

Louisiana Streamlining Commission

Suggested Recommendations to Advisory Committee Chairmen

Preamble:

The following comments on this cover sheet have been prepared at the Mercatus Center by Hon. Maurice McTigue. The purpose of the analysis was to identify issues that the committee might pursue and finally develop into recommendations to the full commission.

- The suggested recommendations are based on very limited information and the committee's local knowledge may determine that the suggestions are not viable. In that case the Committee should discard the suggested recommendation.
- If the Committee thinks the suggestion has merit then they should refer it to officials for their analysis.
- Some of our suggestions may be recommending a practice that is already in place, in which case the recommendation may be put aside or may be worded to endorse that practice or to extend it further than is the current practice.

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

- Agricultural Chemistry program could be contracted out. The expenditure section of the report seems to indicate full cost recovery. \$888,823 Already recovered.
- The Horticulture Commission seems to be redundant activity for the government. Suggest turning it over to the industry or cancelling. \$564,204 Zero budget cost.
- The Boll Weevil Eradication Commission could be managed as full cost recovery. This should really be a cost against growing cotton. \$6,867,281 Cost recovery.
- The Pesticide Certification could be transferred to community colleges on a contractual basis. Contracts should require evidence of acquiring the required knowledge. \$201,125 Cost recovery.
- The AES- Pep Pesticide Inspections and Enforcement program should be run as full cost recovery. \$3,508,077 Cost recovery.
- The Plant Pest Quarantine Programs should be run in as full cost recovery. \$1,079,633 Cost recovery.
- The Regulatory Seed Testing & Louisiana Seed Certification Programs could be passed on to the industry to run if not it should be full cost recovery. \$963,551 Cost recovery
- The Dairy- Stabilization Program should be cancelled as redundant. \$357,408 returned to Treasury as savings.
- The Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission program should be repealed due to no continuing justification for its existence. \$1,193,121 returned to Treasury as savings.
- Weights and Measures Program, should be assigned with any other weights and measures activity to the new Department of Commerce. Resources as needed should be reassigned as well. \$3,451,496 reassigned.

- The Veterinary Health Division should be run as full cost recovery. \$3,232,694 Cost recovery.
- The Livestock Brand Commission should be dissolved and the responsibilities handed over to the industry. \$1,495,269 returned to the Treasury as savings.
- The State Meat Inspection Program, should be full cost recovery. \$1,300,000 Cost recovery.
- The Food Quality Service Program should full cost recovery. \$321,000 Cost recovery.
- The Poultry & Egg Program should be full cost recovery. \$156,000 Cost recovery.
- The Commodity Distribution Program: no recommendation.
- The Forestry Protection Program should recover cost where there is private benefit. Savings unable to be determined.
- The Forestry Management Program is not government business- but instead, should be handled by the private sector. If it remains government operated this program should be full cost recovery. \$8,439,370 Cost recovery.
- The Forestry Information & Education Program should either be dissolved or full cost recovery. \$1,352,777 Cost recovery.
- The Reforestation Program should really be a private business and should be sold. If it is retained it be full cost recovery. \$1,500,000
- The Forestry Enforcement Program should be a Police matter as it deals with criminal activity. It should be cancelled or transferred to Police. \$1,263,984 transferred to the Treasury as savings.
- The Office of Management and Finance should now be re formed according to the new functions and structures. Savings should be able to be achieved but are unable to be assessed at this stage. \$15,732,075
- The Office of Soil and Water Conservation Program should be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources or the new Department of Conservation. Total funds amount to \$125 million.

Savings:

- Total saving based on all recommendations being accepted. \$34,654,317
- Transfer to new Department of Conservation \$125 million
- If the creation of the Department of Conservation was supported then Fisheries and its resources would transfer into Agriculture and Forestry.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND FORESTRY**



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COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

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STREAMLINING GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Department name: Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

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- Program name: Agricultural Chemistry.
- Outcome addressed by this program: The outcome is to protect the agricultural industry of the state and the general public by ensuring that feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime sold in Louisiana meets its guarantees and standards and is not adulterated or otherwise contaminated and to provide analytical services to the pesticide program.
- How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: This program affects the entire population of the state of Louisiana by monitoring agricultural inputs and pet foods and by protecting food safety and the environment by preventing unsafe or contaminated inputs from entering agriculture.
- How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):
FY 08-09 \$888,823 (Revenue from program fees are sufficient to cover expenses).
- Measure used to determine success: Percentage of feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime sold in the state that meets guarantees and standards.
- Level of success during each of the last three years:

FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
98%	97%	97%
- The societal issue addressed by this program is *getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating*: The societal issue addressed by this program is remaining static, although the inability to fill positions in both the field and in the lab have diminished our ability to monitor the quality and safety of feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime. Limitations on personnel will also hamper our ability to respond to emergencies regarding these issues.

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- **Program name:** Horticulture Commission
- **Outcome addressed by this program:** to continue efforts to protect the public and the environment of Louisiana by overseeing the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry through effective licensing, permitting, and enforcement activities.
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
The general population of Louisiana – over 4 million.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
\$564,204
- **Measure used to determine success:**
Percent of Horticulture non-compliance notices resulting in a hearing
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
10%	23%	26%
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:** The public is becoming more knowledgeable about licensing and permit requirements. However, because of a sharp decrease in the number of inspectors in the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the inability to fill vacant positions, enforcement has become reactive, based on complaints, with little or no proactive enforcement.

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- **Program name:** Boll Weevil Eradication Commission
- **Outcome addressed by this program:**
Louisiana cotton acres will be 100% weevil-free by 2012.
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
The general population of Louisiana – over 4 million.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):** \$6,867,281
- **Measure used to determine success:**
Percentage of cotton acres weevil-free
Percent reduction in cotton boll weevil numbers
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
Percentage of cotton acres weevil-free	78%	63%	85%
Percent reduction in cotton boll weevil numbers	46%	(21%)	84%
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:** Boll Weevil Eradication decreases the amount of insecticides applied to cotton by 70%; it results in slower buildup of insect resistance to insecticides; increases the utilization of integrated pest management practices; and increases the numbers of beneficial insects present in cotton.
Following eradication, changes documented in other states include an average increase in cotton yield of 41% per acre and an average economic benefit of the program of \$190 per acre. To date, in Louisiana we have seen an average increase in yield of approximately 50% and an average economic benefit of the program of \$231 per acre.

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Program name: PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION

- Outcome addressed by this program:

Protect the environment along with the health and general prosperity of Louisiana citizens by providing safe and proper distribution, use and management of pesticides; by facilitating the protection of natural resources and pollution prevention and by providing effective control of pest.

- How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: 4,410,796
- How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): \$201,125
- Measure used to determine success

Number of pesticide training sessions

Number of Structural Pest Control Place of Business Permits, Licenses, and Technician Registrations maintained

Number of Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) Dealers; Salespersons; Owner Operators (Ground and Aerial), Agricultural Consultant business licenses; Private Pesticide Applicators; Agricultural Consultants, Commercial Pesticide Applicators, Worker Protection Standards (WPS) Trainers certifications maintained

Number of Pesticide Application Equipment Registered

- Level of success during each of the last three years:

	2009	2008	2007
No. of Owner Operators, Place of Bus., Dealers Consultants,	1543	1275	1257
No. of Private Applicators	7586	7809	8189
No. of Commercial Applicators	4086	4051	5132
No. of Equipment Registered	1322	1309	1206
No. of Salespersons	163	162	160
No. of Consultants	193	188	189
No. of Structural Pest Control Licensees	977	971	993
No. of Training Sessions Monitored	147	168	165

- The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating: Factors of operation in all disciplines have become more complex requiring entities to meet these challenges while possibly sacrificing the integrity of their products/services which in turn reiterates the need for our presence to insure proper pesticide applications and consideration of others and the environment is made. Investigations have become more complex due to the interface of Conventional Crops and GMO, PPI's, etc. - reiterates the need for our presence in the field to insure proper applications and consideration is made among all players. The decreased presence of inspectors in the regulated community, in time, generates a lesser level of compliance and puts the health and environment of Louisiana at greater risk.

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- Program name: AES – PEP PESTICIDE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT
- Outcome addressed by this program: Protect the environment along with the health and general prosperity of Louisiana citizens by providing safe and proper distribution, use and management of pesticides; by facilitating the protection of natural resources and pollution prevention and by providing effective control of pest.
- How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: 4,410,796
- How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): \$3,508,077
- Measure used to determine success:
 - Number of verified environmental incidences by improper pesticide application
 - Number of violations and fines determined/levied by Advisory Commission on Pesticide (ACP)
 - Number of violations and fines determined/levied by Structural Pest Control Commission (SPCC)
 - Number of pesticide products registered
 - Number of Pesticide and Environmental Programs inspections conducted
 - Number of Health Related Pesticide Incidents investigated
- Level of success during each of the last three years:

	2009	2008	2007
Number of verified environmental incidences by improper pesticide application	60	74	56
Percent of pesticide products inspected in compliance	96	98	98
Percent of inspections in compliance	95	95	97
Percent of Health Related Pesticide Incident Complaints confirmed	14	14	36

- The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating: Factors of operation in all disciplines have become more complex requiring entities to meet these challenges while possibly sacrificing the integrity of their products/services which in turn causes more complex investigations and reiterates the need for our presence to insure proper pesticide applications and consideration of others and the environment is achieved. The sharp decrease in the number of inspectors in the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the inability to fill vacant positions has resulted in enforcement precipitating from complaints instead of from routine visits which has historically kept unnecessary property losses limited and low levels of health complaints. The decreased presence of inspectors in the regulated community, in time, generates a lesser level of compliance and puts the health and environment of Louisiana at greater risk.

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- **Program name:** Plant Pest Quarantine Programs
- **Outcome addressed by this program:** to safeguard against the introduction and spread of plant pests into Louisiana's agricultural (food and fiber), horticultural, apiary, and forestry industries and the environment through early detection and rapid response; sustain and enhance protection of our food supply and our 'green industry' economies; enable and increase the exportation of Louisiana agricultural products.
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
The general population of Louisiana – over 4 million.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):** \$1,079,633
- **Measure used to determine success:**
Number of nursery shipping tags issued
Surveys completed for non-indigenous pests
Percent weevil damage to sweet potatoes entering processing facilities
Percent sweet potato acres weevil free
Honeybee shipments certified for out of state movement
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

	06-07	07-08	08-09
Number of nursery shipping tags issued	57,602	62,296	57,110
Surveys completed for non-indigenous pests	12	12	11
Percent weevil damage to sweet potatoes entering processing facilities	<1%	<1%	<1%
Percent sweet potato acres weevil free	72%	68%	67%
Honeybee shipments certified for out of state movement	18	31	31

- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:** Plant Pest Quarantine programs are becoming increasingly difficult to manage. Global trade and world-wide travel by the public increases the level of risk and pathways for plant pests entering the U.S. and Louisiana. However, due to the sharp decrease in the number of inspectors in the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the inability to fill vacant positions, early detection and response activities are becoming increasingly difficult to accomplish.

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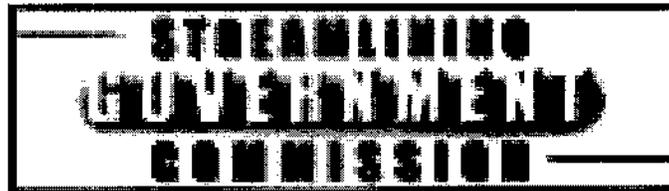
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- **Program name:** Regulatory Seed Testing & Louisiana Seed Certification Programs
- **Outcome addressed by this program:** Through the Regulatory Seed Testing and Louisiana Seed Certification Programs, to continue the office's efforts to ensure that 98% of the samples tested test within established tolerances, and that 80% of acres planted by farmers and public consumers are planted with certified and laboratory tested seed.
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:** Over four million farmers and consumers are directly involved in or affected by this program.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):** \$963,551
- **Measure used to determine success:**
 - 1) Percent of seed samples tested within tolerance
 - 2) Percent of acres planted with tested seed
 - 3) Percent of acres petitioned for certification that meet the requirements of Standards
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
1) Percent of seed samples tested within tolerance	96%	97%	97%
2) Percent of acres planted with tested seed	80%	80%	80%
3) Percent of acres petitioned for certification that meet the requirements of Standards	96%	90%	93%
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:** With the introduction of genetically modified seed varieties, plant variety protection and seed patents, and the associated increased costs, farmers and consumers are demanding higher seed testing and regulatory oversight. If the current budget constraint environment continues to limit supplies and field personnel, the Seed Programs goals will be increasingly difficult to achieve and maintain.



Department name: Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
Office of Agro-Consumer Services

State in one sentence the core business of your department:

The mission of the Office of Agro-Consumer Services is to ensure that equity prevails in the marketplace by assuring that Louisiana consumers get what they pay for, that producers receive fair compensation for their commodities, and that businesses have a favorable environment in which to operate.

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- Program name:
 - Dairy - Stabilization
 - Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission
 - Weights and Measures
- Outcome addressed by this program:
 - Dairy - Stabilization
 - Continued supply of dairy products at fair and reasonable prices.

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

- Producers are fairly compensated for the agricultural commodities they sell to financially secure grain dealers and store at financially secure grain warehouses.

Weights and Measures

- Equity prevails in the marketplace for all buyers and sellers in the state. This includes making sure that all consumers get what they pay at the correct price and that all businesses have a fair and balanced environment in which to operate.

- How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:
 - Dairy - Stabilization
 - All producers, sellers, and consumers of dairy products.

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

- All producers, grain dealers, warehouses, cotton merchants and consumers of grain and cotton commodities.

Weights and Measures

- Every consumer in the state is affected by this program.

- How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):

Dairy - Stabilization

- \$357,408

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

- \$1,193,121

Weights and Measures

- \$3,451,496

- Measure used to determine success:

Dairy - Stabilization

- Percentage of possible unfair trade practices investigated that resulted in confirmed violations.

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

- Number of producers not fully compensated for their products in regulated facilities.

Weights and Measures

- 1. Percentage of regulated businesses with scanners in compliance with law.

- 2. Percentage of pre-packed commodities tested in compliance with law.

- 3. Percentage of regulated businesses with fuel dispensers in compliance with law during initial testing / inspection.

- 4. Percentage of registered weighing and measuring devices in compliance with law.

- Level of success during each of the last three years:

Dairy - Stabilization

- '06-07 (30%)

- '07-08 (33%)

- '08-09 (30%)

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

- 06-07 - unknown

- 07-08 – 24 producers

- 08-09 – 6 producers

Weights and Measures

- 1. '07-08 (92.9%), '08-09 (92%)

- 2. '07-08 (93.6%), '08-09 (87.5%)

- 3. '07-08 (95.9%), '08-09 (94%)

- 4. '07-08 (92%), '08-09 (90%)

- '06-07 data absent due to time and software constraints

- The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*:

Dairy - Stabilization

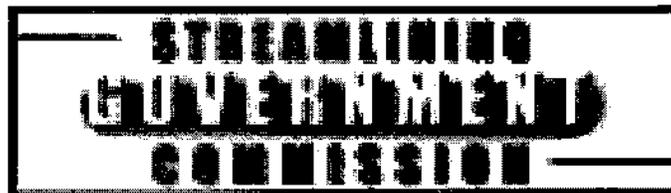
From the dairy producer's standpoint, the situation has been deteriorating due to a number of market factors. The issues addressed related to sellers and consumers have remained relatively constant (static).

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

From a producer's perspective, the issue is getting better. Although, there were producers which were unpaid in 2008, there have not been any since that time. Additionally, there have been other safeguards put into place to ensure that producers are paid for their losses.

Weights and Measures

Consumer protection and business competitiveness have been maintained (static). The issue would be better if staffing levels were not continuously declining.



Department name: Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety

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The overall mission of the Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, through state and federal mandates, is to guard and protect the integrity of the livestock industry against animal diseases through diagnostic, preventative, eradication and other deterrent measures. Additionally, the office is responsible for protecting the food chain, public health and general welfare of the Louisiana citizenry by assuring that meat, seafood, poultry, eggs, fruits and vegetables and their products are properly identified, labeled, inspected and accurately graded. The Office of Animal Health and Food Safety and food safety is also responsible for the control of livestock theft and denying a market for stolen cattle and horses in Louisiana, all in accordance with applicable laws. The Office of Animal Health and Food Safety presently houses the department's Emergency Response Team. Food Distribution (formerly under Office of Marketing) is in the process of being transferred to Office of Animal Health and Food Safety.

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- **Program name:** Veterinary Health Division

- **Outcome addressed by this program:** The outcome of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Office of Animal Health and Food Safety, Veterinary Health Division (VHD) is to protect livestock from infectious diseases through diagnostic, preventative, eradication and other means. The Division is responsible for protecting the public health and general welfare of Louisiana citizens by ensuring the safety of the meat and poultry in the food chain, as well as the safety of all animals during a large scale emergency or disaster.
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
 - Because many livestock diseases may be zoonotic (infectious to animals and humans), all citizens of the state may be directly involved in an intentional or accidental animal disease occurrence. All citizens, especially those that consume meat, poultry and other animal products, can be affected with diseases that destroy the animal/agricultural industry in the state.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
 - FY 09-\$3,232,694.00
- **Measure used to determine success:**
 - Number of disease investigations per year
 - Number of Calls from department of Health & Hospitals
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**
 - We have been very successful in several disease investigations, including Chronic Wasting Disease, Equine Infectious Anemia; Equine Herpes Virus I; Rabies and Malignant Catarrhal Fever.
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:**
 - Getting better



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- **Program name: Livestock Brand Commission**
- **Outcome addressed by this program: To reduce the amount of farm related crime in Louisiana**
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: Any member of the public who owns any livestock or is engaged in farming.**
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): \$1,495,269 FY 2008-2009**
- **Measure used to determine success: Percent of reported cases solved**
- **Level of success during each of the last three years: There has been a 38 percent reduction in the number of farm related thefts reported from FY 2006-2007 and FY 2008-2009**
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is *getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating*: The program is getting better.**

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- **Program name:** State Meat Inspection Program, AHS
- **Outcome addressed by this program:** To ensure consumers receive only safe, wholesome, unadulterated and properly labeled meat and poultry products produced in state inspected facilities
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:** Number of citizens that consume meat and poultry products
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
 State General = \$1.3 million
 Federal Funds = \$1.8 million
 Self-generated = \$22,000
- **Measure used to determine success:** zero food borne illness outbreaks with state inspected meat/poultry products
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:** zero outbreaks (100% success)
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*:** Food safety awareness is increasing.

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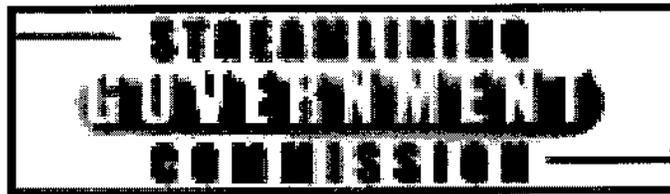
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- **Program name:** Food Quality Services (F&V) Program, AHS
- **Outcome addressed by this program:** To ensure 3rd party quality inspections of fresh fruits & vegetables are performed as requested by vendor
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:** Voluntary program for state institutions, school districts and hospitals
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
 State General = \$321,700
 Self-generated = \$124,800
- **Measure used to determine success:** All product that fails to meet grade and specifications is properly identified
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:** (100%)
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:** Food safety awareness is increasing.



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- **Program name:** Poultry & Egg Program, AHS

- **Outcome addressed by this program:** To ensure consumers receive only safe, wholesome, unadulterated and properly labeled egg and egg products.

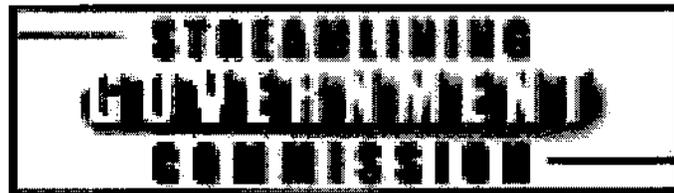
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:** Population that consumes egg and egg products

- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
State General = \$156,000
Self-generated = \$630,800

- **Measure used to determine success:** Number stop sales and dozens inspected

- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**
315 stop sales (12,600 dozens)
1,740,000 dozens inspected

- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*:** Food safety awareness is increasing.



Department name: Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety (in the process of being transferred from the Office of Marketing)

State in one sentence the core business of your department:

The Food Distribution Program is responsible for the ordering, warehousing, and distribution of foods purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use in federally approved child nutrition programs and for food purchased for distribution to low income citizens and families and is also responsible for ensuring that recipient agencies are operated in compliance with federal requirements (agreement, regulation and law) by monitoring receiving agencies (schools, summer feeding sponsors, food banks and their member agencies), resolving findings and reporting activities to the USDA which ensure that these foods are protected and are distributed only to those who are eligible to receive these benefits.

- **Program name: Commodity Distribution Program**
- **Outcome addressed by this program:**
The desired outcome is the timely distribution of federally donated commodities to eligible recipients
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
Approximately 525,000 school children receive commodity assistance on a daily basis by participating in the school lunch and school breakfast programs. Another 144,000 families (over 400,000 individuals) receive assistance on a regular basis from our Emergency Food Assistance Program.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
\$3,130,197.33
- **Measure used to determine success:**
Program effectiveness is measured by the timely distribution of federally donated commodities to eligible recipients
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**
Very Successful
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:**
Deteriorating



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Agriculture & Forestry – Office of Forestry

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For each program managed by your agency, provide the following information.

- **Program name:**

Protection

- **Outcome addressed by this program:**

The primary objectives of the Forest Protection Branch are the detection, suppression and prevention of wildfires in the forestlands of Louisiana.

- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is the only state agency with statewide responsibility and capability to suppress wildfires so we protect every citizen in rural Louisiana or adjacent areas.

- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**

\$12,000,000.

- **Measure used to determine success:**

*To contain wildfire destruction to an average fire size of 13.2 acres or less.
To limit total number of residences under program protection suffering damage to less than 25.*

- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

	06-07	07-08	08-09
<i>Average Fire Size (in acres)</i>	<i>11.59</i>	<i>8.90</i>	<i>11.07</i>
<i>Residences Damaged</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>57</i>

- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*:**

Remaining Static



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- **Program name:**

Management

- **Outcome addressed by this program:**

The major focus of the Management branch is to provide technical forestry advice to private, non-industrial landowners through on site inspections, written management plans, cost-share assistance, and the detection and control of forest insects and disease.

- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**

There are approximately 148,000 forest landowners in the state, all of which are affected to some degree by this program. Our insect and disease detection covers all forest land in the state. 8,000 to 10,000 landowners are directly involved every year with cost share programs, management plans, prescribed burning assistance, and technical assistance.

- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**

\$8,439,370

Measure used to determine success:

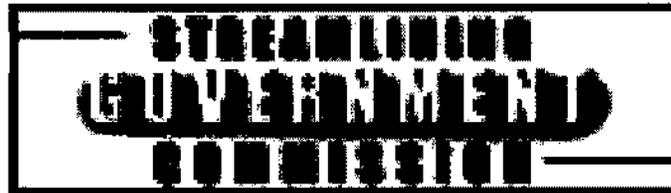
Management plans written, acres planted to timber, and acres prescribed burned.

- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

High

- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:**

Getting better.



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- **Program name:**
Information & Education
- **Outcome addressed by this program:**
The Information and Education Branch is responsible for statewide forestry education programs, urban and community forestry grant administration, urban forestry and maintaining and updating all forestry publications.
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
Approximately 6.2 Million members of the public were affected by the programs offered as services to the public during FY09.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
\$1,352,777.
- **Measure used to determine success:**
Evaluations and accomplishment reports, as well as the public's continued interest in the projects and programs offered.
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**
There has been an increase in participation in the majority of the programs so the level of success would be determined to be high.
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:**
Getting better.



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- **Program name:**
Reforestation

- **Outcome addressed by this program:**
The Reforestation branch is responsible for the operation of three seed orchards and three tree nurseries whose mission is to provide landowners with pine and hardwood tree seedlings possessing the best possible genetic characteristics available at cost.

- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
Nurseries processed and filled over 1500 seedling orders in the past year that resulted in the reforestation of over 30,000 acres in Louisiana. Our seed orchards participate in the advancement of genetically superior material through the WGFTIP Co-Op and insure Louisiana landowners are provided genetically improved seedlings with La. Provenance; both pine & hardwood.

- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
\$1,500,000.

- **Measure used to determine success:**
Abundant supply of high quality pine & hardwood seedlings made available to Louisiana landowners for reforestation, conservation, wildlife, and recreation.

- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**
Success has been high including the introduction of salt- water tolerant Baldcypress and other species to be utilized in coastal restoration projects.

- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:**
Getting better because of the heightened awareness of environmental issues.



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For each program managed by your agency, provide the following information.

- **Program name:**

Enforcement

- **Outcome addressed by this program:**

Responsible for the protection of life and property from forestry related crimes such as: arson, timber theft, forestry equipment theft and vandalism in Louisiana. Investigations are conducted into criminal violations, arrests made when justified, documents prepared for court, and testimony given at trial. Also we are mandated by State law to regulate the timber harvesting industry by conducting audits of timber harvesters and timber receiving mills.

- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**

Every timberland owner in Louisiana, both private and industrial, is affected by our enforcement program.

- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**

\$1,263,984.

- **Measure used to determine success:**

Reduction of wildland fires and timber thefts.

- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

Enforcement has had a major impact on the reduction of wildland fires in Louisiana bringing the numbers from over 7,400 per year in the 1970's & 80's down to an average of 2,014 per year during the past 3 years.

- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*:**

Better, because more residents in our rural areas understand laws governing forestry.

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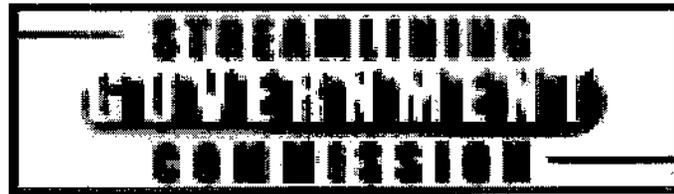
Department name: Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Management and Finance

State in one sentence the core business of your department:

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

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- **Program name:** Office of Management and Finance
- **Outcome addressed by this program:** The Office of Management and Finance serves to both protect state resources and enhance the ability of the department to meet its goals. These goals are met by maintaining effective accounting and budget control, human resources and information systems management, grants administration, auditing, and fiscal management practices.
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:** The number of members of the public directly involved or affected by this program is indeterminable. However, to the extent that this program supports the activities of the department, the members of the public directly affected by this program include all citizens of Louisiana and other states that benefit from both safe and uncontaminated food sources and a fair marketplace. Those directly involved in the program include vendors, citizens of Louisiana and other states, agricultural industries and business interests, all retailers of the state, wholesalers, and licensees of the department and their constituencies and the members of the public benefiting from the public health regulatory services mandated to this department.
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):** The amount of \$15,732,075 was expended on this program last fiscal year.
- **Measure used to determine success:** The department uses several measures to determine its success in protecting state resources and enhancing the other programs of the department to meet their individual program goals. These indicators include: the number of repeat audit findings, percent of department objectives achieved, percent of technical support provided to meet internal customer requirements, and the percent of helpdesk calls resolved.
- **Level of success during each of the last three years:** The level of success during each of the last three years could be averaged at roughly 95% success.
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:** The societal issue addressed by this program may be indirect, but critical to the issues addressed by the programs of the department served. The overall societal issues addressed by this department include the protection and advancement of agricultural, forestry, and soil and water resources to the benefit of the citizens of Louisiana.



Department name: Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Soil and Water Conservation

State in one sentence the core business of your department:

The mission of the LDAF Office of Soil & Water Conservation is to conserve and sustain these resources on Louisiana's croplands, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, urban areas and waterways; this is accomplished by providing financial assistance, administrative guidance and coordination to the State's 44 Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and by partnering with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to deliver technical and financial assistance to Louisiana land owners.

- **Program name:** Office of Soil & Water Conservation
- **Outcome addressed by this program:** The Office of Soil & Water Conservation (OSWC) works to sustain and conserve soil stability on croplands, woodlands, grasslands, and wetlands, and to protect water quality of Louisiana's waterways. This is accomplished by providing financial assistance, administrative support and centralized coordination to the State's 44 Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) who work with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide conservation planning services and financial assistance to landowners and managers to implement soil and water conservation measures.

The OSWC also employs technical specialists who work directly with landowners in Louisiana's coastal zone and in priority watersheds to remedy identified water quality impairments, soil erosion and wetland loss as well as assisting agriculture producers and processors in managing their waste streams.

The OSWC works closely with other state and federal resource management agencies that serve to broaden and extend resource management practices on the Louisiana landscape. To help sustain Louisiana's renewable natural resources, the OSWC conducts various initiatives such as the Agricultural Solid Waste Management, Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement, Coastal Wetlands Re-vegetation, Conservation Information & Education, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, and USDA Farm Bill Program Assistance. The OSWC has the principal role of directing the Soil & Water Conservation Districts in implementing conservation measures on farm and ranch lands, watershed management planning and planning and implementation of other special resource management projects.

- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program:**
 - 38,000 - 40,000 individuals in Louisiana annually receive direct technical assistance upon request regarding soil, water and related natural resource conservation through this program.
 - In 2008, an additional 3,282 private land owners and businesses had natural resource conservation plans developed for their property and/or entered into conservation contracts and easements through this program.
 - All citizens of Louisiana are affected by this program in that the protection and enhancement of the State's natural resources are paramount to the public's health, safety, livelihood and general welfare.

- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08):**
 - State: \$2.5 million
 - Federal funds:
 - \$35 million (Conservation program payments to land owners)
 - \$22.2 million (Technical assistance to landowners)
 - \$35 million (Emergency Watershed Protection, and watershed planning)
 - Local Funds: \$ 200,000.00
 - Private Land owner cost-share contributions estimated at \$30 million
- **Measure used to determine success:**

OSWC LAPAS reporting Performance indicators:

 - Cumulative percent reduction in soil erosion
 - Number of landowners provided technical assistance
 - Number of acres treated to reduce erosion
 - Percent of agricultural waste utilized for beneficial use
 - Number of waste management plans developed (cumulative)
 - Number of site specific plans implemented (cumulative)
 - Acres of agricultural wetlands restored during year
 - Acres of wetland habitat managed during year*(FY2007-2008)
 - Miles of shoreline treated for erosion control (cumulative)
 - Miles of vegetative buffers established (cumulative)
 - Miles of riparian habitat restored (cumulative)
 - Number of animal waste management systems implemented (cumulative)
 - Acres of nutrient management systems implemented (cumulative)

- **Level of success during each of the last three years:**

Performance Indicator	Variance % FY 2007	Variance % FY 2008	Variance % FY 2009
Cumulative % reduction in soil erosion	-1.91	-0.83	1.58
No. landowners provided technical assistance	-0.90	3.12	-0.66
No. acres treated to reduce erosion	-2.43	4.76	-5.99
% Ag waste utilized for beneficial use	-3.02	-2.89	-4.79
No. waste management plans developed	-4.69	-2.75	-2.33
No. site specific plans implemented	0.39	0.25	0.00
Acres of ag wetlands restore during year	3.94	2.00	-15.12
Acres of wetland habitat managed during yr.	-4.10	-0.55	NA
Miles of shoreline treated for erosion control	0.19	0.00	0.17
Miles of vegetative buffers established	1.77	0.84	0.96
Miles of riparian habitat restored	1.50	4.61	-3.15
No. animal waste management systems impl.	-0.53	-1.40	-1.96
Acres nutrient management systems impl.	2.44	-4.25	-1.39

- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting better, remaining static, or deteriorating:**

Soil health and productivity is improving, newly restored acreages of bottomland hardwood forests are increasing, in turn reducing the threat of downstream flooding in those areas, enhancing surface water quality, and increasing wildlife habitat. The water quality of many stream segments throughout the state has improved and progress continues in conservation of ground water used for irrigation of cropland, livestock and aquaculture. Successes within the coastal wetland re-vegetation program are continuously realized, yet the ominous nature and complexity of Louisiana's coastal land-loss dilemma demands an unrelenting effort to offset these losses and resultant socio-economic impacts.