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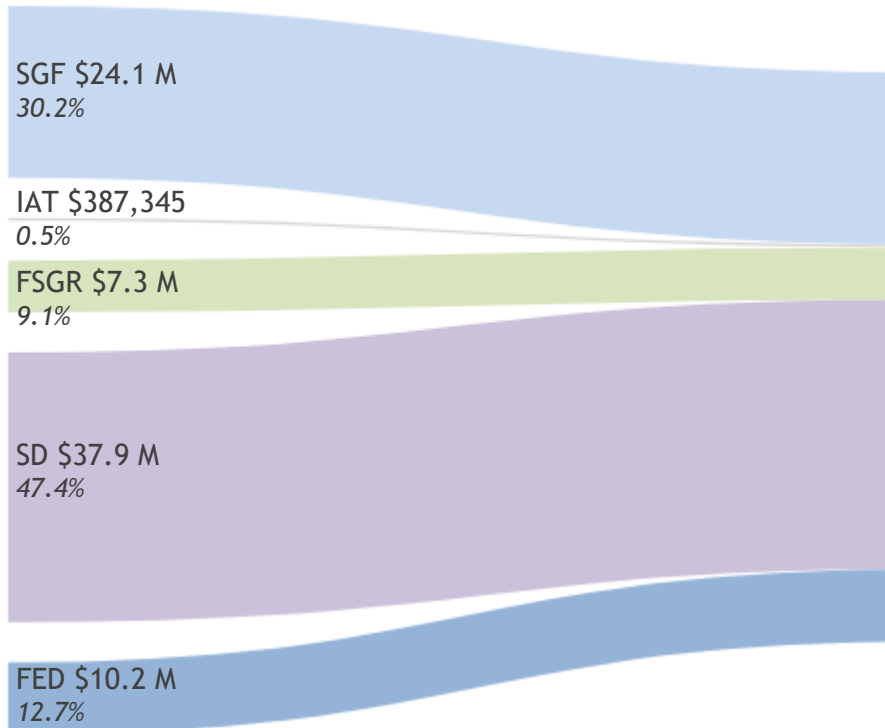
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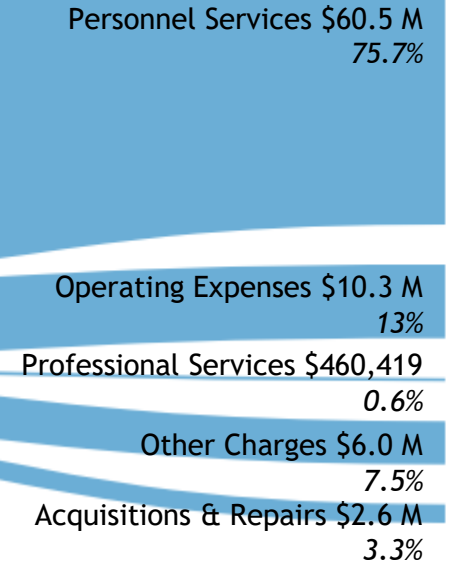
# BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FY 23

Total Recommended = \$79,917,217

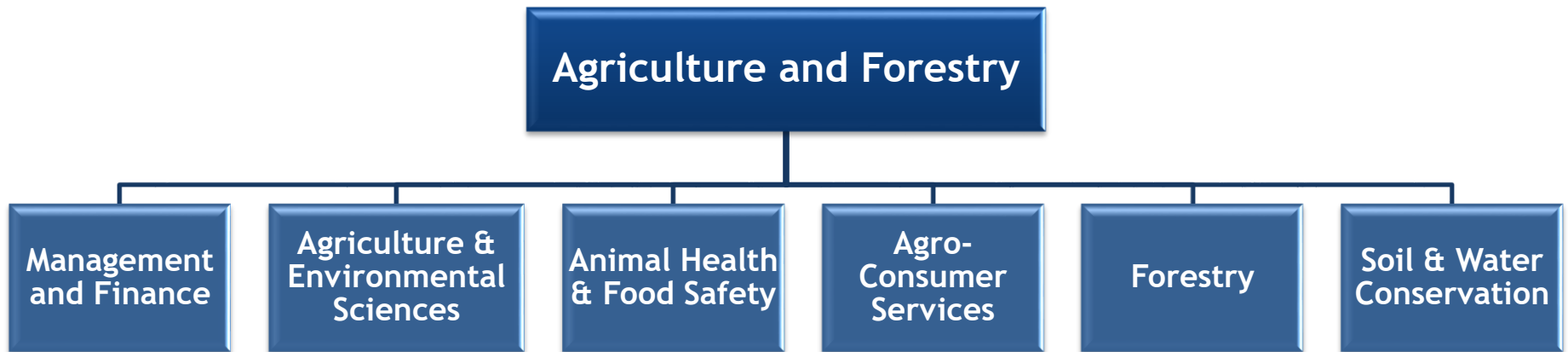
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## Expenditure Categories



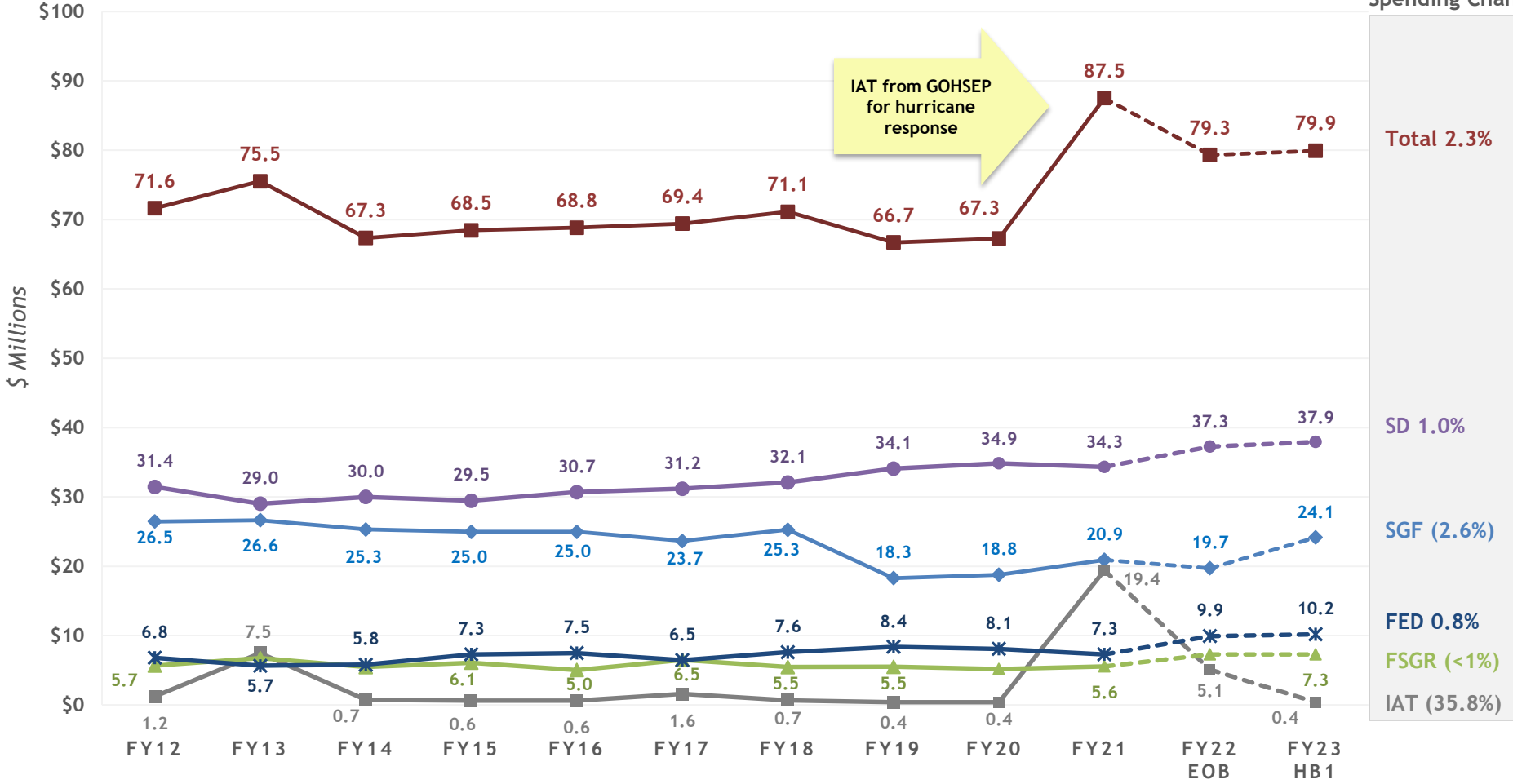
# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



# HISTORICAL SPENDING

State General Fund   Interagency Transfers   Fees & Self-generated   Statutory Dedications   Federal Funds   Total Budget

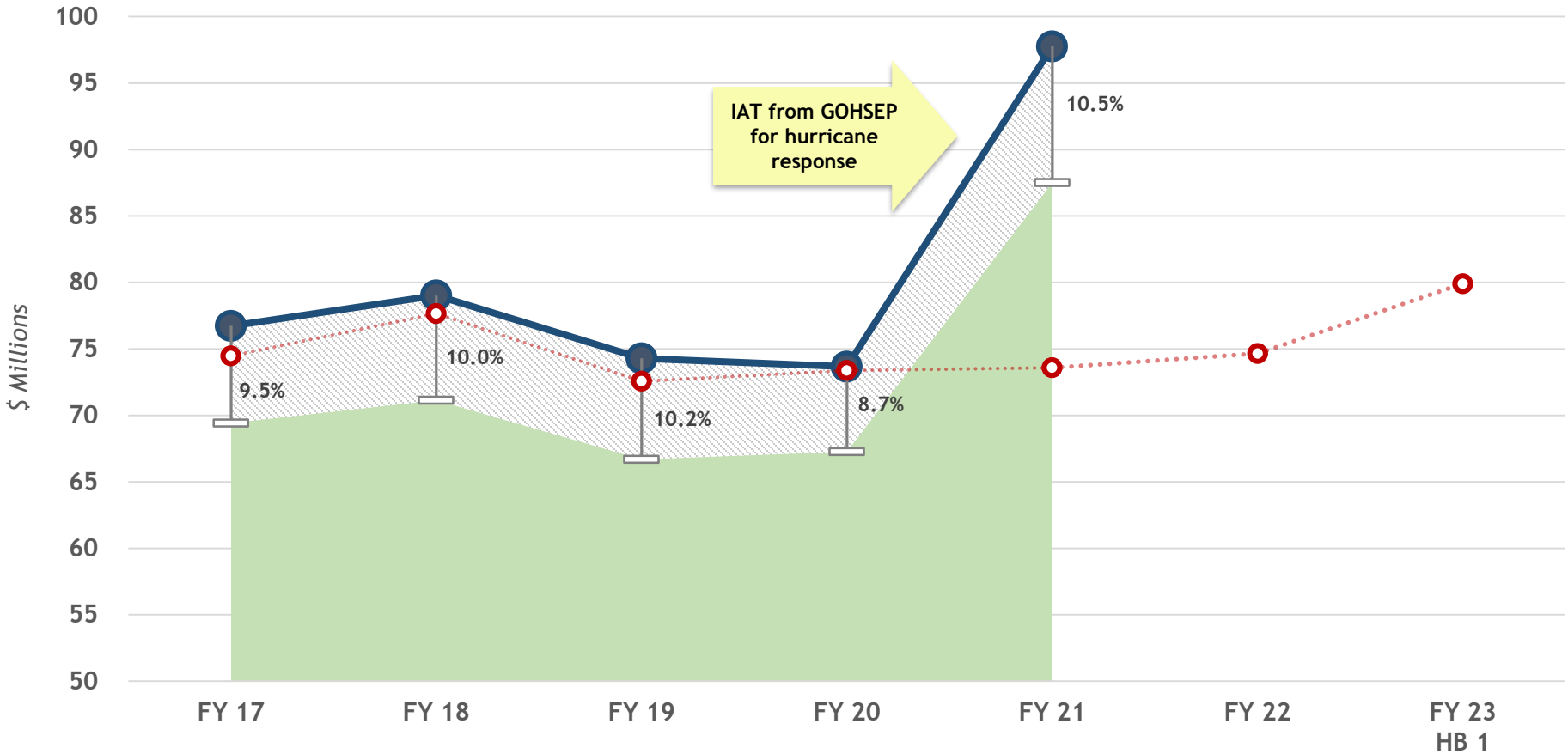
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Spending Change



IAT from GOHSEP for hurricane response

# HISTORICAL BUDGET

Actual Spending Final Budget Beginning Budget



# PRIOR YEAR ACTUALS FY 21

Means of Finance	Final Budget <i>(w/o FY22 carryfwd)</i>	Amount Spent	Unspent Authority	Unspent Authority %	Unspent % by MOF
General Fund	\$ 20,925,876	\$ 20,925,876	\$ 0	0.0%	0.0%
Interagency Transfers	21,965,772	19,412,457	2,553,315	11.6%	24.9%
Self-generated	7,281,777	5,573,570	1,708,207	23.5%	16.7%
Statutory Dedications	37,614,416	34,312,005	3,302,411	8.8%	32.2%
Federal	9,972,168	7,293,320	2,678,848	26.9%	26.2%
<b>FY21 Total</b>	<b>\$ 97,760,009</b>	<b>\$ 87,517,228</b>	<b>\$ 10,242,781</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<i>Historical Total Unspent Budget Authority</i>	Final Budget	Amount Spent	Unspent Authority	Unspent %	
	FY20 Total	\$ 73,673,213	\$ 67,276,203	\$ 6,397,010	8.7%
	FY19 Total	73,990,663	66,696,991	7,293,672	9.9%
	FY18 Total	78,279,518	71,130,793	7,148,725	9.1%
	<b>3 Year Avg.</b>	<b>\$ 75,314,465</b>	<b>\$ 68,367,996</b>	<b>\$ 6,946,469</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

# PRIOR YEAR ACTUALS FY 21

## Were projected revenues collected?

	Final Budget <i>(w/o FY22 carryfwd)</i>	Revenue Collections	Difference
SGF	\$ 20,925,876	\$ 20,925,876	\$ 0
IAT	21,965,772	19,412,457	(2,553,315)
FSGR	7,281,777	5,575,526	(1,706,251)
SD	37,614,416	34,312,005	(3,302,411)
FED	9,972,168	7,658,224	(2,313,944)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 97,760,009</b>	<b>\$ 87,884,088</b>	<b>\$ (9,875,921)</b>

The department collected \$9.9 million less than the FY 21 budget. All of excess budget authority over collections was in interagency transfers, fees and self-generated revenue, statutory dedications, and federal funds. Collections were lower than expected in FY 21 due to COVID-19 and fewer inspections.

## Were collected revenues spent?

	Revenue Collections	Expenditures	Difference
SGF	\$ 20,925,876	\$ 20,925,876	\$ 0
IAT	19,412,457	19,412,457	0
FSGR	5,575,526	5,573,570	(1,956)
SD	34,312,005	34,312,005	0
FED	7,658,224	7,293,320	(364,904)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 87,884,088</b>	<b>\$ 87,517,228</b>	<b>\$ (366,860)</b>

The department collected \$364,904 more than was spent in federal funds relative to program income. This revenue can only be expended within the program. They spent all collections in state general fund, interagency transfers and statutory dedications.



# EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET FY 22

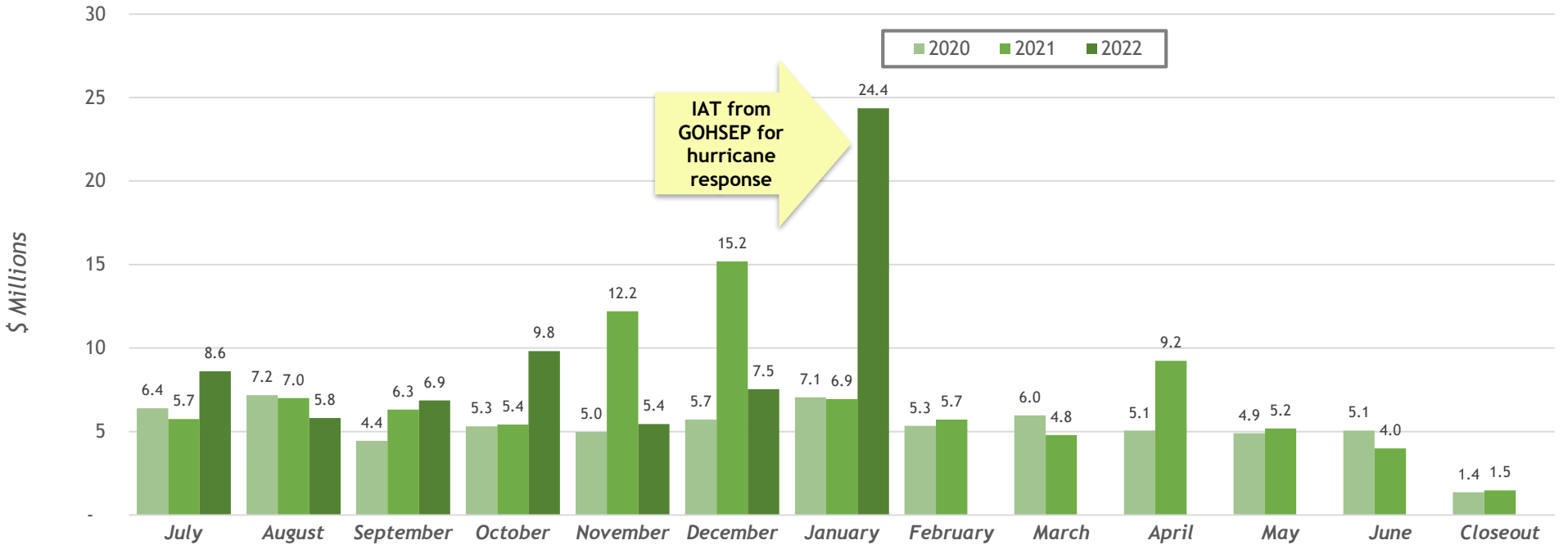
The FY 2021-22 Existing Operating Budget (EOB) was frozen on December 1, 2021. This point-in-time reference is used in both the Executive Budget and the General Appropriations Bill.

Means of Finance	Appropriation	Mid-Year Adjustments	Existing Operating Budget
General Fund	\$ 19,723,864	\$ 0	\$ 19,723,864
Interagency Transfers	447,345	4,662,495	5,109,840
Self-generated Revenue	7,281,777	0	7,281,777
Statutory Dedications	37,267,680	0	37,267,680
Federal	9,929,428	0	9,929,428
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 74,650,094</b>	<b>\$ 4,662,495</b>	<b>\$ 79,312,589</b>

## Budget Adjustments From Appropriation to EOB

July	August	September	October	November
No change	No change	\$4,662,495 Increase interagency transfers from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to the Animal Health and Food Safety program for emergency support services, including pet evacuations and fuel support in response to Hurricane Ida	No change	No change

# MONTHLY SPENDING TREND

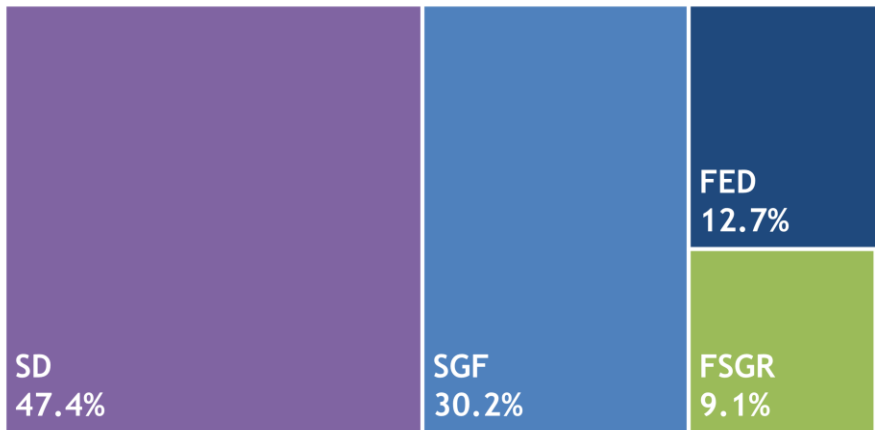


FYTD 2020	6,393,800	13,567,955	18,014,680	23,316,857	28,296,157	34,014,154	41,071,438	46,410,820	52,381,592	57,433,455	62,335,943	67,397,332	68,769,025
FYTD 2021	5,744,541	12,750,795	19,064,727	24,475,546	36,678,817	51,865,476	58,798,342	64,507,656	69,297,355	78,528,724	83,703,090	87,685,918	89,164,352
\$ Change PY	(649,258)	(817,159)	1,050,047	1,158,690	8,382,660	17,851,322	17,726,905	18,096,836	16,915,763	21,095,269	21,367,147	20,288,586	20,395,327
% Change PY	(10.2%)	(6.0%)	5.8%	5.0%	29.6%	52.5%	43.2%	39.0%	32.3%	36.7%	34.3%	30.1%	29.7%
FYTD 2022	8,611,195	14,421,108	21,275,535	31,087,885	36,535,567	44,075,512	68,427,325						
\$ Change PY	2,866,654	1,670,313	2,210,808	6,612,338	(143,250)	(7,789,964)	9,628,983						
% Change PY	49.9%	13.1%	11.6%	27.0%	(0.4%)	(15.0%)	16.4%						

# FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FY 23

## Total Funding = \$79,917,217

Means of Finance		
State General Fund	\$	24,140,486
Interagency Transfers		387,345
Fees & Self-generated		7,294,299
Statutory Dedications		37,916,159
Federal Funds		10,178,928
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,917,217</b>



Program Funding & Authorized Positions		
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Positions</i>
Management & Finance	\$ 22,114,011	111
Ag & Environmental Science	13,868,700	110
Animal Health/Food Safety	14,723,373	104
Agro Consumer Services	7,736,403	74
Forestry	19,334,620	181
Soil & Water Conservation	2,140,110	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 79,917,217</b>	<b>590</b>



# SOURCES OF FUNDING

<b>State General Fund</b> <b>\$24.1 M</b>	<b>Interagency Transfers</b> <b>\$387,345</b>	<b>Self-generated Revenue</b> <b>\$7.3 M</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b> <b>\$10.2 M</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chief operating fund of the State recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference from various taxes, licenses, fees, and other revenue sources except for those identified as other means of financing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Louisiana Department of Health for refrigerated storage</li> <li>Coastal Protection &amp; Restoration Authority for developing erosion control plans on the coast</li> <li>Louisiana State Racing Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market Bulletin subscriptions</li> <li>Indian Creek Recreation Area fees</li> <li>Licensing fees for medical marijuana production</li> <li>Fees for poultry grading</li> <li>Fees from dairy assessments</li> <li>Fees from various licensing programs</li> <li>Fees from various boards and commissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. Department of Agriculture</li> <li>Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>U.S. Department of Commerce</li> <li>Federal Drug Administration</li> <li>U.S. Forest Service</li> </ul>

# STATUTORY DEDICATIONS

Fund Name	Source	Usage	FY 22 - EOB	FY 23 - HB1
Louisiana Agriculture Finance Authority Fund	Transfers from the Pari Mutuel Live Racing Control Fund	Provides for administrative costs throughout the department	\$11,805,994	\$11,800,062
Pesticide Fund	Fees collected from permits, registration, and penalties for pesticides	Licensing, monitoring, and enforcement of the pesticide program	\$6,228,045	\$6,228,045
Petroleum Products Fund	Assessments, fees, and penalties pertaining to the inspection of petroleum products	Costs related to the inspection, regulation, and analysis of petroleum products, any commercial weighing or measuring device used in the distribution, handling or sale of petroleum products	\$4,126,000	\$4,175,665
Feed and Fertilizer Fund	Fees from registration and filing a label with the commissioner of agriculture	Expenses of the offices of agricultural and environmental sciences and animal health and food safety	\$3,004,748	\$3,004,748
Horticulture and Quarantine Fund	Fees for inspecting nursery stock grown or propagated for sale or distribution	Costs related to the control of crop pests and diseases	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
Weights and Measures Fund	Registration fees from commercial weighting and measuring devices	Expenses of the Weights and Measures activities and programs, including personnel	\$2,474,937	\$2,611,117
Agricultural Commodity Dealers & Warehouse Fund	Sale of licenses which are required prior to engaging in business of buying or selling agricultural commodities	To carry out the duties of the Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Commission	\$2,167,467	\$2,167,467
Structural Pest Control Commission Fund	Fees received from wood destroying insect reports	For research through the AgCenter, and expenses of the Commission	\$1,479,176	\$1,540,547
Seed Commission Fund	Regulatory fee collected on all seed sold in the state	Activities and expenses of the Seed Commission, including Hemp licensing and testing	\$1,126,313	\$1,126,313

# STATUTORY DEDICATIONS

Fund Name	Source	Usage	FY 22 - EOB	FY 23 - HB1
Wildfire Suppression Subfund	Portion of the timber severance tax	Personnel, equipment and supplies for the Forestry program	\$875,000	\$1,282,195
Forest Protection Fund	Funding from the Forest Protection Tax of \$0.08 per acre of timberland in the state	For the repairs and maintenance of fire suppression equipment	\$820,000	\$820,000
Forestry Productivity Fund	Funds equal to 75% of the severance tax on timber received by the state	Implementation of the forestry productivity program, including the amount representing the state's involvement in cooperative agreements between landowners and the department for the implementation of approved practices for the reforestation of forest lands	\$350,000	\$350,000
Sweet Potato Pests and Diseases Fund	\$0.06 per bushel on every bushel of potatoes moved or shipped within the state and up to \$0.10 per thousand on all vines, plants, and slips	Implementation of sweet potato disease prevention programs	\$200,000	\$200,000
Livestock Brand Commission Fund	Fees for brand recordation, renewal or transfer	Expenses of the Livestock Brand Commission activities and programs, including personnel	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$37,267,680</b>	<b>\$37,916,159</b>

# FUNDING COMPARISON

Means of Finance	FY21	FY22	FY23	Change		Change	
	Actual Expenditures	Existing Operating Budget 12/1/21	HB1 Budget	Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Actual Expenditures to HB1	
SGF	\$ 20,925,876	\$ 19,723,864	\$ 24,140,486	\$ 4,416,622	22.4%	\$ 3,214,610	15.4%
IAT	19,412,457	5,109,840	387,345	(4,722,495)	(92.4%)	(19,025,112)	(98.0%)
FSGR	5,573,570	7,281,777	7,294,299	12,522	0.2%	1,720,729	30.9%
Stat Ded	34,312,005	37,267,680	37,916,159	648,479	1.7%	3,604,154	10.5%
Federal	7,293,320	9,929,428	10,178,928	249,500	2.5%	2,885,608	39.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 87,517,228</b>	<b>\$ 79,312,589</b>	<b>\$ 79,917,217</b>	<b>\$ 604,628</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>\$ (7,600,011)</b>	<b>(8.7%)</b>

## Significant funding changes compared to the FY 22 Existing Operating Budget

### State General Fund

\$4.4 M increase for acquisitions and to fund various standard statewide adjustments

### Interagency Transfers

(\$4.7 M) removes funding from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for expenses related to fuel support and pet evacuation services provided during Hurricane Ida

(\$60,000) removes funding from the Military Department for prescribed burning at Camp Minden and Camp Beaugard

### Statutory Dedications

\$500,000 increase out of the Structural Pest Control Commission Fund and the Feed and Fertilizer Fund for hardware and software purchases

(\$5,932) decrease removes funding out of the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund based on the most recent REC forecast

### Federal Funds

\$71,573 increase from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for one authorized position for the Soil and Water Conservation program

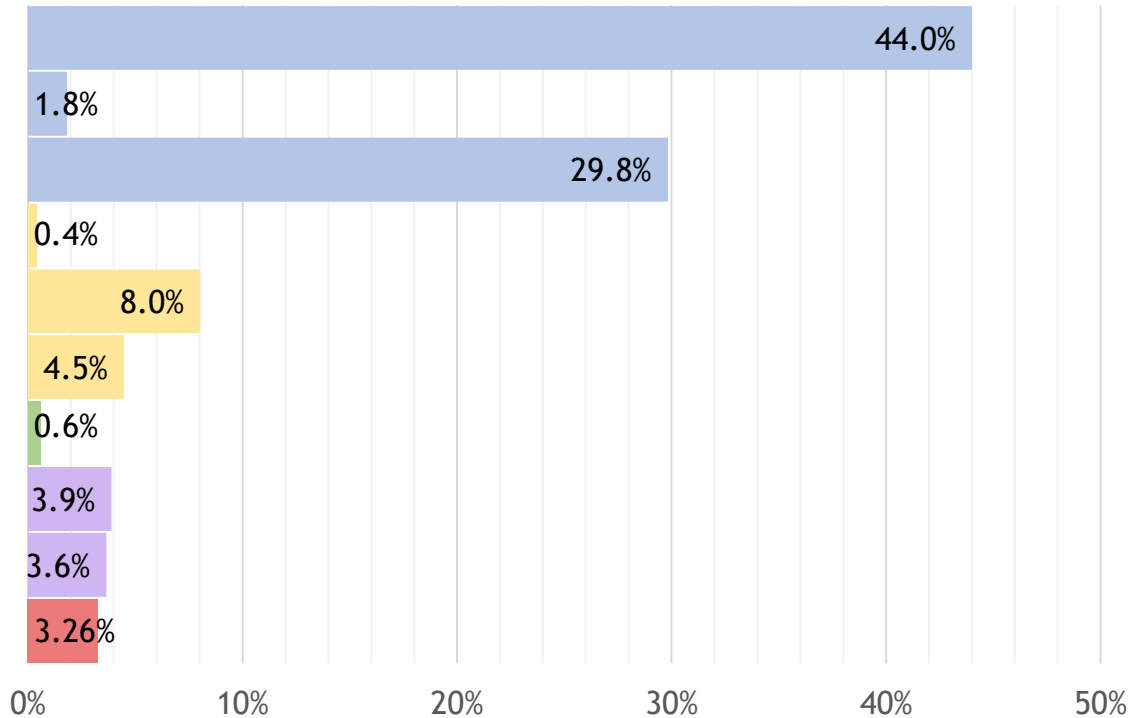
\$23,200 increase in federal reimbursements for retail facility inspections

\$125,000 increase for acquisitions

# EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION FY 23

## Total Budget = \$79,917,217

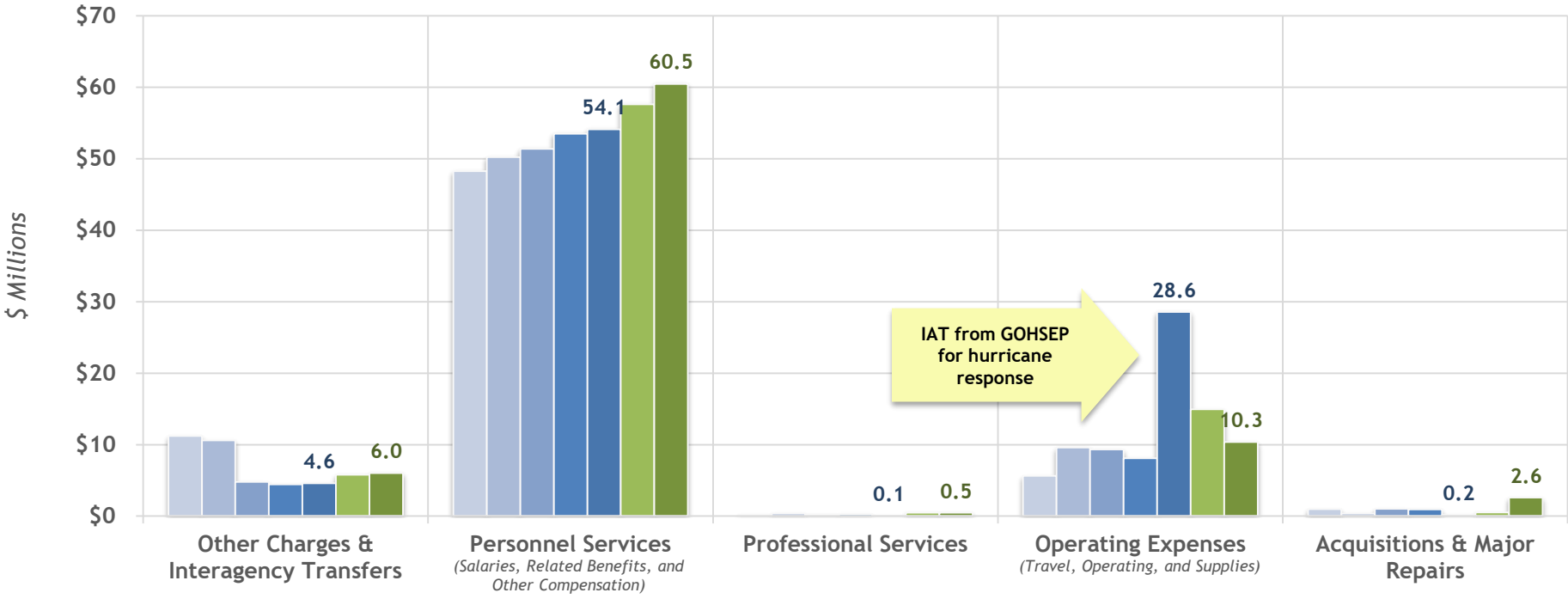
Expenditure Category		
Salaries	\$	35,169,514
Other Compensation		1,470,713
Related Benefits		23,833,706
Travel		343,805
Operating Services		6,427,805
Supplies		3,577,874
Professional Services		460,419
Other Charges		3,113,857
Interagency Transfers		2,914,602
Acquisitions/Repairs		2,604,922
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,917,217</b>





# EXPENDITURE HISTORY

Fiscal Year: **Actual Expenditures** 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 **Budgeted Amount** 2022 EOB 2023 HB1



## 5 Year Average Spending per Expenditure Category

\$7.1 M : 9.9%	\$51.5 M : 71.8%	\$217,000 : 0.4%	\$12.2 M : 17.0%	\$695,000 : 1.0%
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# EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

Expenditure Category	FY21 Actual Expenditures	FY22 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/21	FY23 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Salaries	\$ 32,111,097	\$ 32,895,097	\$ 35,169,514	\$ 2,274,417	6.9%	\$ 3,058,417	9.5%
Other Compensation	1,359,309	1,532,995	1,470,713	(62,282)	(4.1%)	111,404	8.2%
Related Benefits	20,671,280	23,206,547	23,833,706	627,159	2.7%	3,162,426	15.3%
Travel	57,644	343,805	343,805	0	0.0%	286,161	496.4%
Operating Services	23,899,020	6,351,875	6,427,805	75,930	1.2%	(17,471,215)	(73.1%)
Supplies	4,596,839	8,239,031	3,577,874	(4,661,157)	(56.6%)	(1,018,965)	(22.2%)
Professional Services	58,064	460,419	460,419	0	0.0%	402,355	693.0%
Other Charges	2,327,381	3,113,857	3,113,857	0	0.0%	786,476	33.8%
Interagency Transfers	2,279,165	2,668,963	2,914,602	245,639	9.2%	635,437	27.9%
Acquisitions/Repairs	157,429	500,000	2,604,922	2,104,922	421.0%	2,447,493	1,554.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 87,517,228</b>	<b>\$ 79,312,589</b>	<b>\$ 79,917,217</b>	<b>\$ 604,628</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>\$ (7,600,011)</b>	<b>(8.7%)</b>

# SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE CHANGES FY 23

*Compared to the FY 22 Existing Operating Budget*

Personnel Services	Supplies	Acquisitions/Repairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1.8 M increase to account for the 27<sup>th</sup> pay period</li><li>• \$928,498 net increase for market rate, related benefits, and group insurance adjustments, offset by a decrease for attrition</li><li>• \$71,573 increase for one new authorized position that will work with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and local conservation districts across the state to develop interagency conservation project planning, and watershed project proposals</li><li>• Net \$0 adjustment to move two maintenance positions from job appointments to authorized positions, one is at the Indian Creek Recreation Area and the other at the Baton Rouge main office</li></ul>	<p><b>(\$4.7 M)</b> removes funding added in FY 22 from the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) for fuel supplies and delivery services related to Hurricane Ida</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1.5 M increase in acquisitions to purchase 7 replacement fire suppression dozers</li><li>• \$500,000 increase in major repairs to repair approximately 33 dozers</li><li>• \$500,000 increase to replace computer hardware and software that is out of warranty, including replacement security camera servers for the main office and 5 district offices, network firewall, Wi-Fi access points, and 215 replacement computers</li><li>• <b>(\$500,000)</b> decrease in funding to remove acquisitions expenditures in the FY 22 budget</li></ul>

# OTHER CHARGES/INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

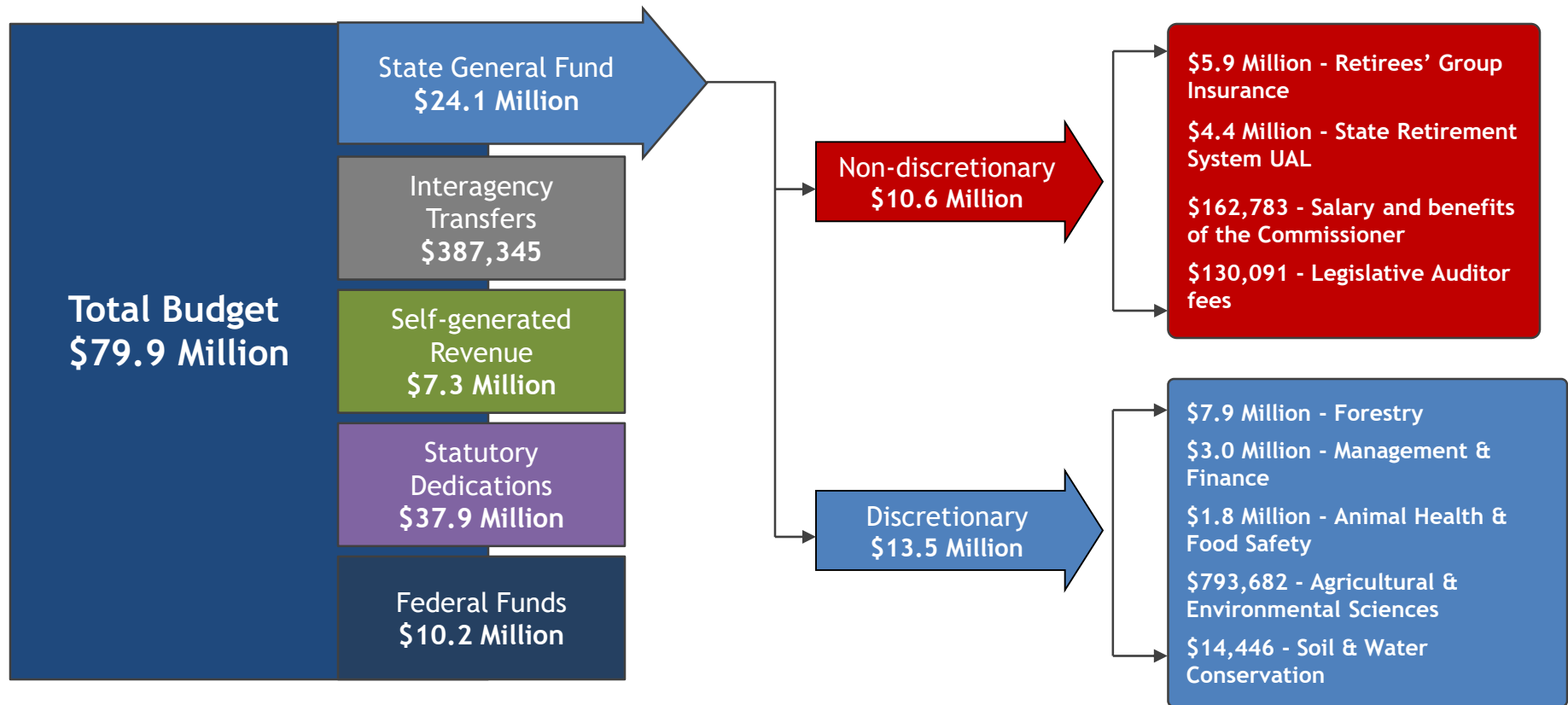
## Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$ 911,993	Soil and Water Conservation Districts conforming to federal policy
382,389	Federal/State grading program through the USDA
324,371	Seniors and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) grant expenses
300,000	Farm pesticide hazardous waste pick-up day
264,000	TEFAP-USDA commodity distribution
259,798	Boll Weevil program expenses
225,419	Forest stewardship, State fire assistance, cooperative forest health, conservation reserve, and urban and community forestry assistance
198,310	Vegetative planting program
126,577	Board of Animal Health/USDA grants for Scrapie disease
121,000	FDA grant for the implementation of the Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards
<b>\$ 3,113,857</b>	<b>Total Other Charges</b>

## Interagency Transfers

Amount	Description
\$ 1,887,939	Office of Risk Management
412,290	Office of Technology Services
209,092	Civil Service fees
130,091	Legislative Auditor fees
121,544	State printing and register
93,474	DOTD topographical mapping
33,303	Uniform Payroll System fees
15,756	Office of State Procurement
11,113	Treasury- Central Banking Services
<b>\$ 2,914,602</b>	<b>Total Interagency Transfers</b>

# DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES FY 23

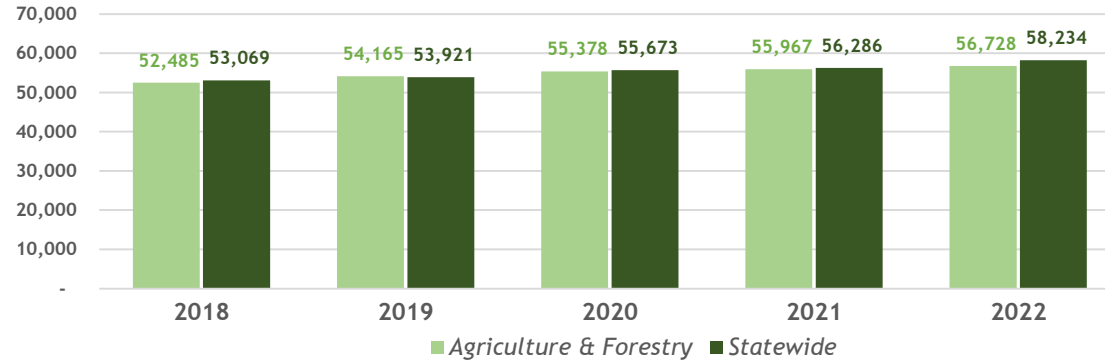


# PERSONNEL INFORMATION

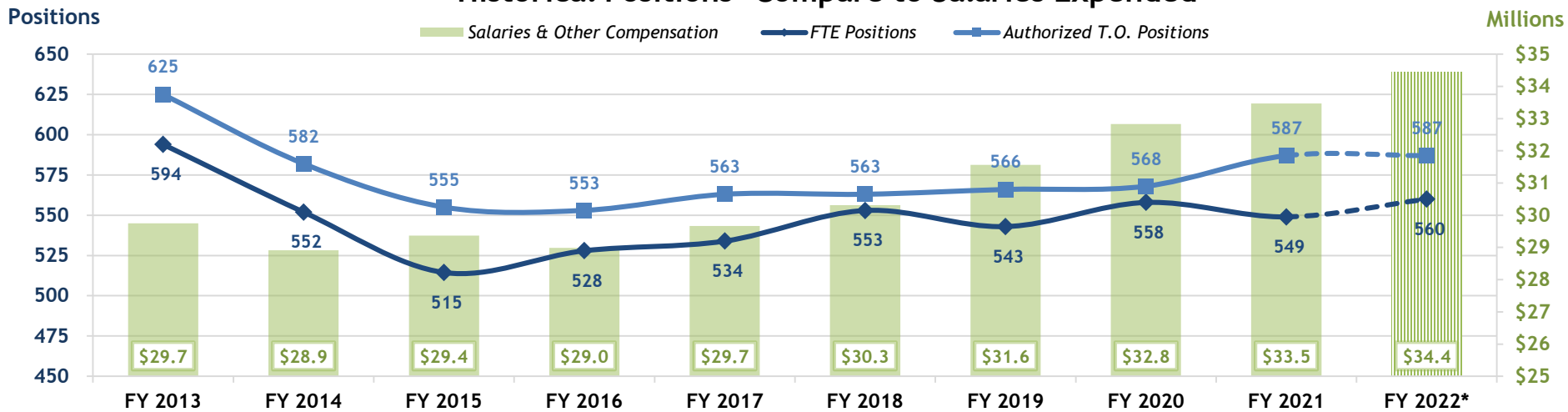
## FY 2023 Recommended Positions

590	Total Authorized T.O. Positions (553 Classified, 37 Unclassified)
2	Authorized Other Charges Positions
42	Non-T.O. FTE Positions
27	Vacant Positions (January 3, 2022)

## Historical Average Salary



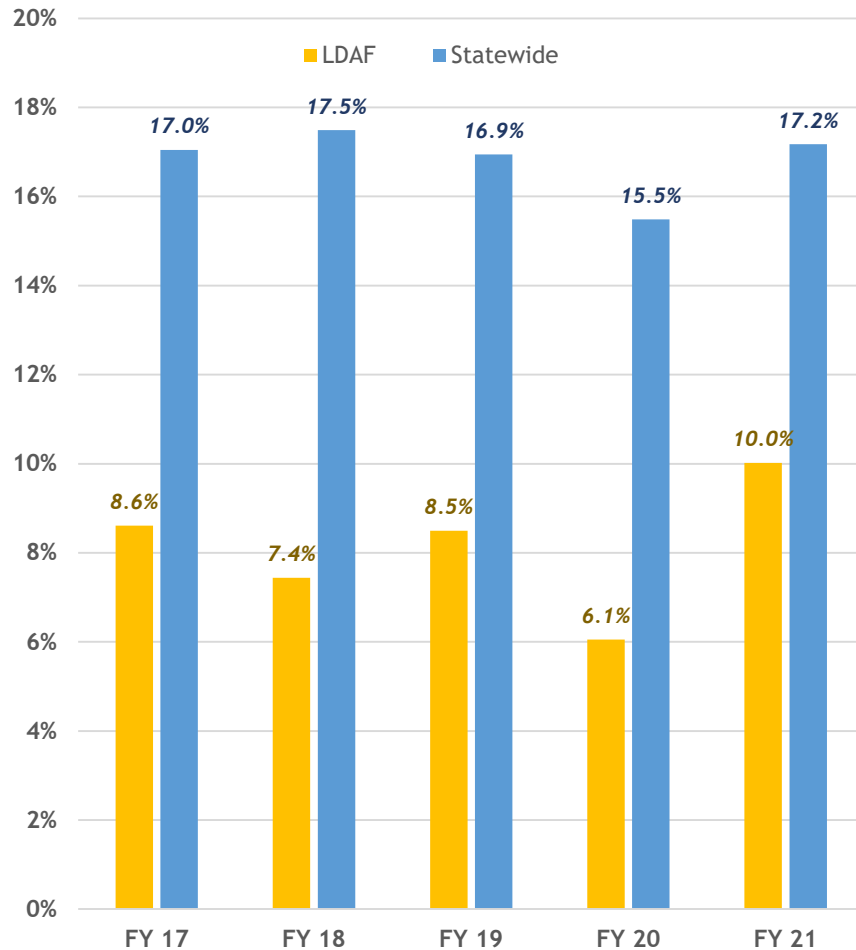
## Historical Positions<sup>1</sup> Compare to Salaries Expended



<sup>1</sup> FTE Source: Dept. of Civil Service Weekly Report on State Employment

\* Existing Operating Budget on 12/1/21

# TURNOVER HISTORY



## Top Positions Vacated FY 2021

Position	Number of Employees	Separations	Turnover Rate
Forest Crew Specialist Leader	38	7	18.4%
Forest Crew Specialist 2	40	4	10%
Agriculture Specialist 3	41	4	9.8%
Agri. Specialist Program Manager	13	3	23%
Agriculture Specialist 2	24	2	8.3%

# MEDICAL MARIJUANA

## Background

- Louisiana Legislature enacted the Allison Neustrom Act in 2015 which authorized certain forms of marijuana for therapeutic use for patients with debilitating medical conditions
- LDAF is responsible for the regulation of production, including producer licensing, product quality and testing, and transportation to pharmacies
- The list of qualifying conditions expanded through Act 286 of the 2020 R.S.
- Allowed forms include: metered dose inhalers, tinctures, topicals, and edible products

## Licensees (2)

- LSU AgCenter- subcontracts with Wellcana
- SU AgCenter- subcontracts with ILERA

## Medical Marijuana Retail Products Shipped to Pharmacies in Calendar Year 2021

Item Type	LSU-Wellcana	SU- ILERA	Total product
Tincture	122,719	21,621	144,340
Topical	3,381	3,199	6,580
Edible (Gelatin Chews)	70	7,044	7,144
Metered Dose Inhaler	136	69,998	70,134
<b>Total Product</b>	<b>126,306</b>	<b>101,862</b>	<b>228,168</b>

Medical Marijuana Program Revenue	FY 21 Actuals
State General Fund (appropriation amt. (523,700))	\$574,938
License fee revenue	\$200,000
Employee permit revenue	\$13,400
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$788,338</b>

Medical Marijuana Program Expenditures	FY 21 Actuals
Salaries (5 full-time positions)	\$408,032
Related Benefits	\$211,138
Travel	\$0
Operating Services	\$121,063
Supplies	\$46,442
Professional Services	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$1,665
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$788,340</b>



# INDUSTRIAL HEMP

## Act 164 of 2019 R.S.

- Louisiana Legislature enacted Industrial Hemp regulation through Act 164 of the 2019 Regular Session which legalized the cultivation, transportation, and processing of industrial hemp in the state
- The Department of Agriculture and Forestry is responsible for the regulation of:
  - Licensing growers, seed producers, contract carriers, and processors.
  - Inspecting industrial hemp licensees to ensure industrial hemp is produced in compliance with statute and regulations
  - Sampling and testing each industrial hemp production lot for THC concentration levels
  - Ensuring compliance with all state and federal laws

## Fee Structure

- \$500 annual license fee for each of the 4 separate licenses:
  - Grower
  - Processor
  - Transporter
  - Seed producers
- \$250 testing fee for the detection of THC concentration levels prior to harvest
- All fees will be deposited into the Seed Fund

## Calendar Year 2021 Statistics

- 288 applications received
- 191 licenses issued in 43 parishes, 134 of which issued to growers with under 200 acres
- 1,143 acres approved for planting
- The average planted acres per licensee was 53.69 in calendar year 2021

Industrial Hemp Program Revenue	FY21 Actuals
License fees	\$99,600
Testing fees	\$36,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135,850</b>

Industrial Hemp Program Expenditures	FY 21 Actuals
Salaries (4 full-time positions)	\$116,771
Related Benefits	\$61,706
Travel/Training	\$165
Operating Services	\$145
Supplies	\$6,740
Acquisitions/Equipment	\$985
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$185,513</b>

# FORESTRY METRICS

Wildfire Metrics	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21
Average Fire Size (Acres)	9.9	9.4	13.1	8.4	10.3	13.2	8.49	8.49
Homes under protection that were damaged	33	14	52	46	17	1	12	13
Number of Wildfires	1,081	586	1,147	788	735	400	410	410

- Louisiana’s forestlands cover 48% of the state’s area, or 14 million acres.
  - 12.7 million acres private/non-industrial owners
  - 1.26 million acres are general public lands
- Economic value of the Forestry Industry for Louisiana in 2017 was \$11 Billion.
- Forestry accounts for 25% of income of all plant and animal commodities produced in the state.
- In 2008, the department had 155 firefighters compared to 114 currently.
- 18.9 millions acres of land under fire protection by LDAF
  - 331,579 acres protected per firefighter
  - Similar states- 85,787 acres protected per firefighter

Source: Department of Agriculture and Forestry

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION METRICS

Soil and Water Conservation Districts work with the following state and federal agencies to implement various soil, water, wetland, and vegetation restoration projects:

- LA Department of Natural Resources
- LA Department of Environmental Quality
- Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority
- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

Erosion Prevention	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21
Annual reduction in soil erosion (acres)	829,718	637,651	691,144	700,222	711,422	673,729	692,499	697,485
# landowners provided technical assistance	8,288	8,182	9,500	7,115	8,025	7,467	8,217	7,673
# acres treated to reduce erosion	451,708	454,023	441,056	430,873	439,853	452,970	445,337	455,893
Agricultural waste utilized for beneficial use	51.5%	52.5%	53.6%	55%	57.7%	59%	60.5%	62.7%
Agri. Wetlands restored during year (acres)	24,875	28,632	23,630	27,216	24,723	27,002	30,103	25,392
Miles of shoreline treated for erosion control	760	800	840	878	916	954	992	1,032
Miles of vegetative buffers established	802	825	883	921	959	997	1,035	1,075

Source: Budget Supporting Documents and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry

# PASS THROUGH FUNDS

## INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE 20: OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The Agriculture & Forestry Pass Through Funds Include:

- Pass through funds for the 44 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Louisiana
- The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Specialty Crop Block Grant
- Volunteer Fire Assistance
- Forest Land Enhancement Program
- Urban and Community Forestry
- State Fire Assistance - Mitigation
- Forest Health Monitoring
- Forest Productivity Program
- Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund
- Ag Commodity Self Insurance Fund

Means of Finance	FY21 Actual Expenditures	FY22 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/21	FY23 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
SGF	\$ 1,485,292	\$ 2,089,156	\$ 1,490,826	\$ (598,330)	(28.6%)	\$ 5,534	0.4%
IAT	261,690	261,690	361,690	100,000	38.2%	100,000	38.2%
FSGR	0	248,532	248,532	0	0.0%	248,532	0.0%
Stat Ded	4,473,375	4,719,523	4,719,523	0	0.0%	246,148	5.5%
Federal	10,403,765	13,114,109	13,114,109	0	0.0%	2,710,344	26.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,624,122</b>	<b>\$ 20,433,010</b>	<b>\$ 19,934,680</b>	<b>\$ (498,330)</b>	<b>(2.4%)</b>	<b>\$ 3,310,558</b>	<b>19.9%</b>

### Significant funding changes compared to the FY 22 Existing Operating Budget

**State General Fund**  
 (\$600,000) removes one-time funding that was added in FY 22

**Interagency Transfers**  
 \$100,000 increase from Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority for planting of marsh plants in areas throughout coastal parishes through the Vegetative Planting Program

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# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



The Department's mission is to promote, protect and advance agriculture and forestry, and soil and water resources.

## Management and Finance

- Controls support functions for the department, including fiscal services, human resources, information technology, procurement, fleet and facility management, audit, and marketing services
- Commodity Promotion and Research administers promotion and research development programs that serve farmers and consumers through state trade shows, retail promotions, chef demonstrations, market research, development and implementation of promotion and research activities by commodity specific boards, a Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, and WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

## Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

**Horticulture and Quarantine Program**- Monitors and provides for the prevention, control, and eradication of regulated and exotic crop pests or diseases endangering Louisiana's food, fiber, forestry, horticultural, and apiary industries and the environment. Oversees the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry

**Pesticide and Environmental Program**- Inspects, enforces, and regulates the registration, distribution, sale, offering for sale, and application of pesticides

**Agricultural Chemistry Program**- Administers state laws and regulations which regulate the manufacturing and sale of animal feeds, pet foods, fertilizers, and agricultural liming materials. The Agricultural Chemistry Laboratory is responsible for analyzing agricultural chemicals and other farm input components as part of their regulatory enforcement. The lab will also test the Industrial Hemp plant for THC levels and the contents of the medical marijuana product before it goes to market

**Seed Program**- Ensures that seed sold for planting purposes meets seed label guarantees and quality standards. Enforces seed laws and regulations, manages the Seed Certification Program, and operates the state's official seed testing laboratory. This office is also tasked with regulation of the Industrial Hemp Program

**Medical Marijuana program**- Regulates production to ensure proper accountability, security, and safety of the marijuana product

# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

## Animal Health and Food Safety

**Livestock Brand Commission**- Investigates farm related crimes, including identification of livestock through registered brands and markings

**Food Quality Services (FQS) Program**- Inspections for fresh fruits and vegetables grown in Louisiana

**Poultry & Egg Division**- Enforces state laws, rules, and regulations for egg and poultry production, packing, and sales and establishes grades for products sold in Louisiana

**Louisiana Egg Commission**- Promotes eggs/egg products in Louisiana. Licenses all producers, packers, processors, wholesalers, and brokers

**Veterinary Health Division**- Protects Louisiana livestock from infectious diseases by administering state and federal disease surveillance programs that include disease reporting, monitoring, investigation, diagnostics, containment, and eradication

**Meat & Poultry Inspection Program**- Cooperative state/federal inspection program to ensure safety and proper labeling of meat and poultry

**Grading & Certification**- Assures that products purchased by institutions and schools meet the Institutional Meat Purchasing Specifications and general requirements for fish and fishery products

**Food Distribution Program**- Ensures the USDA Commodities are distributed to eligible recipient agencies

## Forestry

**Forestry Protection**- Includes detection, suppression, and prevention of wildfires on the forest lands of Louisiana. Included in these objectives are community education, training, and outreach

**Forestry Management**- Provides landowner assistance to ensure proper forest management practices. These services include technical and practical assistance as well as administering landowner subsidy programs

# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

## Agro-Consumer Services

**Grain Commodity Program**- Inspectors grade agricultural commodities based on quality and condition

**Moisture Meter Certification Program**- Certifies all moisture meters utilized in assessing grain moisture for discount purposes

**Weights & Measures**- Inspect and test, on an annual basis, all weighing, measuring, metering, scanning, and packaging devices used commercially to ensure that equity prevails for buyers and sellers statewide. This includes motor fuels inspections

**Dairy Stabilization Board**- Provides a regulatory program designed to stabilize the dairy industry in order to assure an adequate supply of dairy products to consumers at a fair price

**Milk Testing Program**- Works closely with other state-wide dairy groups to regulate and maintain volume measurement and butterfat testing of milk and cream

## Soil and Water Conservation

**Coastal Marsh Re-vegetation Planting Program**- Plan and implement vegetative planting for erosion control and restoration on private and public-owned coastal marshes

**USDA-State Cooperative Soil Survey Program**- Ensures the availability of current scientific soils data and interpretive information for the development and application of effective conservation and environmental protection practices

**Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program**- Implements site specific conservation and environmental protection plans within priority watersheds

**Agricultural Solid Waste Management Program**- Reduces cost of disposal of agricultural waste at regulated solid waste sites, increases beneficial use of most agricultural and forestry processing by-products for improving soil fertility and production and protects air and water quality

**Information/Education Outreach Program**- Delivers quality standards-based conservation education materials and resources to classroom educators and students, communities, individuals, and agricultural producers throughout the state