activities. The amount received through reimbursement is dependent upon the number of fairs seeking reimbursement and the amount available. Reimbursements are issued after agricultural societies provide a report listing junior fair expenses that they have incurred.

Funding under GRF ALI 700512, Local Fairs, was one-time funding granted to the state’s 94 county and independent agricultural societies for general operating costs under H.B. 33, the main operating budget act for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium. Each organization received a subsidy of \$50,000. No funding is provided to continue these subsidies under the proposed budget for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.

**Category 6: Farmland Preservation**

This category includes ALIs used to fund initiatives and programs aimed at the preservation of agricultural farmland in Ohio.

### C6:1: Farmland Preservation (ALIs 700409, 700632, and 700641)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 700409, Farmland Preservation	\$550,000	\$572,000	\$588,000
% change	--	4.0%	2.8%
Fund 7057 ALI 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating	\$512,000	\$512,000	\$512,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%
Fund 3AB0 ALI 700641, Agricultural Easement	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
% change	--	-100.0%	0.0%

These ALIs support the Office of Farmland Preservation, which attempts to preserve fertile farmlands in Ohio through the agricultural easement donation program, the agricultural easement purchase program, and through the implementation of agricultural security areas. Agricultural easement purchases consist of a landowner receiving a predetermined payment for a specified area of property for an agreement with the state that the specified property will remain for agricultural use forever, instead of being developed for different purposes. AGR offers easement options periodically. Interested parties can apply for an easement, and through a series of criteria, each applicant is given a score. Depending on available funding, a certain number of applicants are awarded an easement.

GRF ALI 700409, Farmland Preservation, pays the operating costs of the Office of Farmland Preservation, which includes payroll for and the administrative costs associated with implementing its various farmland preservation programs.

ALI 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating, is used to administer agricultural easements in relation to the Clean Ohio bond initiative. The Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Fund (Fund 7057) collects interest from the Clean Ohio Fund.

ALI 700641, Agricultural Easement, was used to help with purchases of agricultural easements. The Agricultural Easement Fund (Fund 3AB0) received matching grants from the federal government for the purchase of agricultural easements through the federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program. However, note that federal matching funds under the 2014 Farm Bill starts to flow directly to the landowner when the easement is purchased.

### C6:2: Ohio Farm Loan (ALI 700617)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 3360 ALI 700617, Ohio Farm Loan – Revolving	\$375,000	\$317,000	\$200,000
% change	--	-15.5%	-36.9%

This ALI is used to award grants for rural rehabilitation of farmland that benefit rural residents and has a long-term impact on the community. The grant can be used to acquire land;



to construct, reconstruct, remodel, renovate, rehabilitate, enlarge, or improve buildings to be used for agricultural purposes; or to buy stationary equipment and fixed assets. Additionally, the ALI is used to award grants for organizations pursuing youth-focused agricultural interest. Specifically, this ALI supports the Agriculture and Rural Community Outreach Program administered by the Ohio Future Farmers of America organization. Lastly, this ALI supports the Department's costs related to administering farmland programs. This program is funded with liquidated assets of the Ohio Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. The remaining funds are targeted toward eligible work. To the extent practical, the Department is moving away from recurring expenses toward one-time projects, as there are no new revenues for this program.

## Category 7: Administration

This category consists of ALIs appropriated across various agency programs, largely for centralized administrative purposes not directly attributable to any of the categories described in this analysis.

### C7:1: Utility Radiological Safety (ALI 700606)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4E40 ALI 700606, Utility Radiological Safety	\$124,456	\$136,000	\$142,000
% change	--	9.3%	4.4%

This ALI is used to pay AGR's share of all necessary operating costs to ensure nuclear power plants are operated safely and that contingency plans are followed in case of a nuclear accident. The departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Health; the Emergency Management Agency; the Environmental Protection Agency; and the Public Works Commission have developed a comprehensive policy for the state in case of a nuclear accident. The Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40) consists of sums paid by the Ohio Radiological Preparedness Board of the Public Utilities Commission.

### C7:2: Laboratory Administration Support (ALI 700644)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5DA0 ALI 700644, Laboratory Administration Support	\$1,551,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,339,000
% change	--	-16.2%	3.0%

This ALI is used solely to pay the operational expenses of the Ohio Department of Health/Environmental Protection Agency laboratory building on the Department of Agriculture's Reynoldsburg campus. The funding is supported by quarterly payments from the Department of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency for their share of utility, supply, and repair costs for the facility that are deposited into the Laboratory Administration Fund (Fund 5DA0). Those receipts amounted to almost \$1.2 million in FY 2024.

**C7:3: Administrative Support (ALI 700655)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5GH0 ALI 700655, Administrative Support	\$7,194,000	\$7,614,000	\$7,999,000
% change	--	12.6%	6.6%

This ALI funds central services and administrative costs related to the operations of each division. AGR uses an indirect cost-funding strategy to charge a given portion of the agency’s payroll expenses, periodically depositing the proceeds into the Central Support Indirect Cost Fund (Fund 5GH0). This fund collected approximately \$5.7 million in FY 2024 from among the Department’s divisions.

**C7:4: Federal Administrative Programs (ALI 700607)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 3J40 ALI 700607, Federal Administrative Programs	\$2,031,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,055,000
% change	--	-1.5%	2.8%

This ALI is used to meet Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP) requirements and pay the overhead costs of the agency that are attributable to federal grant activities. Expenses that are paid from this source of funding include utility billings as well as the cost of salaries that are typically applied to federal grants, such as administrative staff. The Indirect Cost Fund (Fund 3J40) consists of federal grant moneys for cooperative agreements with Ohio for such activities as meat and poultry inspections and pesticide enforcement. In FY 2024, this fund collected almost \$1.8 million in revenues.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700401 Animal Health Programs

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,471,281	\$5,485,895	\$7,338,687	\$7,622,000	\$8,055,500	\$8,265,900
% change	0.3%	33.8%	3.9%	5.7%	2.6%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is the primary source of operating funding for the Division of Animal Health. It supports field and laboratory staff wages and benefits, laboratory supplies and equipment maintenance contracts for the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL). The lab conducts diagnostic testing of samples from food animals, horses, small animals, and exotic species. Services include avian serology, bacteriology, molecular diagnostics, pathology, serology, toxicology, and virology. This line item is used in conjunction with Fund 6520 line item 700634, Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs.

#### GRF 700403 Dairy Division

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,341,747	\$1,376,168	\$1,447,969	\$1,513,000	\$1,569,000	\$1,613,000
% change	2.6%	5.2%	4.5%	3.7%	2.8%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with Fund 4R20 line item 700637, Dairy Industry Inspection, to pay for the agency's milk inspection program. Registered sanitarians inspect dairy farm operations, tank trucks, and processing and manufacturing facilities verifying sanitary conditions during milk processing by checking for bacteria, coliform, excessive antibiotics, pesticide residue, foreign substances, and excess water and butterfat content. Inspections standards meet or exceed those set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700404 Ohio Proud

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$92,180	\$117,150	\$130,057	\$180,000	\$189,000	\$208,000
% change	27.1%	11.0%	38.4%	5.0%	10.1%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.171; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays a portion of the operating costs of the Ohio Proud program, created in 1993 to market agricultural goods produced in Ohio and enhance consumer identity of agricultural products that are raised, grown, or processed in Ohio. The remaining funding for the program comes from licensing fees paid by participating companies. These receipts are deposited into the Ohio Proud Marketing Fund (Fund 4R00).

#### GRF 700406 Consumer Protection Lab

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,645,597	\$1,387,883	\$1,676,307	\$1,705,000	\$1,880,000	\$1,906,000
% change	-15.7%	20.8%	1.7%	10.3%	1.4%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.43; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with Fund 6520 line item 700634, Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs, for the operation of the Consumer Protection Laboratory (CPL). The laboratory performs chemical analysis and microbiological surveillance testing for food, livestock, and poultry feed to assure food product safety for human consumption and verify the accuracy of product labeling. The lab is certified by the USDA to provide surge capacity for other certified labs and by the CDC to test highly pathogenic samples. The laboratory also conducts race horse testing for county and independent fairs and contracts with the Ohio State Racing Commission to conduct forensic toxicological analyses to detect performance enhancing drugs and chemicals in equine and livestock samples.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700407 Food Safety

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,449,926	\$1,413,938	\$1,554,968	\$1,657,000	\$1,705,000	\$1,752,000
% change	-2.5%	10.0%	6.6%	2.9%	2.8%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3717.05; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item, in conjunction with Fund 4P70 line item 700610, Food Safety, is used to pay personnel and maintenance expenses for the food safety inspection program. The Division of Food Safety is responsible for ensuring a uniform and comprehensive food safety inspection program at retail food establishments by local health departments through survey, evaluation, and training. This includes surveillance, random sampling, facility inspection, consultation, and technical assistance. Samples collected under the program are tested at the agency's Consumer Analytical Laboratory. This line item also provides enforcement support to local health departments to assure compliance with food safety at retail operations.

#### GRF 700409 Farmland Preservation

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$998,767	\$501,195	\$524,000	\$550,000	\$572,000	\$588,000
% change	-49.8%	4.6%	5.0%	4.0%	2.8%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.54; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays for the operating expenses of the Office of Farmland Preservation. The Office administers the agricultural easement donation and purchase program, which preserves productive farmland with perpetual easements on the property title to keep a piece of property in agricultural production forever.

#### GRF 700410 Plant Industry

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$261,007	\$444,201	\$494,610	\$489,000	\$542,000	\$594,000
% change	70.2%	11.3%	-1.1%	10.8%	9.6%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 927.70; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item in conjunction with Fund 5FC0 line item 700648, Plant Pest Program, provides funding for the inspection of apiaries as well as for the monitoring and control of invasive plant pests and diseases. The line item is also used to fund nursery stock certification inspections for import and export of products such as lumber, logs, seed, fruit, and vegetables.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700412 Weights and Measures

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$666,670	\$663,423	\$760,154	\$791,000	\$825,000	\$849,000
% change	-0.5%	14.6%	4.1%	4.3%	2.9%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.10 and 1327.50; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay the operating costs of the Division of Weights and Measures, primarily employee salaries. The Division's responsibilities include overseeing the commercial marketplace, scales, gas pumps, supermarket check-outs, packaged and unpackaged commodities offered for sale to insure buyer and seller equity. The Division also assists and trains county and city weights and measures staff. The Division is the custodian of primary standards for Ohio's weights and measures. These activities are also supported by Fund 5H20 line item 700608, Metrology Lab and Scale Certification.

#### GRF 700415 Poultry Inspection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$813,176	\$862,394	\$899,371	\$954,000	\$970,000	\$992,000
% change	6.1%	4.3%	6.1%	1.7%	2.3%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 918.12 and 918.21; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides funding for poultry laboratory testing, field collection of samples, and veterinary inspection of live birds transported into the state. These activities help prevent and combat avian influenza (AI) by certifying that animals are free of disease. The line item also supports the Ohio Egg Quality Assurance Program, which focuses on controlling the threat of salmonella.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700417 Soil and Water Phosphorus Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$16,503,090	\$14,634,641	\$10,699,999	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-11.3%	-26.9%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item (originally established by Section 4 of S.B. 299 of the 132nd G.A.)

**Purpose:** The line item was used to support programs that reduce total phosphorus and dissolved reactive phosphorus in the Western Lake Erie Basin. The following items or services were eligible for funding: (1) equipment for subsurface placement of nutrients into the soil, (2) equipment for nutrient placement based on geographic information system data, (3) soil testing, (4) implementation of variable rate technology, (5) equipment implementing manure transformation and manure conversion technologies, (6) tributary monitoring, (7) water management and edge-of-field drainage management, and (8) an agricultural phosphorus reduction revolving loan program. Not more than 40% of the funding was to be used for any single such activity. Beginning in FY 2024, funding for the Soil and Water Phosphorus Program is provided under Fund 6H20 line item 700670, H2Ohio.

#### GRF 700418 Livestock Regulation Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,401,352	\$1,368,485	\$1,413,231	\$1,453,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,649,000
% change	-2.3%	3.3%	2.8%	10.1%	3.1%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 903.02; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used for operating expenses associated with the Livestock Environmental Permitting Program. This program issues permits to install after reviewing applications for large animal feeding facilities. The program also develops administrative rules and guidelines for best practices in operating procedures, compliance monitoring, ground water quality, manure handling and containment, as well as rodent, pest, and odor control.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700424 Livestock Testing and Inspections

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$94,471	\$169,032	\$138,590	\$129,000	\$135,000	\$138,000
% change	78.9%	-18.0%	-6.9%	4.7%	2.2%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.70 through 901.76; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides funding for supplies necessary to collect urine, blood or tissue samples from livestock exhibited at Ohio's county, independent and Ohio State fairs and to pay for the testing of these samples.

#### GRF 700426 Dangerous Animals and Emergency Management

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$606,417	\$608,743	\$703,144	\$687,000	\$708,000	\$716,000
% change	0.4%	15.5%	-2.3%	3.1%	1.1%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 935.01 through 935.99; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Section 601.40 of H.B. 487 of the 129th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item is used to cover the administrative costs of the Dangerous and Restricted Wild Animal Program. The Department collects fees from specified classes of dangerous wild animal owners to cover the ongoing costs of the regulatory program. These fees are deposited into the Dangerous and Restricted Animals Fund (Fund 5MA0).

#### GRF 700427 High Volume Breeder Kennel Control

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,317,459	\$1,359,748	\$1,370,141	\$1,524,000	\$1,545,000	\$1,553,000
% change	3.2%	0.8%	11.2%	1.4%	0.5%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to fund the Commercial Dog Breeders Program and the responsibility of regulating pet stores. The funds are used to cover a portion of operating costs, including staffing and inspection. The cost for the Commercial Dog Breeders Program are also covered by kennel registration fees deposited into the High Volume Breeder Kennel Control License Fund (Fund 5MR0).



## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700428 Soil and Water Division

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,892,332	\$4,155,516	\$3,547,877	\$4,000,000	\$4,679,000	\$4,857,000
% change	6.8%	-14.6%	12.7%	17.0%	3.8%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** The line item funds the administrative costs of the Soil and Water Division, which provides assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts and supports Ohio's watersheds.

#### GRF 700499 Meat Inspection Program - State Share

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$6,807,673	\$6,922,662	\$7,476,409	\$7,839,000	\$8,080,000	\$8,304,000
% change	1.7%	8.0%	4.8%	3.1%	2.8%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 918.02; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides the 50% state match required to operate the federally approved meat inspection program in Ohio as well as a 40% state match for a new cooperative agreement to ship products in interstate and export commerce. Program costs are shared with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The federal share of funding is appropriated under Fund 3260 line item 700618, Meat Inspection Program - Federal Share.

#### GRF 700501 County Agricultural Societies

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$391,697	\$4,679,467	\$476,048	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000
% change	1,094.7%	-89.8%	-20.2%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Sections 211.10 and 211.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to reimburse part of the expenses incurred by county and independent agricultural fairs for youth activities. The amount received by each fair depends on the number of fairs which apply for assistance and the total state appropriation.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700509 Soil and Water District Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$8,690,382	\$10,260,500	\$9,131,484	\$12,510,000	\$12,527,000	\$12,533,000
% change	18.1%	-11.0%	37.0%	0.1%	0.0%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Sections 211.10 and 211.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to distribute money to the state's 88 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). State funding matches the money acquired by SWCDs through local appropriations. Additional payments for this purpose are funded from revenues to the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0). H.B. 33 earmarks \$4.2 million in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025 to support SWCDs in the Western Lake Erie Basin for staffing costs and to assist in soil testing and nutrient management plan development, as well as H2Ohio program support.

#### GRF 700511 Ride Inspection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$904,185	\$628,748	\$716,002	\$749,000	\$779,000	\$801,000
% change	-30.5%	13.9%	4.6%	4.0%	2.8%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with Fund 5780 line item 700620, Ride Inspection, for the Division of Amusement Ride Safety and Fairs to oversee and enforce safety requirements for the operation of amusement rides. It also provides for the licensure and regulation of games at the state, county, and independent fairs.

#### GRF 700512 Local Fairs

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,450,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,700,000	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Sections 211.10, and 211.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to provide support to county and independent agricultural societies.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 700674 Plant Testing

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$188,577	\$245,346	\$250,433	\$250,000	\$247,000	\$218,000
% change	30.1%	2.1%	-0.2%	-1.2%	-11.7%

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with Fund 5WJ0 line item 700671, Hemp Program, to administer and enforce the Hemp Law.

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4900 700651 License Plates - Sustainable Agriculture

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$24,610	\$15,869	\$18,300	\$16,800	\$16,800
% change	N/A	-35.5%	15.3%	-8.2%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Proceeds collected by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for Sustainable Agriculture license plates

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4503.504; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to promote public awareness of agricultural issues and programs through the issuance of the "Sustainable Agriculture" specialty license plates.

#### 4940 700612 Agricultural Commodity Marketing Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$218,270	\$113,392	\$104,187	\$200,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
% change	-48.0%	-8.1%	92.0%	-37.5%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Voluntary assessments from producers to cover the operating costs of their respective commodity marketing boards

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 924.10; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to distribute funding to designated commodity marketing boards to market their respective commodity (apples, small fruits and vegetables, sheep and wool, and propane) and to promote Ohio agricultural goods.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4960 700626 Ohio Grape Industries

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,199,682	\$1,478,860	\$1,379,649	\$1,550,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
% change	23.3%	-6.7%	12.3%	-22.6%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: A five-cent per gallon tax on all wine sales in Ohio

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 924.54, 4301.43, and 4301.432; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used by the Ohio Grape Industries Program to enhance the sale and production of grape products within the state by providing information on new growing techniques and identification of grape varieties suitable for cultivation in Ohio. In addition, this line item supports enology and viticulture research to reduce costs and increase production of high-value grapes and wine in Ohio. This line item also funds the Ohio Grape Industries Committee, which promotes the Ohio grapes and grape product industries through various marketing programs.

#### 4970 700627 Grain Warehouse Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$291,019	\$468,724	\$375,564	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	61.1%	-19.9%	33.1%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees paid by commodity handlers and interest transferred from the Commodity Depositors Fund (Fund 4980)

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 926.19; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to oversee the licensure and regulation of grain warehouses and handlers. Specifically, the money is used to inspect each grain elevator to determine the quantity of grain stored and the financial status of each facility.

#### 4980 700628 Grain Indemnity

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,663,860	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Fees charged to licensed commodity handlers, not to exceed one half cent per bushel, reviewed annually; and (2) revenues from legal settlements and interest earned on investments

**Legal Basis:** As needed line item

**Purpose:** This line item is appropriated when needed to help pay for claims brought by agricultural commodity depositors against insolvent commodity handlers and warehouses. Interest from Fund 4980 may be transferred into the Commodity Handlers Regulatory Fund (Fund 4970) to help fund the regulation of grain handlers as needed.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4C90 700605 Commercial Feed and Seed

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,289,448	\$1,870,379	\$2,118,548	\$2,396,000	\$2,273,000	\$2,329,000
% change	-18.3%	13.3%	13.1%	-5.1%	2.5%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Per unit fees charged to feed dealers for feed inspections

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 923.46; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to test feeds for medication and general ingredient content, perform routine inspection of feed mills, perform BSE (mad cow) inspections, as well as to test and inspect seed.

#### 4D20 700609 Auction Education

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$12,750	\$17,762	\$50,092	\$54,900	\$53,000	\$54,000
% change	39.3%	182.0%	9.6%	-3.5%	1.9%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$7.50 of each fee collected for either an initial or renewed auctioneer's or auctioneer firm license in Ohio

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4707.171; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item is used to provide continuing education programming for the auctioneering profession in Ohio.

#### 4E40 700606 Utility Radiological Safety

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$91,352	\$98,314	\$119,744	\$124,456	\$136,000	\$142,000
% change	7.6%	21.8%	3.9%	9.3%	4.4%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Moneys paid from the Ohio Radiological Preparedness Board of the Public Utilities Commission

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4937.05; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to ensure that nuclear power plants are operated safely and that contingency plans are followed in case of a nuclear accident. The departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Health, as well as the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, and Public Utilities Commission of Ohio are required to maintain a comprehensive policy for state action in case of nuclear power accidents.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4P70 700610 Food Safety Inspection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$750,981	\$903,820	\$1,058,585	\$1,259,000	\$1,353,000	\$1,396,000
% change	20.4%	17.1%	18.9%	7.5%	3.2%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Testing fees collected by local health departments for food sampling; license fees from various food-related businesses; registration fees for all licensed and inspected food processing establishments

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 915.24; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 700407, Food Safety, to carry out the duties of the Division of Food Safety. The Division ensures a safe food supply through surveillance, sampling, inspection, consultation, technical assistance, and training. The Division has regulatory oversight of food processing plants, wholesale storage and distribution sites, retail facilities, and facilities that sell and distribute over-the-counter drugs, dietary supplements, and cosmetics.

#### 4R00 700636 Ohio Proud Marketing

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$33,091	\$27,961	\$15,186	\$30,500	\$25,000	\$25,000
% change	-15.5%	-45.7%	100.8%	-18.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$50 license fee paid by companies; proceeds from the sale of promotional items

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.20; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 700404, Ohio Proud, to fund the Ohio Proud program that markets Ohio agricultural products.

#### 4R20 700637 Dairy Industry Inspection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,630,375	\$1,581,996	\$1,442,435	\$1,970,000	\$1,751,000	\$1,787,000
% change	-3.0%	-8.8%	36.6%	-11.1%	2.1%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Licensing and milk inspection fees

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 917.07; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item supports the agency's Dairy Inspection Program in conjunction with GRF line item 700403, Dairy Division. The program ensures that the milk and dairy products produced, processed, and transported in Ohio are sanitary and safe for consumption.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4T60 700611 Poultry and Meat Inspection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$100,000	\$0	\$103,691	\$109,900	\$113,500	\$117,000
% change	-100.0%	N/A	6.0%	3.3%	3.1%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: License fees, fines, and penalties from meat and poultry establishments

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 918.15; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item supports the administration and operation of the Department's meat and poultry inspection program. The Division of Meat Inspection requires establishments to be re-licensed annually.

#### 5780 700620 Ride Inspection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$505,941	\$989,496	\$1,038,868	\$1,417,000	\$1,245,000	\$1,273,000
% change	95.6%	5.0%	36.4%	-12.1%	2.2%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees for permits, inspections, and reinspections of amusement rides, and fines paid by violators of amusement ride operation regulations

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1711.50 through 1711.57; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to oversee and enforce safety requirements for the operation of amusement rides. This line item also provides funding for an Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board that studies subjects pertaining to ride safety and agency rules. It also provides for the licensing and regulating of games at the state, county, and independent fairs.

#### 5B80 700629 Auctioneers

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$145,329	\$210,199	\$201,290	\$367,600	\$230,000	\$236,000
% change	44.6%	-4.2%	82.6%	-37.4%	2.6%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Licensing fees collected from auctioneers in Ohio

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4707.05; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays for operating expenses related to regulating the auctioneer industry.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5BV0 700660 Heidelberg Water Quality Lab

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: A portion of the fees on construction and demolition debris and municipal solid waste

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides support to the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University in Tiffin.

#### 5BV0 700661 Soil and Water Districts

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$8,084,370	\$8,183,850	\$9,363,670	\$10,500,000	\$10,507,000	\$10,509,000
% change	1.2%	14.4%	12.1%	0.1%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees of \$0.25 per ton or \$0.125 per cubic yard on the disposal of construction and demolition debris, \$0.25 per ton on the disposal of municipal solid waste, and \$0.50 per tire on the sale of new tires

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 940.15; Sections 211.10 and 211.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to distribute money to each of the state's 88 Soil and Water Conservation Districts alongside GRF line item 700509, Soil and Water District Support. Each district is reimbursed based on a formula approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

#### 5CV1 700672 Coronavirus Relief - Local Fairs

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$932,499	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: FAL 21.019, Coronavirus Relief Fund

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item (originally established by Controlling Board on June 15, 2020)

**Purpose:** In FY 2021, this line item was used to support expenses incurred by county and independent fairs to comply with health guidance and measures necessitated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Department distributed \$50,000 to each fair that conducted a junior fair and \$15,000 to each fair that did not. In FY 2022, this line item was used to support pandemic-related safety measures in connection with the Ohio State Fair.



## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5FC0 700648 Plant Pest Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,307,775	\$1,379,067	\$824,386	\$1,328,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
% change	5.5%	-40.2%	61.1%	-9.6%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fee revenue from nursery stock fees and inspections

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 927.54; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 700410, Plant Industry, to pay the operational costs of inspection and certification of nursery stock producers for harmful pests and issuing phytosanitary certificates for inspected stock.

#### 5H20 700608 Metrology Lab and Scale Certification

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$976,564	\$1,013,088	\$999,464	\$1,460,000	\$1,194,000	\$1,240,000
% change	3.7%	-1.3%	46.1%	-18.2%	3.9%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees paid by companies for calibration and measuring device certification services

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.43, 1327.48, and 1327.50; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 700412, Weights and Measures, to operate the metrology laboratory. The lab tests the accuracy of secondary weights and measures standards maintained by state, county, and city officials, as well as commercial and industrial clients.

#### 5L80 700604 Livestock Management Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$66,732	\$108,960	\$159,368	\$245,000	\$186,800	\$189,800
% change	63.3%	46.3%	53.7%	-23.8%	1.6%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Application fees, permit fees, civil fines, and money recouped to offset hazardous abatement expenses

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 903.19; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to administer emergency remediation for any water quality problems that cannot be accomplished quickly by enforcement actions.

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### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5MA0 700657 Dangerous and Restricted Animals

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$880	\$8,208	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	832.8%	21.8%	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Permit fees from owners of dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 935.25; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 700426, Dangerous and Restricted Animals, to pay the operational costs of the Dangerous Wild Animal Program operated by the Division of Animal Health, including staffing costs, inspection costs, and maintenance expenses associated with the temporary animal holding facility.

#### 5MRO 700658 Commercial Dog Breeding

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$272,101	\$197,913	\$140,524	\$510,000	\$450,000	\$465,000
% change	-27.3%	-29.0%	262.9%	-11.8%	3.3%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Annual fees paid by high volume animal breeders and dog retailers, ranging from \$150 to \$750 based on the number of puppies sold by a high volume breeder, and a flat fee of \$500 for dog retailers

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 956.07 and 956.18; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in S.B. 310 of the 129th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item is used by the Division of Animal Health to license and inspect high volume breeders and for responsibility of regulating pet stores. A portion of these fees are remitted to county dog and kennel funds to defray the costs that county auditors incur for licensing dogs and county dog wardens incur for their operations. Additional funding is provided under GRF line item 700427, High Volume Breeder Kennel Control.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5MS0 700659 Animal and Consumer Protection

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$1,232	\$463	\$18,000	\$8,400	\$8,400
% change	N/A	-62.4%	3,789.4%	-53.3%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: License fees charged to persons who (1) propagate captive deer with status or captive deer with certified chronic wasting disease, or (2) operate a hunting preserve with monitored captive deer, captive deer with status, or captive deer with certified chronic wasting disease

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 943.26; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to fund the Captive Deer Program, a monitoring and testing program to ensure the safety of the captive whitetail deer population from Chronic Wasting Disease. Specifically, the line item funds the administrative costs associated with enforcement of the program, licensing of captive deer propagating facilities and hunting reserves, disease testing, disease mitigation and elimination, investigations and inspections of the premises of whitetail deer licenses, and education and outreach to facility owners.

#### 5PLO 700662 Pet Store License

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,900	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Pet store license fees and civil penalties collected in enforcing pet store regulations

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.; (originally established by Controlling Board on October 21, 2019)

**Purpose:** This line item is used to support costs incurred in regulating pet stores. This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 700427, High Volume Breeder Kennel Control.

#### 5QW0 700653 Watershed Assistance

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$544,304	\$558,459	\$443,586	\$1,996,000	\$857,000	\$832,000
% change	2.6%	-20.6%	350.0%	-57.1%	-2.9%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Grants from a variety of sources, including the Ohio Watershed Coordinator grant from DNR, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the Muskingum Water District

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to support Ohio's watersheds and activities related to their protection. Specifically, the line item supports the Muskingum Water District Program and SWCD Staff Technical and Administrative Development programs.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5U10 700624 Auction Recovery

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$10,115	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Moneys transferred from the Auctioneers Fund, a portion of license fees, repayments by licensed auctioneers for judgments against them, and earned interest

**Legal Basis:** As needed line item

**Purpose:** This line item is used when needed to make payments to those who have been awarded a final judgment against someone licensed under the Auctioneer Law. The Department's Enforcement Division investigates complaints involving auctioneers. Findings for recovery may be issued by either the Director or by a court.

#### 5WJ0 700671 Hemp Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$727,502	\$520,263	\$344,826	\$411,400	\$367,000	\$375,000
% change	-28.5%	-33.7%	19.3%	-10.8%	2.2%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfer from the Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0); fees for hemp cultivation and processing licenses and laboratory testing of plants and products

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 928.06; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on September 9, 2019)

**Purpose:** This line item is used to administer and enforce the Hemp Law. It supports costs incurred under the Hemp Program including personnel, testing and collecting hemp or CBD products, and equipment.

#### 5YB0 700676 Farm Financial Management Institute

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfer of \$500,000 from the GRF

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item

**Purpose:** This line item was used to make allocations to the Ohio State University Extension's Farm Production, Policy, and Financial Management Institute.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 6520 700634 Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,680,619	\$5,402,655	\$6,666,230	\$8,144,700	\$8,483,900	\$8,328,800
% change	15.4%	23.4%	22.2%	4.2%	-1.8%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees received for laboratory services

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.43; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to support the operation of the Consumer Protection Laboratory (CPL), the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory (ATL), and the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL). The CPL tests assure food, dairy, meat, pesticide and fertilizer samples collected and submitted by regulatory divisions comply with the agency's feed, food commodity, and food safety regulations and standards. The ATL is the test laboratory for the Ohio State Racing Commission. The ADDL is a full service veterinary diagnostic laboratory that conducts a variety of testing procedures on samples from livestock producers.

#### 6690 700635 Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Inspection Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,671,596	\$3,951,958	\$4,058,184	\$6,188,000	\$4,533,000	\$4,649,000
% change	7.6%	2.7%	52.5%	-26.7%	2.6%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged to pesticide dealers and applicators

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 921.22; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used by the Pesticide and Fertilizer Regulation Section within the Division of Plant Health to cover the costs involved with registering pesticides, licensing applicators, testing applicators, performing routine pesticide inspections, investigating complaints, and enforcing the state and federal pesticide laws. The funding is also used to operate the Fertilizer Applicator Certification Program.

#### 6H20 700670 H2Ohio

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$55,337,154	\$29,216,304	\$34,845,548	\$60,755,574	\$60,607,500	\$60,662,000
% change	-47.2%	19.3%	74.4%	-0.2%	0.1%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfers from the GRF

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 126.60; Sections 211.10 and 211.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to support best management practices for farmers including, but not limited to, assistance with equipment purchases and soil testing. Additionally, the line item is used to fund improvements and protection of state waterways in support of water quality priorities and management. H.B. 33 earmarks \$10.7 million in each FY 2024 and FY 2025 to assist in reducing total phosphorus, dissolved reactive phosphorus, sediment, and other nutrients in the Western Lake Erie Basin.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Internal Service Activity Fund Group

#### 5DA0 700644 Laboratory Administration Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,311,272	\$1,244,651	\$1,125,767	\$1,551,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,339,000
% change	-5.1%	-9.6%	37.8%	-16.2%	3.0%

**Source:** Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Quarterly payments from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for their share of utility, supply and repair costs for the shared ODH/EPA laboratory building on the Department of Agriculture's Reynoldsburg campus

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.44; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used solely to pay the operational expenses of the ODH/EPA laboratory building on the Department of Agriculture campus, including utilities, maintenance agreements, security and minor building repairs.

#### 5GH0 700655 Administrative Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,716,195	\$5,359,633	\$6,530,313	\$7,194,000	\$7,614,000	\$7,990,000
% change	-6.2%	21.8%	10.2%	5.8%	4.9%

**Source:** Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Assessments charged to divisions within the Department of Agriculture

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.91; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay administrative and operational costs for the agency through chargebacks to individual divisions of the agency. The assessments on individual divisions must be approved by the Director of Budget and Management.

### Capital Projects Fund Group

#### 7057 700632 Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$388,829	\$349,475	\$172,337	\$512,000	\$512,000	\$515,000
% change	-10.1%	-50.7%	197.1%	0.0%	0.6%

**Source:** Capital Projects Fund Group: Interest earned on bond proceeds deposited into the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.21; Sections 211.10 and 211.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to cover administrative costs associated with the acquisition of agricultural easements under the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. The money to acquire the agricultural easements is appropriated under capital line item C70009, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easements.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Federal Fund Group

#### 3260 700618 Meat Inspection Program - Federal Share

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,143,946	\$5,141,122	\$5,238,046	\$5,814,000	\$5,891,000	\$6,133,000
% change	-0.1%	1.9%	11.0%	1.3%	4.1%

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 10.475, Cooperative Agreement with States for Intrastate Meat and Poultry Inspection

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 918.02; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item supports the meat inspection program, which operates under a cooperative agreement between Ohio and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The source of state matching funds is GRF line item 700499, Meat Inspection Program - State Share. The Division of Meat Inspection has the regulatory authority to inspect and test animals and birds at the time of harvest for the presence of harmful pathogenic micro-organisms.

#### 3360 700617 Ohio Farm Loan - Revolving

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$86,687	\$163,726	\$190,141	\$375,000	\$317,000	\$200,000
% change	88.9%	16.1%	97.2%	-15.5%	-36.9%

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: Liquidated assets of the Ohio Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, interest earnings on invested principal and loan repayments

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.30 through 901.34; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to promote Ohio farm products and conduct agricultural research to generate economic activity in rural communities.

## Ohio Department of Agriculture

### Federal Fund Group

#### 3820 700601 Federal Cooperative Contracts

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,815,137	\$9,892,136	\$8,030,388	\$11,954,051	\$11,612,000	\$9,669,000
% change	26.6%	-18.8%	48.9%	-2.9%	-16.7%

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 10.163, Market Protection and Promotion; FAL 66.700 Consolidated Pesticide Enforcement Cooperative Agreements; FAL 93.103, Food and Drug Administration Research; other federal grant agreements

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 901.051; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to disburse federal grants and pay for services that the Department of Agriculture provides on behalf of the federal government. In regard to animal diseases, food contamination, and laboratory preparedness, the funding is used to conduct surveys, inspections to detect disease or contamination in the food chain (food emergency response network) and carry out regulatory actions to prevent interstate spread of foodborne contaminants and animal diseases. The Specialty Crop Block grants are also supported through this fund. This federal funding also supports programs under the Soil and Water Division. These programs are operated through the Cooperative Contracts Fund (Fund 3820) to aid cash flow, as federal allocations for these various purposes tend to be received intermittently.

#### 3AB0 700641 Agricultural Easement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$18,109	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 10.913, Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to receive matching grants from the federal government for the purchase of agricultural easements through the federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, which preserves land for agricultural uses. It also covers the administrative costs of these purchases.



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### Federal Fund Group

#### 3J40 700607 Federal Administrative Programs

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$966,080	\$1,693,952	\$1,689,819	\$2,031,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,055,000
% change	75.3%	-0.2%	20.2%	-1.5%	2.8%

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 10.475, Cooperative Agreements with States for Intrastate Meat and Poultry Inspection; FAL 10.025, Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control and Animal Care; other federal grants

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 921.21; Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to meet Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (SWICAP) requirements and pay the overhead costs of the agency that are associated with federal grant activities. Indirect cost activities include the payment of utilities as well as the cost of salaries that are generally applied to the federal grants (i.e. legal, administration, human resources, fiscal, and data processing).

#### 3R20 700614 Federal Plant Industry

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,001,185	\$6,282,769	\$5,319,703	\$8,029,000	\$6,843,000	\$7,189,000
% change	-10.3%	-15.3%	50.9%	-14.8%	5.1%

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 10.025, Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control and Animal Care; and other federal grant agreements

**Legal Basis:** Section 211.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item contains funding from federal grants and cooperative agreements for various pest control programs operated by the Plant Health Division. It is used for cost sharing in the operation of the Asian Longhorned Beetle and Gypsy Moth programs, operating the Pesticide Regulation Program, and performing pest and disease surveys for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Detail by Agency			FY 2024	Estimate FY 2025	Introduced FY 2026	Introduced FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
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GRF	700401	Animal Health Programs	\$7,338,687	\$7,622,000	\$8,055,500	\$8,265,900	5.69%	2.61%
GRF	700403	Dairy Division	\$1,447,969	\$1,513,000	\$1,569,000	\$1,613,000	3.70%	2.80%
GRF	700404	Ohio Proud	\$130,057	\$180,000	\$189,000	\$208,000	5.00%	10.05%
GRF	700406	Consumer Protection Lab	\$1,676,307	\$1,705,000	\$1,880,000	\$1,906,000	10.26%	1.38%
GRF	700407	Food Safety	\$1,554,968	\$1,657,000	\$1,705,000	\$1,752,000	2.90%	2.76%
GRF	700409	Farmland Preservation	\$524,000	\$550,000	\$572,000	\$588,000	4.00%	2.80%
GRF	700410	Plant Industry	\$494,610	\$489,000	\$542,000	\$594,000	10.84%	9.59%
GRF	700412	Weights and Measures	\$760,154	\$791,000	\$825,000	\$849,000	4.30%	2.91%
GRF	700415	Poultry Inspection	\$899,371	\$954,000	\$970,000	\$992,000	1.68%	2.27%
GRF	700417	Soil and Water Phosphorus Program	\$10,699,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
GRF	700418	Livestock Regulation Program	\$1,413,231	\$1,453,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,649,000	10.12%	3.06%
GRF	700424	Livestock Testing and Inspections	\$138,590	\$129,000	\$135,000	\$138,000	4.65%	2.22%
GRF	700426	Dangerous Animals and Emergency Management	\$703,144	\$687,000	\$708,000	\$716,000	3.06%	1.13%
GRF	700427	High Volume Breeder Kennel Control	\$1,370,141	\$1,524,000	\$1,545,000	\$1,553,000	1.38%	0.52%
GRF	700428	Soil and Water Division	\$3,547,877	\$4,000,000	\$4,679,000	\$4,857,000	16.98%	3.80%
GRF	700499	Meat Inspection Program - State Share	\$7,476,409	\$7,839,000	\$8,080,000	\$8,304,000	3.07%	2.77%
GRF	700501	County Agricultural Societies	\$476,048	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	700509	Soil and Water District Support	\$9,131,484	\$12,510,000	\$12,527,000	\$12,533,000	0.14%	0.05%
GRF	700511	Ride Inspection	\$716,002	\$749,000	\$779,000	\$801,000	4.01%	2.82%
GRF	700512	Local Fairs	\$0	\$4,700,000	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
GRF	700674	Plant Testing	\$250,433	\$250,000	\$247,000	\$218,000	-1.20%	-11.74%
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$50,749,481</b>	<b>\$49,682,000</b>	<b>\$46,987,500</b>	<b>\$47,916,900</b>	<b>-5.42%</b>	<b>1.98%</b>
4900	700651	License Plates - Sustainable Agriculture	\$15,869	\$18,300	\$16,800	\$16,800	-8.20%	0.00%
4940	700612	Agricultural Commodity Marketing Program	\$104,187	\$200,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	-37.50%	0.00%
4960	700626	Ohio Grape Industries	\$1,379,649	\$1,550,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	-22.58%	0.00%

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Detail by Agency			FY 2024	Estimate FY 2025	Introduced FY 2026	Introduced FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
<b>AGR Ohio Department of Agriculture</b>								
4970	700627	Grain Warehouse Program	\$375,564	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.00%	0.00%
4C90	700605	Commercial Feed and Seed	\$2,118,548	\$2,396,000	\$2,273,000	\$2,329,000	-5.13%	2.46%
4D20	700609	Auction Education	\$50,092	\$54,900	\$53,000	\$54,000	-3.46%	1.89%
4E40	700606	Utility Radiological Safety	\$119,744	\$124,456	\$136,000	\$142,000	9.28%	4.41%
4P70	700610	Food Safety Inspection	\$1,058,585	\$1,259,000	\$1,353,000	\$1,396,000	7.47%	3.18%
4R00	700636	Ohio Proud Marketing	\$15,186	\$30,500	\$25,000	\$25,000	-18.03%	0.00%
4R20	700637	Dairy Industry Inspection	\$1,442,435	\$1,970,000	\$1,751,000	\$1,787,000	-11.12%	2.06%
4T60	700611	Poultry and Meat Inspection	\$103,691	\$109,900	\$113,500	\$117,000	3.28%	3.08%
5780	700620	Ride Inspection	\$1,038,868	\$1,417,000	\$1,245,000	\$1,273,000	-12.14%	2.25%
5B80	700629	Auctioneers	\$201,290	\$367,600	\$230,000	\$236,000	-37.43%	2.61%
5BV0	700660	Heidelberg Water Quality Lab	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	0.00%	0.00%
5BV0	700661	Soil and Water Districts	\$9,363,670	\$10,500,000	\$10,507,000	\$10,509,000	0.07%	0.02%
5FC0	700648	Plant Pest Program	\$824,386	\$1,328,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	-9.64%	0.00%
5H20	700608	Metrology Lab and Scale Certification	\$999,464	\$1,460,000	\$1,194,000	\$1,240,000	-18.22%	3.85%
5L80	700604	Livestock Management Program	\$159,368	\$245,000	\$186,800	\$189,800	-23.76%	1.61%
5MA0	700657	Dangerous and Restricted Animals	\$8,208	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
5MR0	700658	Commercial Dog Breeding	\$140,524	\$510,000	\$450,000	\$465,000	-11.76%	3.33%
5MS0	700659	Animal and Consumer Protection	\$463	\$18,000	\$8,400	\$8,400	-53.33%	0.00%
5PL0	700662	Pet Store License	\$0	\$32,900	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
5QW0	700653	Watershed Assistance	\$443,586	\$1,996,000	\$857,000	\$832,000	-57.06%	-2.92%
5WJ0	700671	Hemp Program	\$344,826	\$411,400	\$367,000	\$375,000	-10.79%	2.18%
6520	700634	Animal, Consumer, and ATL Labs	\$6,666,230	\$8,144,700	\$8,483,900	\$8,328,800	4.16%	-1.83%
6690	700635	Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Inspection Program	\$4,058,184	\$6,188,000	\$4,533,000	\$4,649,000	-26.75%	2.56%
6H20	700670	H2Ohio	\$34,845,548	\$60,755,574	\$60,607,500	\$60,662,000	-0.24%	0.09%
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</b>			<b>\$66,153,167</b>	<b>\$101,872,230</b>	<b>\$97,690,900</b>	<b>\$97,934,800</b>	<b>-4.10%</b>	<b>0.25%</b>

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<b>AGR Ohio Department of Agriculture</b>						
5DA0 700644 Laboratory Administration Support	\$1,125,767	\$1,551,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,339,000	-16.18%	3.00%
5GH0 700655 Administrative Support	\$6,530,313	\$7,194,000	\$7,614,000	\$7,990,000	5.84%	4.94%
<b>Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,656,080</b>	<b>\$8,745,000</b>	<b>\$8,914,000</b>	<b>\$9,329,000</b>	<b>1.93%</b>	<b>4.66%</b>
7057 700632 Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating	\$172,337	\$512,000	\$512,000	\$515,000	0.00%	0.59%
<b>Capital Projects Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$172,337</b>	<b>\$512,000</b>	<b>\$512,000</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.59%</b>
3260 700618 Meat Inspection Program - Federal Share	\$5,238,046	\$5,814,000	\$5,891,000	\$6,133,000	1.32%	4.11%
3360 700617 Ohio Farm Loan - Revolving	\$190,141	\$375,000	\$317,000	\$200,000	-15.47%	-36.91%
3820 700601 Federal Cooperative Contracts	\$8,030,388	\$11,954,051	\$11,612,000	\$9,669,000	-2.86%	-16.73%
3AB0 700641 Agricultural Easement	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
3J40 700607 Federal Administrative Programs	\$1,689,819	\$2,031,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,055,000	-1.53%	2.75%
3R20 700614 Federal Plant Industry	\$5,319,703	\$8,029,000	\$6,843,000	\$7,189,000	-14.77%	5.06%
<b>Federal Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$20,468,097</b>	<b>\$28,403,051</b>	<b>\$26,663,000</b>	<b>\$25,246,000</b>	<b>-6.13%</b>	<b>-5.31%</b>
<b>Ohio Department of Agriculture Total</b>	<b>\$145,199,161</b>	<b>\$189,214,281</b>	<b>\$180,767,400</b>	<b>\$180,941,700</b>	<b>-4.46%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>
<b>Main Operating Appropriations Bill Total</b>	<b>\$145,199,161</b>	<b>\$189,214,281</b>	<b>\$180,767,400</b>	<b>\$180,941,700</b>	<b>-4.46%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>