



# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*The mission of the Department of Agriculture is to encourage and promote agriculture and related industries throughout the commonwealth.*

The department's mission is accomplished through four major programs: consumer protection, property protection, farmland preservation and farmers and agribusiness development. The department provides a full range of services to farmers and consumers from Harrisburg and through seven regional offices located around the state.

The Department of Agriculture carries out activities to ensure wholesome and safe agricultural products for consumers; to expand existing and develop new domestic and foreign markets for Pennsylvania's farmers to compete in the global economy; to develop and encourage proper farming and conservation practices; to prevent, control and eradicate diseases among livestock, poultry and plants; to regulate the conduct of horse racing; and to improve the quality of life in rural Pennsylvania.

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## Summary by Fund and Appropriation

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	2010-11 ACTUAL	2011-12 AVAILABLE	2012-13 BUDGET
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### GENERAL FUND:

#### General Government:

<b>General Government Operations.....</b>	<b>\$ 27,041<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$ 26,442</b>	<b>\$ 26,197</b>
(F)Plant Pest Detection System.....	1,300	1,300	1,300
(F)Poultry Grading Service.....	100	100	100
(F)Medicated Feed Mill Inspection.....	50	50	50
(F)National School Lunch Administration.....	1,700	1,700	1,700
(F)Emergency Food Assistance.....	4,000	4,000	4,000
(F)ARRA - Emergency Food Assistance.....	2,000	0	0
(F)Pesticide Control.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
(F)Agricultural Risk Protection.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
(F)Commodity Supplemental Food.....	3,000	3,000	3,000
(F)Organic Cost Distribution.....	180	250	250
(F)Animal Disease Control.....	2,000	2,000	2,000
(F)Food Establishment Inspections.....	300	500	500
(F)Integrated Pest Management.....	250	250	250
(F)Johnes Disease Herd Project.....	2,000	2,000	2,000
(F)Avian Influenza Surveillance.....	2,000	2,000	2,000
(F)Oral Rabies Vaccine.....	100	100	100
(F)Exotic Newcastle Disease Control.....	300	300	300
(F)Scrapie Disease Control.....	60	60	60
(F)Foot and Mouth Disease Monitoring.....	150	150	150
(F)Wildlife Services.....	800	800	800
(F)Animal Identification.....	2,000	2,000	2,000
(F)Specially Crops.....	1,000	1,000	1,500
(F)Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation.....	800	800	800
(F)Aquaculture Assistance.....	212	0	0
(F)ARRA - Aquaculture Assistance.....	1,900	0	0
(F)Mediation Grant.....	200	200	200
(F)Farmland Protection.....	4,000	6,000	6,000
(F)Bioterrorism Preparedness (EA).....	792	350	0
(A)Lime Inspection.....	27	28	28
(A)Feed Inspections and Registrations.....	601	537	537
(A)Milk Plant Inspections.....	22	22	22
(A)Mailing List Production.....	2	5	5
(A)Administrative Services.....	2,949	2,571	2,994
(A)Pesticide Regulation.....	847	800	800
(A)Training Rides and Attractions.....	20	25	25
(A)Food Site Inspection.....	2	127	127
(A)Apiary Registration and Fees.....	14	10	10
(A)Weights and Measures Inspection Services.....	15	15	15
(A)Food Employee Certification Fees.....	100	0	0
(A)Transfer from Fertilizer Account.....	21	37	37
(A)Consumer Fireworks License.....	430	330	330
(A)Taxidermy Permit Registrations.....	124	90	90
(A)Transfer from Motor License Fund.....	0 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b</sup>
(A)Transfer from Other State Agencies.....	211	45	140
(A)Farm Show Revenue.....	33	42	42
(A)Company Sponsorships.....	16	10	10
(A)Vet Lab Diagnostic Fees.....	0	500	750
(A)Domestic Animal Dealer License.....	0	50	50
(A)Transfer from Environmental Stewardship Fund.....	116	128	128
<b>Subtotal.....</b>	<b>\$ 65,785</b>	<b>\$ 62,724</b>	<b>\$ 63,397</b>
<b>Agricultural Excellence.....</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Farmers' Market Food Coupons.....</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>2,079</b>
(F)Farmers' Market Food Coupons.....	3,500	3,500	3,500
(F)ARRA - Farmers' Market Food Coupons.....	70	0	0
(F)Supplemental Nutrition Assistance.....	100	0	0
(F)Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition.....	2,200	2,200	2,200
<b>Agricultural Research.....</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Agricultural Promotion, Education and Exports.....</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>0</b>

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	2010-11 ACTUAL	2011-12 AVAILABLE	2012-13 BUDGET
<b>Hardwoods Research and Promotion</b> .....	<b>294</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>0</b>
(A)Hardwood Conference Fees.....	3	0	0
Subtotal - State Funds.....	\$ 30,799	\$ 30,044	\$ 28,276
Subtotal - Federal Funds.....	39,064	36,610	36,760
Subtotal - Augmentations.....	5,553	5,372	6,140
Total - General Government.....	<u>\$ 75,416</u>	<u>\$ 72,026</u>	<u>\$ 71,176</u>
<b>Grants and Subsidies:</b>			
<b>Animal Health Commission</b> .....	<b>\$ 4,625</b>	<b>\$ 4,579</b>	<b>\$ 4,350</b>
Animal Indemnities.....	5	0	0
Transfer to State Farm Products Show Fund.....	2,605	2,579	2,450
Payments to Pennsylvania Fairs.....	981	971	0
Livestock Show.....	174	160	0
Open Dairy Show.....	174	160	0
Youth Shows.....	128 c	127	121
State Food Purchase.....	17,852	17,338	17,338
Food Marketing and Research.....	539	494	0
(F)Market Improvement.....	150	150	150
Transfer to Nutrient Management Fund.....	2,741	2,741	2,714
Transfer to Conservation District Fund.....	1,039	1,029	1,019
Crop Insurance.....	499	0	0
(F)Crop Insurance.....	2,000	2,000	2,000
Farm-School Nutrition.....	25	0	0
Transfer to Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.....	0	44,737	0
University of Pennsylvania - Veterinary Activities.....	29,754 d	27,889	0
University of Pennsylvania - Center for Infectious Disease.....	248 d	248	0
Subtotal - State Funds.....	\$ 61,389	\$ 103,052	\$ 27,992
Subtotal - Federal Funds.....	2,150	2,150	2,150
Total - Grants and Subsidies.....	<u>\$ 63,539</u>	<u>\$ 105,202</u>	<u>\$ 30,142</u>
STATE FUNDS.....	\$ 92,188	\$ 133,096	\$ 56,268
FEDERAL FUNDS.....	41,214	38,760	38,910
AUGMENTATIONS.....	5,553	5,372	6,140
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b> .....	<b><u>\$ 138,955</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 177,228</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 101,318</u></b>
<b><u>FARM PRODUCTS SHOW FUND:</u></b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
General Operations (EA).....	\$ 6,394	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310
(A)Transfer from General Fund.....	0 e	0 e	0 e
Subtotal - State Funds.....	\$ 6,394	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310
Total - General Government.....	<u>\$ 6,394</u>	<u>\$ 6,310</u>	<u>\$ 6,310</u>
STATE FUNDS.....	\$ 6,394	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310
<b>FARM PRODUCTS SHOW FUND TOTAL</b> .....	<b><u>\$ 6,394</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,310</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,310</u></b>
<b><u>MOTOR LICENSE FUND:</u></b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Weights & Measures Administration.....	\$ 3,975	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328

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	2010-11 ACTUAL	2011-12 AVAILABLE	2012-13 BUDGET
<b><u>RACING FUND:</u></b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
State Racing Commissions (EA).....	\$ 13,197	\$ 14,054	\$ 14,054
Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory (EA).....	3,159	3,104	3,354
(A)Reimbursements - Out of State Testing.....	7	1	1
Pennsylvania Fairs - Administration (EA).....	262	259	259
Subtotal - State Funds.....	\$ 16,618	\$ 17,417	\$ 17,667
Subtotal - Augmentations.....	7	1	1
Total - General Government.....	<u>\$ 16,625</u>	<u>\$ 17,418</u>	<u>\$ 17,668</u>
STATE FUNDS.....	\$ 16,618	\$ 17,417	\$ 17,667
AUGMENTATIONS.....	7	1	1
<b>RACING FUND TOTAL.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,625</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 17,418</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 17,668</u></b>
<b><u>OTHER FUNDS:</u></b>			
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>			
Agriculture Farm Operations.....	\$ 610	\$ 800	\$ 800
Dog Law Administration.....	8,808	8,860	7,951
Pesticide Regulation.....	3,401	4,036	4,036
Plant Pest Management.....	429	458	410
National School Lunch.....	1	60	60
Agronomic Regulatory Account.....	416	268	274
Fruit and Vegetable Inspection and Grading.....	329	451	464
Cervidae Livestock Operations.....	0	0	20
GENERAL FUND TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 13,994</u>	<u>\$ 14,933</u>	<u>\$ 14,015</u>
<b>AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE FUND:</b>			
Purchase of County Easements (EA).....	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 25,000
<b>CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND:</b>			
Conservation District Grants (EA).....	\$ 1,039	\$ 1,029	\$ 1,019
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FUND:</b>			
Transfer to Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (EA).....	\$ 4,645	\$ 5,110	\$ 2,749
<b>NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FUND:</b>			
Planning, Loans, Grants and Technical Assistance (EA).....	\$ 314	\$ 314	\$ 291
Nutrient Management - Administration (EA).....	453	462	464
NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 767</u>	<u>\$ 776</u>	<u>\$ 755</u>
<b>AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE LAND SCRIP FUND:</b>			
Agricultural Research Programs and Extension Services.....	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT FUND:</b>			
Transfer to Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.....	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 44,737
University of Pennsylvania - Veterinary Activities.....	0	0	26,495
University of Pennsylvania - Center for Infectious Disease.....	0	0	236
Payments to Pennsylvania Fairs.....	0	0	874
PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT FUND TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 72,342</u>
<b>RACING FUND:</b>			
Sire Stakes Fund.....	\$ 13,890	\$ 11,900	\$ 11,900
Breeders' Fund.....	18,394	19,500	19,500
PA Standardbred Breeders Development Fund.....	7,870	9,282	9,282
<b>RACING FUND TOTAL.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 40,154</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,682</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,682</u></b>

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(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	2010-11 ACTUAL	2011-12 AVAILABLE	2012-13 BUDGET
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS			
GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 92,188	\$ 133,096	\$ 56,268
SPECIAL FUNDS.....	26,987	28,055	28,305
FEDERAL FUNDS.....	41,214	38,760	38,910
AUGMENTATIONS.....	5,560	5,373	6,141
OTHER FUNDS.....	88,599	90,530	156,562
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 254,548</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 295,814</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 286,186</u></b>

<sup>a</sup> 2010-11 Actual includes \$137,000 appropriated in Executive Offices for the Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs, \$271,000 appropriated for Agricultural Conservation Easement Administration, and \$294,000 appropriated for Nutrient Management.

<sup>b</sup> Not added to avoid double counting. See Motor License Fund section of this summary for dollar amount.

<sup>c</sup> 2010-11 Actual includes \$34,000 appropriated for Junior Dairy Show, \$43,000 appropriated for 4-H Club Shows, and \$51,000 appropriated for Future Farmers.

<sup>d</sup> Appropriated in the Department of Education.

<sup>e</sup> Not added to the total to avoid double counting. 2010-11 Actual is \$2,605,000, 2011-12 Available is \$2,579,000, and 2012-13 Budget is \$2,450,000.

<sup>f</sup> Not added to the total to avoid double counting. 2011-12 Available is \$44,737,000, 2012-13 Budget is \$44,737,000.

**Program Funding Summary**

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Available	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated
<b>PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES</b>							
GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 72,236	\$ 113,679	\$ 36,851	\$ 36,851	\$ 36,851	\$ 36,851	\$ 36,851
SPECIAL FUNDS.....	10,369	10,638	10,638	10,638	10,638	10,638	10,638
FEDERAL FUNDS.....	25,484	23,200	23,350	23,350	23,350	23,350	23,350
OTHER FUNDS.....	53,998	55,220	122,020	122,030	100,030	99,530	99,530
<b>SUBCATEGORY TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 162,087</b>	<b>\$ 202,737</b>	<b>\$ 192,859</b>	<b>\$ 192,869</b>	<b>\$ 170,869</b>	<b>\$ 170,369</b>	<b>\$ 170,369</b>
<b>HORSE RACING REGULATION</b>							
GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SPECIAL FUNDS.....	16,618	17,417	17,667	17,667	17,667	17,667	17,667
FEDERAL FUNDS.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUNDS.....	40,161	40,683	40,683	40,683	40,683	40,683	40,683
<b>SUBCATEGORY TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 56,779</b>	<b>\$ 58,100</b>	<b>\$ 58,350</b>	<b>\$ 58,350</b>	<b>\$ 58,350</b>	<b>\$ 58,350</b>	<b>\$ 58,350</b>
<b>EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE</b>							
GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 19,952	\$ 19,417	\$ 19,417	\$ 19,417	\$ 19,417	\$ 19,417	\$ 19,417
SPECIAL FUNDS.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS.....	15,730	15,560	15,560	15,560	15,560	15,560	15,560
OTHER FUNDS.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBCATEGORY TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 35,682</b>	<b>\$ 34,977</b>	<b>\$ 34,977</b>	<b>\$ 34,977</b>	<b>\$ 34,977</b>	<b>\$ 34,977</b>	<b>\$ 34,977</b>
<b>ALL PROGRAMS:</b>							
GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 92,188	\$ 133,096	\$ 56,268	\$ 56,268	\$ 56,268	\$ 56,268	\$ 56,268
SPECIAL FUNDS.....	26,987	28,055	28,305	28,305	28,305	28,305	28,305
FEDERAL FUNDS.....	41,214	38,760	38,910	38,910	38,910	38,910	38,910
OTHER FUNDS.....	94,159	95,903	162,703	162,713	140,713	140,213	140,213
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 254,548</b>	<b>\$ 295,814</b>	<b>\$ 286,186</b>	<b>\$ 286,196</b>	<b>\$ 264,196</b>	<b>\$ 263,696</b>	<b>\$ 263,696</b>

*PROGRAM OBJECTIVE: To strengthen the agricultural economy and related enterprises.*

## Program: Protection and Development of Agricultural Industries

### **Program Element: Protection of Agricultural Industries and Resources**

Pennsylvania has a diverse and robust agricultural industry. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has garnered national attention for department regulatory programs such as the Pennsylvania Egg Quality Assurance Program, use of integrated data technology and software such as the PAHERDS (Pennsylvania Animal Health Emergency Reporting Diagnostic System),

The Bureaus of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services, Food Safety and Laboratory Services, Plant Industry, Ride and Measurement Standards and Dog Law Enforcement are responsible, in large part, for protecting agriculture and consumers in Pennsylvania. The Bureaus of Farmland Preservation and Market Development are charged with preserving agricultural resources in the commonwealth, promoting Pennsylvania products nationally and internationally, and providing resources to farmers to ensure that they have tools to maintain profitability and transition farms and businesses to the next generation. These seven bureaus, through their scores of regulatory and development programs, are engaged in protecting and developing Pennsylvania's agricultural industries and resources, as well as consumers, on a daily basis.

The Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services (BAHDS), with support from the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS) and the Animal Health Commission, is responsible for the detection, identification, containment and eradication of livestock and poultry diseases. Disease control programs for diseases such as brucellosis, avian influenza, west nile virus, rabies, and chronic wasting disease seek to reduce significant economic loss to producers and prevent transmission of zoonotic organisms from animals to humans. Each disease control program has field, laboratory, and administrative components to ensure the department is complying with mandated responsibilities and animal health is protected. Bureau staff in headquarters and in the field evaluate certificates of veterinary inspection for both interstate and intrastate movement to assure that animals in Pennsylvania have met necessary health requirements. This process is valuable for preventing movement of unhealthy animals into Pennsylvania and for tracking animals at risk for disease because they were potentially exposed to a diseased animal. The bureau also provides quality assurance programs, including the Avian Influenza Monitored Flock program, Johnne's Disease National Status Program, the Dairy Quality Assurance Program and the CWD Monitored

Herd Program. BAHDS has invested in the development and implementation of PAHERDS, an integrated database that combines an animal tracking application and laboratory information management system, which allows entities to perform detailed analysis of animal disease and provides the capability to effectively locate and eradicate disease outbreaks.

The Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory (PVL) is one of three Pennsylvania laboratories that make up the PADLS. PVL is also part of a nationwide network of state and federal laboratories dedicated to identifying and combating animal diseases. PVL provides rapid and accurate diagnostic services to clients while maintaining a bio-secure environment. The laboratory provides animal health services for producers' domestic animals with emphasis on infectious, nutritional and toxic diseases. State of the art testing methods help diagnose common diseases and provide surveillance to detect emerging diseases.

Public and community services are provided by the Cooperative Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University offers consultation to any state resident on agricultural or environmental issues. It operates the Agricultural Extension Computer Network with a computer in every county cooperative extension service office and offers a statewide network of information linked to the resources of the main campus.

The Bureau of Plant Industry inspects all nurseries and greenhouses to determine the presence of regulated plant pests and diseases and potential invasive species that would be harmful to Pennsylvania agriculture. Field staff are supported by plant pathologists, entomologists, and other program and laboratory professionals in Harrisburg. These highly trained professionals ensure correct diagnoses of disease or environmental conditions, identification of insects and other arthropod pests, and recommend proper treatment to growers. Program staff issue quarantine orders to ensure plants contaminated with diseases or pests are not relocated, in an attempt to limit the spread of economically detrimental diseases. They also issue phytosanitary certificates, which allow plants and plant materials to be exported to other states or countries.

The bureau administers the Pesticide Control Act, which regulates the sale, use, handling, storage and transportation of pesticides. Pesticide enforcement specialists ensure compliance with the Pesticide Control Act by reviewing registration of all pesticide products, test and register all private, commercial and public pesticide applicators to insure minimum competency levels and license pesticide application businesses and dealers.

## Program: Protection and Development of Agricultural Industries (continued)

The department also conducts routine and for-cause inspections and investigations of those who manufacture, distribute, transport or use pesticides. Appropriate and effective pesticide use ensures protection of agriculture resources while minimizing adverse effects on human life and the environment.

The Bureau of Farmland Preservation, through administration of the Agricultural Land Preservation section of Act 64 of 1988, purchases development easements on prime agriculture land to assure its continued use for agricultural purposes. Over 4,000 farms have been preserved. The unprecedented investment the commonwealth has made in farmland preservation has made Pennsylvania's program a national leader in preservation efforts.

The State Conservation Commission, housed within the Executive Offices, administers a number of programs that relate to the protection of agricultural resources. The Nutrient Management program, which seeks to reduce the amount of nutrients that are washed from agricultural soils, provides support for nutrient plan reviews, grant applications for best management practices, and a recognized certification process for nutrient management specialists. Nutrient management plans and implementation of related best practices is critical to Pennsylvania's success in complying with federally mandated nutrient reductions in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Commission staff, in cooperation with Department of Environmental Protection and County Conservation District staff, has been tasked with assisting farmers with developing and implementing nutrient management plans, and ensuring that federal regulations will allow for both a cleaner Chesapeake Bay and viable Pennsylvania farms.

### **Program Element: Protection of Consumers**

The Department of Agriculture is committed to protecting consumer health and safety and ensuring equity in the marketplace. The Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services protects Pennsylvania consumers through inspections of restaurants, food manufacturers, milk processors, retail food stores, schools, camps and summer feeding sites. The Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards ensures amusement rides in the commonwealth have been inspected and are safe for riders. They also ensure weighing and measuring devices are accurate. The Bureau of Plant Industry tests agronomic products to ensure they meet labeling and regulatory standards.

Among the most significant of the department's consumer protection activities are its inspections and testing activity for food safety. The Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services (BFSL) has primary responsibility for regulating food-related activities in the commonwealth. Food sanitarians license and inspect more than 22,000 manufacturing firms, warehouses and retail

food stores; license and inspect over 31,000 public eating and drinking establishments and frozen dessert operations; inspect 2,735 schools and approximately 600 camps and summer food sites; and permit and inspect approximately 325 seasonal farm labor camps. Pennsylvania has invested significant funding in a web-based reporting system that gives consumers online access to eating and drinking establishment inspection reports. These online reports provide transparency to consumers. Milk sanitarians and program specialists issue milk permits and inspect approximately 400 dairy processing, manufacturing and distribution facilities; issue and audit Approved Dairy Inspectors; approve dairy sampler's licenses and dairy laboratory director's certificates; and evaluate and inspect a wide spectrum of dairy equipment, from bulk tanker trucks to commercial pasteurization units. Agricultural commodity inspectors inspect egg processing plants, ensure compliance with state and federal egg regulations at warehouses and grocery stores and grade fruits and vegetables for quality. The bureau is a third party monitor for the PEQAP (Pennsylvania Egg Quality Assurance Program), ensuring eggs with the PEQAP logo have been tested for food-borne pathogens and handled in a safe manner.

The Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards regulates and maintains uniform standards of legal weights and measures of commonwealth products through inspections and audits. Devices inspected include fuel dispensers, small/medium/large capacity scales, vehicle tanks meters, propane meters, timing devices, scanners, UPC systems, grain moisture meters and livestock scales. Recent legislation has vested the bureau with responsibility for ensuring there is 2 percent biodiesel in fuel dispensers throughout the commonwealth; field inspectors collect samples, which are processed in the department's laboratories. The Amusement Ride Division completes thousands of ride safety quality assurance inspections each year. The bureau is also responsible for the inspection and licensing of consumer fireworks establishments statewide.

The Bureau of Plant Industry protects consumers through sampling and testing of agronomic products such as fertilizer, lime and seeds. Professional laboratory staff ensure soil amendments, such as fertilizers, provide the nutrients they claim on the label; they ensure safety of animal feeds through product analysis and feed mill sampling. Seed analysts ensure minimum germination rates and minimum weed seed contaminants in seeds available for purchase.

The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement is mandated to conduct no less than annual inspections of all licensed kennels in the commonwealth, investigate and prosecute dangerous dog incidents, investigate dog bites, enforce licensing and control of individual dogs, enforce rabies vaccination requirements for dogs and investigate and

## Program: Protection and Development of Agricultural Industries (continued)

reimburse claims of livestock or poultry loss caused by dogs and coyotes. The bureau is charged with implementing Act 119 of 2008, which dramatically improved the conditions that dogs experience while in commercial kennels, including increased cage size, no wire flooring except in limited circumstances, mandatory exercise periods and treatment by trained veterinarians.

### **Program Element: Development and Promotion of Agricultural Industries**

The Bureau of Market Development (BMD) promotes Pennsylvania agriculture industries in domestic and

international marketplaces. Staff focused on commodity promotions direct consumer market development and creating trade and consumer demands for Pennsylvania agriculture and food products through promotional programs such as Pennsylvania Preferred and supporting various Pennsylvania commodity boards. These promotional programs are designed to increase and enhance the awareness of consumers within and outside the borders of the commonwealth about the product and agribusiness opportunities offered in Pennsylvania.

### Program Recommendations:

This budget recommends the following changes: (Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

<p><b>GENERAL FUND</b></p> <p><b>General Government Operations</b> —reduction in administrative costs.</p> <p>\$ -245</p> <p><b>Agricultural Excellence</b> —program elimination.</p> <p>\$ -270</p> <p><b>Agricultural Research</b> —funding elimination.</p> <p>\$ -787</p> <p><b>Agricultural Promotion, Education and Exports</b> —funding elimination.</p> <p>\$ -196</p> <p><b>Hardwoods Research and Promotion</b> —funding elimination.</p> <p>\$ -270</p> <p><b>Animal Health Commission</b> —funding reduction.</p> <p>\$ -229</p> <p><b>Transfer to State Farm Products Show Fund</b> —nonrecurring 2011-12 budgetary freeze amount.</p> <p>\$ -129</p> <p><b>Payments to Pennsylvania Fairs</b> —program to be funded from the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund.</p> <p>\$ -971</p> <p><b>Livestock Show</b> —program elimination.</p> <p>\$ -160</p>	<p><b>Open Dairy Show</b> —program elimination.</p> <p>\$ -160</p> <p><b>Youth Shows</b> —nonrecurring 2011-12 budgetary freeze amount.</p> <p>\$ -6</p> <p><b>Food Marketing and Research</b> —funding elimination.</p> <p>\$ -494</p> <p><b>Transfer to the Nutrient Management Fund</b> —nonrecurring 2011-12 budgetary freeze amount.</p> <p>\$ -27</p> <p><b>Transfer to the Conservation District Fund</b> —nonrecurring projects.</p> <p>\$ -10</p> <p><b>Transfer to Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund</b> —program to be funded from the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund.</p> <p>\$ -44,737</p> <p><b>University of Pennsylvania - Veterinary Activities</b> —program to be funded from the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund.</p> <p>\$ -27,889</p> <p><b>University of Pennsylvania - Center for Infectious Disease</b> —program to be funded from the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund.</p> <p>\$ -248</p>
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The Farm Products Show Fund General Operations and Weights and Measures Administration appropriations are recommended at the current year funding levels.

## Program: Protection and Development of Agricultural Industries (continued)

### Appropriations within this Program:

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Available	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>							
General Government Operations .....	\$ 27,041	\$ 26,442	\$ 26,197	\$ 26,197	\$ 26,197	\$ 26,197	\$ 26,197
Agricultural Excellence .....	293	270	0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural Research .....	857	787	0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural Promotion, Education and Exports .....	214	196	0	0	0	0	0
Hardwoods Research and Promotion .....	294	270	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Health Commission .....	4,625	4,579	4,350	4,350	4,350	4,350	4,350
Animal Indemnities .....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to State Farm Products Show Fund .....	2,605	2,579	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450
Payments to Pennsylvania Fairs .....	981	971	0	0	0	0	0
Livestock Show .....	174	160	0	0	0	0	0
Open Dairy Show .....	174	160	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Shows .....	128	127	121	121	121	121	121
Food Marketing and Research .....	539	494	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Nutrient Management Fund .....	2,741	2,741	2,714	2,714	2,714	2,714	2,714
Transfer to Conservation District Fund .....	1,039	1,029	1,019	1,019	1,019	1,019	1,019
Crop Insurance .....	499	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm-School Nutrition .....	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund .....	0	44,737	0	0	0	0	0
University of Pennsylvania - Veterinary Activities .....	29,754	27,889	0	0	0	0	0
University of Pennsylvania - Center for Infectious Disease .....	248	248	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ 72,236</b>	<b>\$ 113,679</b>	<b>\$ 36,851</b>	<b>\$ 36,851</b>	<b>\$ 36,851</b>	<b>\$ 36,851</b>	<b>\$ 36,851</b>
<b>FARM PRODUCTS SHOW FUND:</b>							
General Operations (EA) .....	\$ 6,394	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,310
<b>MOTOR LICENSE FUND:</b>							
Weights & Measures Administration .....	\$ 3,975	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328

*PROGRAM OBJECTIVE: To prevent consumer fraud in the racing industry.*

## Program: Horse Racing Regulation

Activities in this program area include the development and implementation of rules, regulations and procedures to ensure the public and harness and horse owners of honest, safe and competitive pari-mutuel harness and horse racing.

Horse racing in Pennsylvania is governed by Act 93 of 1983. This act merged the State Harness Racing Fund and the State Horse Racing Fund into the Racing Fund, adjusted the tax schedule and revised the distribution of funds in order to assist the racing industry by increasing the funds retained by the tracks.

The Racing Fund pays all expenses of the State Racing Commissions. After these obligations have been met, percentages of the amount wagered as specified by law are credited to the Breeder's Fund and to the Sire Stakes Fund. Act 23 of 2000 amended the Race Horse Industry Reform Act to increase the percentage credited to the Breeder's Fund from 0.7 percent to 1.0 percent of the amount wagered on thoroughbred races. The Sire Stakes Fund is credited with 1.5 percent of wagers on harness

races. All remaining monies in the Racing Fund are then transferred to the General Fund in the subsequent fiscal year.

Act 71 of 2004 established the Race Horse Development Fund, which receives revenue generated by licensed gaming facilities. Proceeds are distributed to licensees conducting live horse racing. Track owners deposit 80 percent of the proceeds into a purse account. Thoroughbred tracks commit the remaining proceeds to the Breeder's Fund and a Horsemen's Organization Fund. Standardbred tracks commit proceeds to the Sire Stakes Fund, the PA Standardbred Fund and a Horsemen's Organizational Fund. Act 1 of 2010 provides for a transfer from the Race Horse Development Fund to the General Fund for fiscal years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory tests for the presence of foreign substances in the blood and urine of race horses following all races to ensure that no foreign substances have been administered prior to a race.

### Program Recommendations:

This budget recommends the following changes: (Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

**RACING FUND**  
**Equine Toxicology and Research**  
**Laboratory (EA)**  
 \$ 250 —to continue current program.

The State Racing Commissions (EA) and Pennsylvania Fairs - Administration (EA) are recommended at current year funding levels.

### Appropriations within this Program:

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Available	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated
<b>RACING FUND:</b>							
State Racing Commissions (EA) .....	\$ 13,197	\$ 14,054	\$ 14,054	\$ 14,054	\$ 14,054	\$ 14,054	\$ 14,054
Equine Toxicology and Research							
Laboratory (EA) .....	3,159	3,104	3,354	3,354	3,354	3,354	3,354
Pennsylvania Fairs - Administration (EA) ..	262	259	259	259	259	259	259
<b>TOTAL RACING FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ 16,618</b>	<b>\$ 17,417</b>	<b>\$ 17,667</b>	<b>\$ 17,667</b>	<b>\$ 17,667</b>	<b>\$ 17,667</b>	<b>\$ 17,667</b>

*PROGRAM OBJECTIVE: To distribute surplus and donated food through institutions and counties or designated lead agencies to individuals and families who are dependent or disadvantaged to support minimum standards of living and economic independence.*

## Program: Emergency Food Assistance

The State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) provides cash grants to counties for the purchase and distribution of food to needy individuals. Funding is allocated to each of the commonwealth's 67 county lead agencies based on: unemployment eligibility for non-public assistance food stamps and medical assistance. County lead agencies are authorized to expend a percent of the grant for administrative costs.

Food acquired and donated by the USDA is distributed through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), which provides USDA commodities for household use, specifically for unemployed and low income individuals who meet established eligibility

criteria. TEFAP commodities are allocated to each of the commonwealth's 67 lead agencies based on the number of eligible participants. TEFAP administrative monies, provided by the USDA, are allocated based on each county's relative share of unemployment and poverty statistics.

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides eligible WIC and senior participants with vouchers to purchase fresh Pennsylvania grown produce at more than 1,500 farm stands and markets. The program is funded by a combination of state and federal funds. FMNP vouchers are allocated to each of the commonwealth's 67 counties based on the number of eligible participants.

### Program Recommendations:

This budget recommends the following changes: (Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

The State Food Purchase and Farmers' Market Food Coupons appropriations are recommended at current year funding levels.

### Appropriations within this Program:

(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Available	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>							
Farmers' Market Food Coupons.....	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,079	\$ 2,079	\$ 2,079	\$ 2,079	\$ 2,079	\$ 2,079
State Food Purchase.....	17,852	17,338	17,338	17,338	17,338	17,338	17,338
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ 19,952</b>	<b>\$ 19,417</b>	<b>\$ 19,417</b>	<b>\$ 19,417</b>	<b>\$ 19,417</b>	<b>\$ 19,417</b>	<b>\$ 19,417</b>

**Program Measures**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
<b>Program: Protection and Development of Agricultural Industries</b>							
<b>Development of Pennsylvania's Agriculture Industry</b>							
Dollar value of food and agricultural exports excluding hardwoods (in millions)	\$1,593	\$1,593	\$1,593	\$1,595	\$1,595	\$1,595	\$1,595
Dollar value of Pennsylvania hardwood exports (in millions)	\$1,095	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300	\$1,400	\$1,400
Value of the loan portfolio for the PAgrows Program (in thousands)	\$27,588	\$28,140	\$28,702	\$29,276	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Value of crop insurance protection policies (in millions)	\$446	\$491	\$540	\$594	\$653	\$719	\$791
Farm acreage preserved	15,225	17,500	15,500	15,500	2,400	2,400	2,400
Occupancy rate at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center	76.20%	77.50%	78%	79%	79%	80%	80%
Farms participating in dairy on-farm resource teams	295	340	380	420	460	500	540
<b>Consumer Commodity Inspections</b>							
Number of amusement rides inspected	8,341	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Number of gasoline pumps certified	83,335	83,500	83,500	83,500	83,500	83,500	83,500
Number of food safety inspection reports available online	55,180	61,000	64,000	67,000	67,000	68,000	69,000
<b>Nutrient Management</b>							
Number of farm acres covered by approved Nutrient Management Plans (in thousands)	890	910	920	930	940	950	950
Nutrient management plans approved	373	400	400	400	400	400	400
<b>Animal Health</b>							
Animal health diagnostic tests performed at the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory (in thousands)	356	340	340	340	340	340	340
Animal health inspections	5,853	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750
<b>Program: Horse Racing Regulation</b>							
Participant licenses issued by the Pennsylvania Horse and Harness Racing Commissions	15,275	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800
Investigations to ensure compliance with established rules and regulations: harness and horse racing	24,177	28,600	28,600	28,600	28,600	28,600	28,600
Licenses suspended for noncompliance of rules and regulations: harness and horse racing	480	730	730	730	730	730	730
Samples processed at the Equine Toxicology and Research Lab (in thousands)	55	55	55	60	60	60	60

**Program Measures**

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
<b>Program: Emergency Food Assistance</b>							
<b>Improving Participant Access to Pennsylvania fruits and vegetables</b>							
Dollar value of commodities distributed (in thousands)	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$73,000
<b>Persons receiving donated or surplus foods</b>							
State Food Purchase Program: Individuals Served (in millions)	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Emergency Food Assistance Program: Individuals Served (in millions)	4.22	4.22	4.22	4.22	4.22	4.22	4.22
<b>Percentage of farmers' market coupons redeemed</b>							
Redemption Rate for WIC participants in the Farmers Market Nutrition program	57%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%
Redemption Rate for senior participants in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program	84%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%

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