

Agriculture and Forestry

Adopted Adjustments				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2013		FY 2014	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2012-14 Current Budget (Ch. 3, 2012 Special Session I)	\$45.8	\$41.4	\$45.9	\$41.5
Approved Increases	0.0	9.8	1.1	0.2
Approved Decreases	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.7)	(0.7)
\$ Net Change	(0.0)	9.8	0.4	(0.5)
Chapter 806 (HB 1500, as Adopted)	\$45.8	\$51.2	\$46.5	\$41.0
% Change	0.0%	19.0%	0.1%	0.0%
FTEs	486.39	312.61	490.59	303.41
# Change	0.00	0.00	7.20	(9.20)

- **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

- *Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund.* Provides an additional \$110,000 GF and 1.0 FTE position the second year to administer the Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund which supports localities in attracting and expanding agriculture and forestry processing and manufacturing facilities. Chapter 3 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, provided base funding of \$1.0 million GF each year for grants from the fund.
- *Weights and Measures Program.* Provides an additional \$250,000 GF the second year to increase the frequency of inspections under the weights and measures program.
- *Charitable Gaming Positions.* Provides an additional \$150,000 GF the second year to restore 2.0 FTE gaming inspector positions that were eliminated in prior-year budgets.
- *Grain Inspector Positions.* Provides an additional \$132,000 GF the second year for 2.0 FTE grain inspector positions to cover the increase in grain exports through the

Port of Virginia. These exports must be inspected prior to leaving the Port and a lack of available inspectors can delay shipments.

- *Beehive Grant Fund.* Restores the first year appropriation of \$125,000 GF for the Beehive Grant Fund, which had been eliminated in the introduced budget. Proposed language to override the *Code of Virginia* to delay implementation of the program until July 2013 was also removed.
- *Food Safety and Security.* Includes an additional \$98,420 GF the second year to increase food safety and security services.
- *Coyote Control Matching Funds.* Provides an additional \$72,525 GF the second year to increase total annual state funding to \$192,525 GF to match federal funds for a cost-share program to protect sheep, goats and cattle from coyote predation. The additional funding would be used to expand the program into the eastern portion of the state.
- *Transfer Office of Consumer Affairs to Office of the Attorney General.* Implements the reorganization approved in Chapters 803 and 835 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly by transferring \$666,500 NGF and 10.0 FTE positions from VDACS to the OAG.
- *Backup Generators for Regional Labs.* Eliminates \$208,751 GF the second year provided in Chapter 3 for debt service for the purchase of backup generators for regional laboratories, which were to be financed through the Master Equipment Lease Program. Due to needed structural modifications, the project is not eligible for the MELP program.
- *Purchase of Development Rights Program.* Decreases support for the PDR program by \$200,000 GF in the second year, leaving \$1.0 million GF in FY 2014. The funds would have been used to provide matching grants to localities to preserve farmland but local funding for this program has declined.

- **Department of Forestry**

- *Virginia State Forest Mitigation and Acquisition Fund.* Establishes the State Forest Mitigation and Acquisition Fund and the Long Term Mitigation subfund as special nonreverting funds in the State Treasury. Provides \$9.8 million NGF the first year to be deposited into the fund, which is to be used for acquisition of additional state forest land or forest conservation easements. The source of the nongeneral funds is revenue anticipated from a stream bank mitigation plan agreement between DOF and Henrico County to offset the loss of stream banks due to the construction of the Cobbs Creek Reservoir. Seven percent of the proceeds are deposited in the subfund to be used for a long-term management

plan to ensure the protection of expanded stream bank buffers in the Cumberland State Forest.

- ***Reforestation of Timberlands.*** Provides an additional \$250,000 GF the second year to match industry generated funds for reforestation of parcels of land after timbering.
- ***Integrated Forest Resource Information System (IFRIS).*** Includes clarifying language to allow all funding provided to upgrade the IFRIS to address critical security issues identified by the Auditor of Public Accounts to be utilized in the second year of the biennium to reflect a delay in the project implementation timeline
- ***Forest Firefighting Equipment.*** Reduces funding by \$69,793 GF the second year for the purchase of additional fire protection and suppression equipment through the Master Equipment Lease Program. Equipment financing terms will be extended to seven years instead of five years, reducing the amounts required for MELP payments.
- ***Supplant Conservation Position with Nongeneral Funds.*** Includes a reduction of \$61,572 GF the second year in the Conserve the Forest Land Base Division, offset by a like amount of nongeneral funds from revenue received by DOF from a portion of fees collected from transfers of Land Preservation Tax Credits, based on the number of easements held by DOF.
- ***Reduce Discretionary Expenditures.*** Includes a reduction of \$42,175 GF the second year generated by reducing support for training, office supplies, travel and equipment.