

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	% Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	% Change Over FY26
GPR	32,993,900	76,004,400	130.4	48,874,700	-35.7
PR-F	12,735,800	12,201,400	-4.2	12,108,400	-0.8
PR-S	9,472,800	12,007,100	26.8	12,018,100	0.1
PR-O	23,602,300	24,731,600	4.8	24,840,100	0.4
SEG-O	38,731,300	45,918,100	18.6	46,190,600	0.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117,536,100</b>	<b>170,862,600</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>144,031,900</b>	<b>-15.7</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY26
GPR	201.40	219.40	18.00	219.40	0.00
PR-F	96.77	88.77	-8.00	83.77	-5.00
PR-S	42.88	43.13	0.25	43.13	0.00
PR-O	175.74	182.49	6.75	182.49	0.00
SEG-O	130.50	131.50	1.00	131.50	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>647.29</b>	<b>665.29</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>660.29</b>	<b>-5.00</b>

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The department was created by Chapter 479, Laws of 1929. The department is overseen by a nine-member board, including two consumer representatives, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for staggered six-year terms. The Governor appoints a secretary, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to administer the department. The Office of the Secretary includes the secretary, deputy secretary and assistant deputy secretary. The department's general legal counsel, legislative liaison and communications director are attached to the Office of the Secretary.

The department's programs are administered through six divisions: Food and Recreational Safety, Trade and Consumer Protection, Animal Health, Agricultural Development, Agricultural Resource Management, and Management Services.

The Veterinary Examining Board is administratively attached to the department.

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### **MISSION**

The mission of the department is to partner with all the citizens of Wisconsin to grow the economy by promoting quality food, healthy plants and animals, sound use of land and water resources, and a fair marketplace.

### **PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Program 1: Food Safety and Consumer Protection**

Goal: Ensure fair business practices for buyers and sellers as well as the sale of safe products, including food, for consumers and the environment by establishing and enforcing legal standards, by mediating disputes between consumers and businesses, and by providing education and information to consumers.

Objective/Activity: Educate and empower stakeholders and the general public through outreach and educational efforts, the mediation of disputes, and the enforcement of legal standards to increase compliance with laws and rules.

#### **Program 3: Agricultural Development Services**

Goal: Serve and strengthen the state's agricultural industry. Help producers and processors innovate, expand and thrive through one-on-one consultations, technical assistance by public and private providers, and financial support from grant programs funded by federal and state sources.

Objective/Activity: Increase sales of Wisconsin's agricultural products locally, regionally and internationally through educational programs, producer development, market analysis, market development and business development.

#### **Program 7: Agricultural Resource Management**

Goal: Improve environmental, public health, plant and livestock protection in Wisconsin while allowing for the efficacious and responsible use of fertilizers, pesticides and other agrichemical materials.

Objective/Activity: Allow Wisconsin farmers, businesses and homes to safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted pesticides and other hazardous chemicals, including unwanted prescription drugs, at public collection sites.

#### **Program 8: Central Administrative Services**

Goal: Provide information, advice, expertise and service to support the department's mission and the business needs of its programs and staff.

Objective/Activity: Resolve technology issues reported through the department's Information Technology Help Desk in a timely manner.

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**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**2023 AND 2024 GOALS AND ACTUALS**

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Goal 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>
1.	Contacts with consumers and businesses regarding mediation of disputes, enforcement of legal standards, and provision of consumer education and information.	325,000 contacts	248,510 contacts	325,000 contacts	N/A <sup>1</sup>
3.	Number of companies receiving export development services.	190 companies	144 companies	190 companies	267 companies
7.	Amount of agricultural, business and household hazardous wastes collected at Wisconsin Clean Sweep collection sites.	2,000,000 pounds	3,448,065 pounds	2,000,000 pounds	N/A <sup>1</sup>
8.	Percentage of all computer hardware/software/user problems reported to the Help Desk resolved within the month.	96%	100%	96%	100%

Note: Based on calendar year, except Program 3 and Program 8 which are based on fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup>Actuals will not be available until March 2025.

**2025, 2026 AND 2027 GOALS**

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2025</b>	<b>Goal 2026</b>	<b>Goal 2027</b>
1.	Contacts with consumers and businesses regarding mediation of disputes, enforcement of legal standards, and provision of consumer education and information.	325,000 contacts	275,000 contacts	275,000 contacts
3.	Number of companies receiving export development services.	280 companies	280 companies	280 companies
7.	Amount of agricultural, business and household hazardous wastes collected at Wisconsin Clean Sweep collection sites.	2,000,000 pounds	2,000,000 pounds	2,000,000 pounds
8.	Percentage of all computer hardware/software/user problems reported to the Help Desk resolved within the month.	96%	96%	96%

Note: Based on calendar year, except Program 3 and Program 8 which are based on fiscal year.

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**Table 1  
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$39,159.9	\$32,993.9	\$37,180.6	\$37,220.2	\$76,004.4	\$48,874.7
State Operations	28,778.1	28,378.0	29,951.5	29,991.1	34,104.5	34,433.8
Local Assistance	7,498.4	3,437.2	4,850.4	4,850.4	6,496.2	6,727.2
Aids to Ind. & Org.	2,883.5	1,178.7	2,378.7	2,378.7	35,403.7	7,713.7
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$24,137.7	\$12,735.8	\$12,201.4	\$12,108.4	\$12,201.4	\$12,108.4
State Operations	24,137.7	12,735.8	12,201.4	12,108.4	12,201.4	12,108.4
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$32,405.6	\$33,075.1	\$35,654.4	\$35,665.8	\$36,738.7	\$36,858.2
State Operations	30,915.6	33,016.4	34,095.7	34,107.1	34,680.0	34,799.5
Aids to Ind. & Org.	1,490.0	58.7	1,558.7	1,558.7	2,058.7	2,058.7
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$42,326.7	\$38,731.3	\$43,288.0	\$43,298.0	\$45,918.1	\$46,190.6
State Operations	25,920.3	26,125.5	26,904.9	26,914.9	26,290.2	26,280.4
Local Assistance	8,269.0	6,936.9	8,664.2	8,664.2	10,309.0	10,591.3
Aids to Ind. & Org.	8,137.4	5,668.9	7,718.9	7,718.9	9,318.9	9,318.9
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$138,029.9	\$117,536.1	\$128,324.4	\$128,292.4	\$170,862.6	\$144,031.9
State Operations	109,751.7	100,255.7	103,153.5	103,121.5	107,276.1	107,622.1
Local Assistance	15,767.4	10,374.1	13,514.6	13,514.6	16,805.2	17,318.5
Aids to Ind. & Org.	12,510.9	6,906.3	11,656.3	11,656.3	46,781.3	19,091.3

- (1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal
- (2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other
- (3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2  
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	201.40	201.40	201.40	219.40	219.40
State Operations	201.40	201.40	201.40	219.40	219.40
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	96.77	88.77	83.77	88.77	83.77
State Operations	96.77	88.77	83.77	88.77	83.77
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	218.62	220.62	220.62	225.62	225.62
State Operations	218.62	220.62	220.62	225.62	225.62
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	130.50	130.50	130.50	131.50	131.50
State Operations	130.50	130.50	130.50	131.50	131.50
TOTALS - ANNUAL	647.29	641.29	636.29	665.29	660.29
State Operations	647.29	641.29	636.29	665.29	660.29

- (1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal
- (2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other
- (3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

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**Table 3**  
**Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
1. Food safety and consumer protection	\$44,698.3	\$46,128.4	\$46,678.7	\$46,765.7	\$48,311.0	\$48,156.2
2. Animal health services	\$7,162.7	\$6,083.7	\$6,631.4	\$6,631.8	\$7,217.1	\$7,412.8
3. Agricultural development services	\$6,503.8	\$4,984.5	\$5,217.5	\$5,218.2	\$7,355.0	\$8,324.0
4. Agricultural assistance	\$4,578.5	\$1,414.0	\$4,014.0	\$4,014.0	\$36,214.0	\$7,714.0
7. Agricultural resource management	\$44,936.2	\$38,451.7	\$44,409.9	\$44,410.7	\$50,085.0	\$50,762.8
8. Central administrative services	\$30,150.4	\$20,473.8	\$21,372.9	\$21,252.0	\$21,680.5	\$21,662.1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$138,029.9</b>	<b>\$117,536.1</b>	<b>\$128,324.4</b>	<b>\$128,292.4</b>	<b>\$170,862.6</b>	<b>\$144,031.9</b>

**Table 4**  
**Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
1. Food safety and consumer protection	366.69	361.44	361.44	363.44	363.44
2. Animal health services	43.65	44.80	44.80	52.80	52.80
3. Agricultural development services	22.15	22.50	22.50	28.50	28.50
7. Agricultural resource management	104.25	104.25	104.25	108.25	108.25
8. Central administrative services	110.55	108.30	103.30	112.30	107.30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>647.29</b>	<b>641.29</b>	<b>636.29</b>	<b>665.29</b>	<b>660.29</b>

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**1. Dairy Agriculture Resilience Investment Now Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for a dairy agriculture resilience grant program to make infrastructure upgrades that improve efficiency and resiliency of operations for producers.

**2. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program**

The Governor recommends providing \$15 million in GPR-supported general obligation bonding authority to relaunch the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements program that would award grants to local governments or nonprofit organizations to acquire easements in order to preserve working farmland in perpetuity.

**3. Agricultural Enterprise Areas**

The Governor recommends increasing the amount the department may designate as agricultural enterprise areas to a combined area of 3 million acres, up from 2 million acres.

**4. Farmland Preservation Planning Grants**

The Governor recommends amending state statutes to allow farmland preservation planning grants to be used for activities that implement certified farmland preservation plans.

**5. Regional Farmer Support and Farmer Mental Health**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	100,000	0.00	100,000	0.00	350,400	2.00	400,500	2.00
TOTAL	100,000	0.00	100,000	0.00	350,400	2.00	400,500	2.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority to create regional farmer support agents in northwest and northeast Wisconsin, to expand the reach of the Farm Center's core financial services, and to assist farmers in accessing mental health support. The Governor also recommends restoring \$100,000 GPR in each year that was provided as one-time funding in the 2019-21, 2021-23 and 2023-25 biennia to continue to provide mental health assistance to farmers and farm families. The Governor further recommends providing an additional \$100,000 GPR in each year to support farmers' mental health.

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**6. Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,073,400	1.00	1,097,900	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,073,400	1.00	1,097,900	1.00

The Governor recommends providing permanent position authority and associated funding to help build Wisconsin's agricultural brand in international markets and increase agricultural exports. The Governor also recommends providing additional one-time funding of \$1,000,000 GPR in each year and eliminating the statutory cap that limits spending to no more than \$1,000,000 annually on the program to provide increased support to Wisconsin farmers and producers.

**7. Abatement Assistance for Corn Producers**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,875,000	0.00	1,875,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,875,000	0.00	1,875,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for an abatement assistance program for corn producers to reimburse producers for the purchase of seed treatment that discourages sandhill cranes from consuming seed.

**8. Value-Added Agriculture Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	400,000	0.00	400,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	400,000	0.00	400,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for a value-added agriculture grant program to expand agricultural practices that produce value-added products and increase profits for producers.

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**9. Agricultural Economist**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	73,400	1.00	97,900	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	73,400	1.00	97,900	1.00

The Governor recommends providing permanent position authority and associated funding for an agricultural economist position to help grow Wisconsin's agriculture economy.

**10. Milk and Dairy Truth-in-Labeling**

The Governor recommends creating truth-in-labeling protections for milk and dairy products.

**11. Manoomin Truth-in-Labeling**

The Governor recommends creating truth-in-labeling protections for traditionally harvested manoomin (wild rice).

**12. Something Special from Wisconsin**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	200,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	200,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing funding for the promotion of Wisconsin-made products via the Something Special *from* Wisconsin trademark promotional program.

**13. Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	300,000	0.00	300,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	300,000	0.00	300,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority for grants to farms and businesses to help strengthen Wisconsin's agricultural and food industries.

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**14. Food Security Grant Programs**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	30,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
PR-S	1,500,000	0.00	1,500,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>32,000,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing \$30 million in FY26 for grants to nonprofit food assistance agencies to purchase agricultural products made or grown in Wisconsin. The Governor also recommends providing \$2 million annually for grants to nonprofit food assistance agencies to purchase and distribute culturally-relevant food to tribal elders and support native food producers.

**15. Local Food Purchase Assistance Program Position**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	366,800	1.00	401,600	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>366,800</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>401,600</b>	<b>1.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing additional position and expenditure authority to provide administrative support to the federal Local Food Purchase Assistance Program.

**16. Farm to Fork Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	200,000	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing funding for a Farm to Fork grant program that connects entities, other than K-12 schools, that operate cafeterias to nearby farms to provide locally sourced food.

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**17. Dairy Processor Grants**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	300,000	0.00	300,000	0.00	600,000	0.00	600,000	0.00
TOTAL	300,000	0.00	300,000	0.00	600,000	0.00	600,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for grants to dairy processors to expand and modernize their operations and grow the dairy industry.

**18. Meat Processor Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00
TOTAL	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for grants to meat processors to expand and modernize their operations and grow the meat industry.

**19. Meat Talent Development Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	810,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	810,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for a grant program to support meat industry workforce development needs by providing tuition assistance to individuals pursuing meat processing programming at Wisconsin universities, colleges and technical schools as well as support curriculum development.

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**20. Meat Inspection Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	658,000	2.00	696,800	2.00	2,045,300	2.00	1,908,000	2.00
PR-F	116,600	2.00	155,400	2.00	116,600	2.00	155,400	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>774,600</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>852,200</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>2,161,900</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>2,063,400</b>	<b>4.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing funding and permanent position authority to replace 4.0 FTE expiring project positions and to assist in more timely inspection and sampling of meat processors.

**21. Animal Health Preparedness and Response**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	510,500	7.00	680,700	7.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>510,500</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>680,700</b>	<b>7.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority to increase department resources for animal health preparedness and response for secure food supply planning and livestock disease response activities.

**22. Veterinary Examining Board Positions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	75,200	1.00	100,300	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>75,200</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>100,300</b>	<b>1.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing permanent position authority and associated funding to assist in investigation, monitoring and enforcement by the Veterinary Examining Board. The Governor also recommends transferring a position and associated funding from the dog sellers program to better align funding sources.

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**23. Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project Grant**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	100,000	0.00	100,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	100,000	0.00	100,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for the creation of a grant program for the development of a food waste reduction pilot program.

**24. Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	250,000	0.00	250,000	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00
TOTAL	250,000	0.00	250,000	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority for producer-led watershed grants. The Governor also recommends increasing the amount the department may allocate for producer-led watershed grants to \$1,250,000 in each year.

**25. Soil and Water Resource Management Aids**

The Governor recommends providing \$10 million in SEG-supported general obligation bonding authority for grants to counties for implementation of land and water resource management plans, including cost-share grants to landowners.

**26. Crop Insurance Premium Rebates for Planting Cover Crops Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00
TOTAL	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00	800,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for a crop insurance premium rebate for planting cover crops program to expand the use of cover crops around the state.

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**27. Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	1,000,000	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	1,600,000	0.00	1,600,000	0.00
TOTAL	1,000,000	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	1,600,000	0.00	1,600,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for a commercial nitrogen optimization program to help agricultural producers implement and develop projects that optimize the application of commercial nitrogen.

**28. Biodigester Planning and Operator Certification Grant Programs**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	250,000	0.00	250,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	300,000	0.00	300,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for regional planning grants for biodigesters. The Governor also recommends creating a program that provides grants to individuals seeking biodigester operator certification.

**29. Transition to Grass Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for a transition to grass program to support agricultural producers implementing grass-based managed grazing systems.

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**30. County Conservation Staff**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	1,413,200	0.00	1,413,200	0.00	2,759,000	0.00	2,990,000	0.00
SEG-O	1,727,300	0.00	1,727,300	0.00	3,372,100	0.00	3,654,400	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,140,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,140,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,131,100</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,644,400</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Governor recommends increasing funding for grants to counties for county conservation staff to support land and water conservation activities.

**31. Bureau of Land and Water Financial Specialist Position**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	61,800	1.00	82,300	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>61,800</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>82,300</b>	<b>1.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing additional position and expenditure authority for the department's Bureau of Land and Water to support expanded programmatic duties and increased workload.

**32. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Consumer Protections**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	245,000	2.00	179,300	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>179,300</b>	<b>2.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority for oversight of electric vehicle charging stations.

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**33. Broadband Customer Protections**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	76,900	1.00	102,500	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	76,900	1.00	102,500	1.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority and modifying current law to protect broadband customers by requiring broadband service providers to meet certain service requirements, including prohibiting a broadband service provider from denying service to residential customers on the basis of race or income. See Public Service Commission, Item #2.

**34. Severe Weather Event Price Gouging Protections**

The Governor recommends protecting consumers from unreasonable prices for certain services provided following a severe weather event.

**35. Marijuana Legalization**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	232,200	3.00	289,600	3.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	232,200	3.00	289,600	3.00

The Governor recommends providing permanent position authority and associated funding for the department's role related to legalizing the sale of marijuana for recreational use for sales that occur at a marijuana retailer holding a permit issued by the Department of Revenue. See Department of Revenue, Item #13.

**36. Information Technology Security and Support Position**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	89,700	1.00	119,600	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	89,700	1.00	119,600	1.00

The Governor recommends additional funding and position authority to support department cybersecurity efforts.

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**37. Grant Manager Positions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	146,900	2.00	195,800	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	146,900	2.00	195,800	2.00

The Governor recommends providing additional position and expenditure authority for the department to support increased workload due to an increase in grant programs.

**38. Agency Tribal Liaison**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,600	1.00	90,100	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,600	1.00	90,100	1.00

The Governor recommends creating a position that will be dedicated to working with tribal nations in the state. The position will coordinate with the Department of Administration's Director of Native American Affairs. See Department of Administration, Item #45; Department of Corrections, Item #42; Department of Justice, Item #14; Department of Natural Resources, Item #74; Department of Tourism, Item #9; Department of Workforce Development, Item #31; and Public Service Commission, Item #17.

**39. Food and Recreational Safety Funding**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	90,800	0.00	90,800	0.00	90,800	0.00	90,800	0.00
TOTAL	90,800	0.00	90,800	0.00	90,800	0.00	90,800	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority in the Division of Recreational Safety to reflect increased costs related to programmatic requirements.

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### 40. Animal Health Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00
SEG-O	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00
TOTAL	60,000	0.00	60,000	0.00	60,000	0.00	60,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority in the Division of Animal Health to reflect increased costs related to programmatic requirements.

### 41. Agricultural Development Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	16,800	0.00	16,800	0.00	16,800	0.00	16,800	0.00
TOTAL	16,800	0.00	16,800	0.00	16,800	0.00	16,800	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority in the Division of Agricultural Development to reflect increased costs related to programmatic requirements.

### 42. Management Services Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00
TOTAL	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority in the Division of Management Services to reflect increased costs related to programmatic requirements.

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**43. Weights and Measures Inspections Funding**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00
TOTAL	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	50,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority in the Division of Weights and Measures to reflect increased costs related to administering weights and measures inspections.

**44. Land and Water Resources Funding**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00
TOTAL	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00	85,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority in the Bureau of Land and Water Resources to reflect increased costs related to programmatic requirements.

**45. Agrichemical Management Funding**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	125,000	0.00	125,000	0.00	125,000	0.00	125,000	0.00
TOTAL	125,000	0.00	125,000	0.00	125,000	0.00	125,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority in the Bureau of Agrichemical Management to reflect increased costs related to programmatic requirements.

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**46. Revenue Reestimates and Position Realignment**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	30,300	0.00	30,300	0.00	30,300	0.00	30,300	0.00
PR-F	-204,300	-2.00	-204,300	-2.00	-204,300	-2.00	-204,300	-2.00
PR-S	273,700	0.25	273,700	0.25	273,700	0.25	273,700	0.25
PR-O	220,900	1.75	220,900	1.75	220,900	1.75	220,900	1.75
SEG-O	79,500	0.00	79,500	0.00	79,500	0.00	79,500	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400,100</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>400,100</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>400,100</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>400,100</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's expenditure authority based on reestimates of funding and expenditures. The Governor also recommends transferring funding and positions between appropriations to better align position duties and funding sources.

**47. Debt Service Reestimate**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	42,000	0.00	168,100	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	-676,500	0.00	-716,800	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-634,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-548,700</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's base budget to reflect a reestimate of debt service on authorized bonds.

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**48. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	642,600	-2.00	643,400	-2.00	642,600	-2.00	643,400	-2.00
PR-F	-446,700	-8.00	-578,500	-13.00	-446,700	-8.00	-578,500	-13.00
PR-S	260,600	0.00	271,600	0.00	260,600	0.00	271,600	0.00
PR-O	274,100	0.00	274,500	0.00	274,100	0.00	274,500	0.00
SEG-O	479,900	0.00	489,900	0.00	479,900	0.00	489,900	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,210,500</b>	<b>-10.00</b>	<b>1,100,900</b>	<b>-15.00</b>	<b>1,210,500</b>	<b>-10.00</b>	<b>1,100,900</b>	<b>-15.00</b>

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's base budget for: (a) turnover reduction (-\$520,000 in each year); (b) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-10.0 FTE positions in FY26 and -\$131,800 and -15.0 FTE positions in FY27); (c) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,730,700 in each year); (d) reclassifications and semiautomatic pay progression (\$88,200 in FY26 and \$108,200 in FY27); (e) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$88,400 in FY26 and -\$86,200 in FY27); and (f) minor transfers within the same alpha appropriation.