



Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



FY27 Executive Budget

**04-160 - Department of
Agriculture & Forestry**

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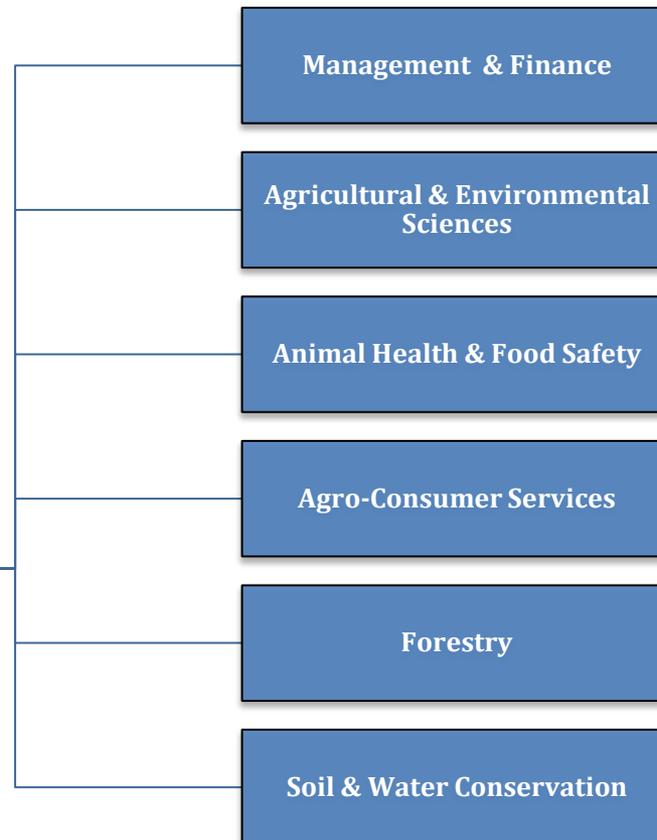
Schedule 04-160 — Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Departmental mission — The mission of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is to administer the laws, rules and regulations of the state regarding the growing, harvesting, processing, storing and sale of forest, crop and livestock commodities. These laws, rules and regulations are to ensure that foods are prepared in sanitary processing facilities and are safe to eat, that the state's food manufacturing sector receives the full benefit of the agency's marketing expertise, that the state's soil and water resources are protected to ensure the optimum growth and yield of crops and forests, that the state's forests are protected from harmful diseases and fires, and that Louisiana livestock receives the best in veterinary care. The department also works with other state, regional, national and international sectors of business and government in fulfillment of its goal to provide oversight services and administrative assistance in the conduct of the affairs of rural Louisiana.



LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT of
AGRICULTURE
& FORESTRY

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Ag. & Forestry
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Agency	Program Description
Management & Finance	Provides department-wide coordination, personnel and basic resources which are essential to the accomplishment of the Department's mission, in a timely, effective and accurate manner and in compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.
Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	The mission of the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is to ensure that fertilizers, agricultural liming materials and pesticides meet all requirements of law; to monitor, prevent, control and eradicate plant pests and diseases that threaten Louisiana's agriculture, environment and economy; to facilitate agricultural exports through certification of products; to oversee the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry; to protect human health and the environment by ensuring the proper labeling, distribution, storage, use, application and disposal of pesticides, and through enforcement of all pesticide laws; to ensure that seed sold for planting meets label guarantees and quality standards; and to ensure a safe, abundant supply of food and fiber.
Animal Health & Food Safety	Maintains a safe and healthful food supply for the people of Louisiana, while simultaneously protecting and safeguarding the producers of these products. The program inspects and grades food products, controls livestock diseases and tracks ownership of livestock through a branding activity. The activities of this program are: Administration, Federal/State Meat Program, Poultry and Egg Inspection, Food Quality Services, Livestock Disease Prevention, Livestock Theft Prevention, Emergency Response Team, and Food Distribution Program.
Agro-Consumer Services	Ensures that equity prevails in the marketplace by regulating various aspects of commerce and trade and by promoting and heightening consumer awareness of Louisiana's agricultural commodities to increase sales, thereby enhancing the economic well being of Louisiana farmers and the State as a whole. The Office ensures that Louisiana consumers get what they pay for, that producers have markets available and receive fair compensation for their commodities, and that businesses have a favorable environment in which to operate.
Forestry	Ensures sustained, multiuse forestlands for the citizens of Louisiana. This goal takes into account the production of wood fiber while enhancing the recreational, wildlife and environmental values of forestlands.
Soil & Water Conservation	Achieves a productive balance between Louisiana agricultural production and processing and a healthy environment, wherein soil loss is reduced to within tolerable limits, water quality impairments due to agricultural processes are significantly reduced, and the quality of the state's wildlife habitat, wetlands and other natural areas and resources are enhanced.



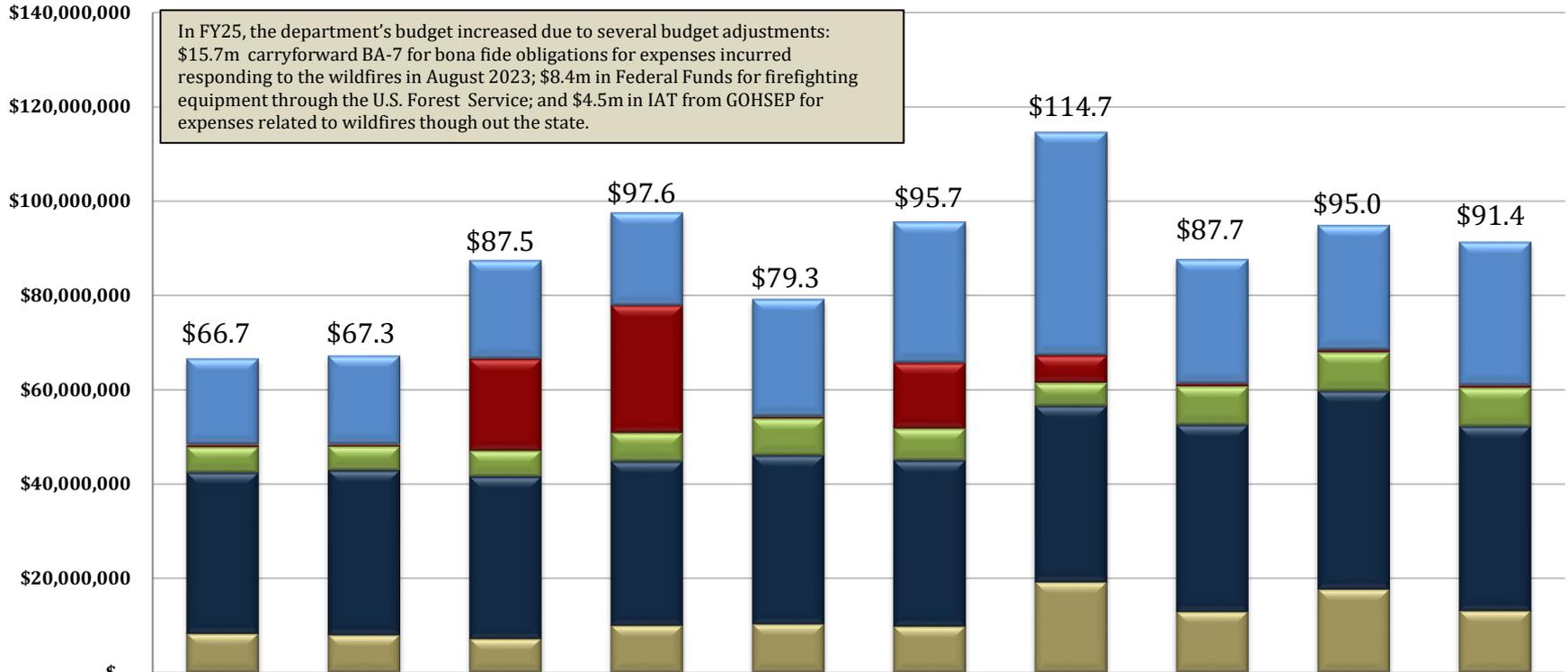
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Changes in Funding since FY19

Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance (in \$ millions)

Change from FY19 to FY27 is +37%. (Actual to Recommended)

Change from FY19 to FY25 is +72%. (Actual to Actual)



	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 as of 12/1/25	FY27 Rec
■ SGF	\$18,293,320	\$18,785,734	\$20,925,876	\$19,813,547	\$24,955,789	\$29,951,345	\$47,409,570	\$26,403,408	\$26,524,102	\$30,413,862
■ IAT	\$408,902	\$383,592	\$19,412,457	\$26,886,100	\$387,345	\$13,904,563	\$5,785,319	\$539,035	\$539,035	\$492,535
■ FSGR	\$5,517,983	\$5,163,433	\$5,573,570	\$6,091,598	\$7,866,240	\$6,848,956	\$4,985,073	\$8,252,743	\$8,252,743	\$8,238,340
■ STAT DED	\$34,091,628	\$34,860,010	\$34,312,005	\$34,716,599	\$35,733,876	\$35,073,108	\$37,281,107	\$39,544,041	\$41,960,821	\$39,045,647
■ FED	\$8,385,158	\$8,083,434	\$7,293,320	\$10,120,511	\$10,372,521	\$9,927,614	\$19,229,124	\$12,988,479	\$17,711,838	\$13,193,622



Statewide Budget Adjustments Recommended for FY27

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$26,524,102	\$539,035	\$8,252,743	\$41,960,821	\$17,711,838	\$94,988,539	588	FY26 Existing Operating Budget as of 12-1-25
\$2,405,185	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$301,814	\$2,706,999	0	Acquisitions and Major Repairs
(\$705,329)	\$0	\$0	(\$292,877)	\$0	(\$998,206)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$2,075)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,075)	0	Civil Service Fees
(\$7,362)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$7,362)	0	Topographic Mapping
\$7,725	\$0	\$0	\$2,513	\$0	\$10,238	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$185,504	\$0	\$0	\$87,468	\$4,633	\$277,605	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$275,116	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$275,116	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
(\$7,947)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$7,947)	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$724,809	\$0	\$204,584	\$415,044	\$24,790	\$1,369,227	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$456,491)	\$0	\$0	(\$170,957)	\$0	(\$627,448)	(6)	Personnel Reductions
(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$255,000)	(\$2,332,615)	(\$2,637,615)	0	Non-recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$120,694)	\$0	\$0	(\$2,416,780)	(\$2,865,569)	(\$5,403,043)	0	Non-recurring Carry-Forwards
\$0	\$0	(\$1,085)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,085)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$128,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,440	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$187,244	\$0	\$0	\$77,967	(\$24,235)	\$240,976	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
(\$355,120)	\$0	\$0	(\$172,536)	(\$10,139)	(\$537,795)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$254,157	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$254,157	0	Risk Management
\$633,125	\$3,500	\$7,098	\$415,784	\$19,008	\$1,078,515	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$742)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$742)	0	State Treasury Fees
\$1,925	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,925	0	UPS Fees
\$3,097,470	\$3,500	\$210,597	(\$2,309,374)	(\$4,882,313)	(\$3,880,120)	(6)	Total Statewide Adjustments
(\$209,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$209,000)	0	TOTAL NON-RECURRING OTHER ADJUSTMENT
\$0	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$170,490	\$364,097	\$484,587	3	TOTAL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ADJUSTMENT
\$1,001,290	\$0	(\$225,000)	(\$776,290)	\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE SUBSTITUTION ADJUSTMENT
\$30,413,862	\$492,535	\$8,238,340	\$39,045,647	\$13,193,622	\$91,384,006	585	Total FY27 Recommended Budget
\$3,889,760	(\$46,500)	(\$14,403)	(\$2,915,174)	(\$4,518,216)	(\$3,604,533)	(3)	Total Adjustments (Statewide and Agency-Specific)



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Non-Statewide Adjustments Recommended for FY27

Non-Recurring Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
(\$209,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$209,000)	0	Non-recurs funding to the Soil and Water Conservation Program for operating costs for Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
(\$209,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$209,000)	0	Total Non-Recurring Other Adjustments

Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$188,763	\$188,763	0	Appoints two (2) Agricultural NPS Watershed Coordinators to four-year job appointments funded through federal grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These positions will provide increased conservation technical assistance to agriculture producers and landowners in the active 319 Project Watersheds and other conservation priority areas as directed.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175,334	\$175,334	0	Increases funds awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) due to five (5) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant extensions and two (2) new Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants being awarded. The grants will provide funding for travel to additional workshops, supplies, and other indirect costs in the Office of Soil and Water Conservation.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$170,490	\$0	\$170,490	0	Increases Statutory Dedications out of the Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund for overtime expenses for grain elevator inspectors to ensure timely completion of requested inspections and avoid disrupted service in order to remain in compliance with federal laws and regulations.
\$0	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,000)	0	Reduces Interagency Transfers from the Department of Environmental Quality for the Lake St. Joseph Nutrient Loading Reduction Program.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	3	Converts two (2) job appointments in the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission and one (1) job appointment in Weights & Measures to authorized T.O. positions. These positions are set to expire in FY 2026-2027.
\$0	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$170,490	\$364,097	\$484,587	3	Total Other Adjustments



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Non-Statewide Adjustments Recommended for FY27

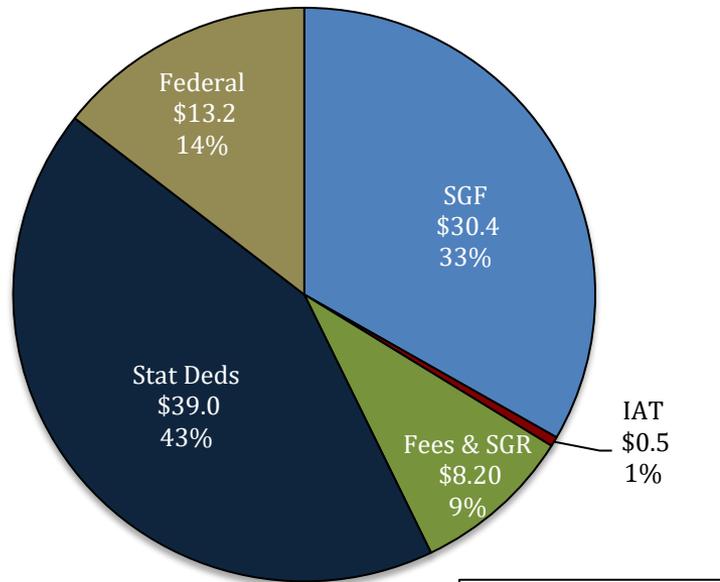
Means of Finance Substitution Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	(\$225,000)	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution increasing Statutory Dedications out of the Weights and Measures Fund and decreasing Fees and Self-generated Revenues.
\$827,969	\$0	\$0	(\$827,969)	\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution reducing Statutory Dedications out of the Petroleum Products Fund and increasing State General Fund (Direct) based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
\$100,000	\$0	\$0	(\$100,000)	\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution reducing Statutory Dedications out the Forestry Productivity Fund and increasing State General Fund (Direct) based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
\$73,321	\$0	\$0	(\$73,321)	\$0	\$0	0	Means of finance substitution reducing Statutory Dedications out the Wildfire Suppression Subfund and increasing State General Fund (Direct) based on the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecast.
\$1,001,290	\$0	(\$225,000)	(\$776,290)	\$0	\$0	0	Total Means of Finance Substitution Adjustments



Department of Agriculture and Forestry FY27 Recommended Means of Finance

**FY27 Recommended
Total Means of Finance
(In Millions)**



Total \$91.4 m.

Non-SGF Sources of Funding:

Non-SGF means of finance in the department include Interagency Transfers, Fees & Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal monies.

Interagency Transfers are derived from the Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Health, the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration for developing erosion control plans along the coast of Louisiana, Best Management practices, water quality, and wetland resource programs.

Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from insurance and other reimbursements; reimbursement from LAFA for salaries of Indian Creek personnel; grading fees assessed on meat, meat products, fish and fish products; vaccination fees; Sale of Health Certificates; Equine Infectious Anemia Surveillance & Horse Identification Program; Deer farming; Turtle Farmers License fee; Livestock Sanitary Board; Poultry Graders; LA Egg Commission; Egg Assessment Fees; funds collected from assessments on sales of milk and dairy products; timber sales from the State Forests; fees assessed for prescribed burning and general forestry assistance materials; and from the sale of commodities and services.



Department of Agriculture and Forestry FY26 Recommended Means of Finance

Non-SGF Sources of Funding: *(Continued)*

Statutory Dedications are received from a variety of sources, including the

- Structural Pest Control Commission Fund (S) via fees on branches and contracts of termite control operators;
- Feed and Fertilizer Fund (S) via tonnage fees on feed and fertilizer;
- Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority (LAFA) Fund (S) as a result of interest income and fees collected with any bonds issued by LAFA;
- Pesticide Fund (S) via fees from labeling and registration of certain pesticides and licensing and certification of pesticide applicators
- Petroleum Products Fund (S) via assessments on petroleum product volume from distributors;
- Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund (S) via assessments on commodities stored at the first point of sale, inspection and certification of moisture meters, warehouse licenses;
- Weights and Measures Fund (S) via inspection fees for weights and measures scales, weigh masters, scanners, and taxi meters;
- Horticulture and Quarantine Fund (S) via fees collected for Apiary permits, fees for collecting and enforcing different horticultural professions and occupations, fees for inspection and certification of cotton for the presence of the boll weevil, and reasonable fees to help defray the expenses incurred for salaries for inspecting nursery stock grown or propagated for sale or distribution;
- Seed Commission Fund (S) via fees from seed certification and from the licensing and testing in the hemp program;
- Sweet Potato Pests and Diseases Fund (S) via sweet potato inspection fees;
- Livestock Brand Commission Fund (S) via fees for recording brands or marks, renewals and transfers;

Non-SGF Sources of Funding: *(Continued)*

- Forest Protection Fund (S) paid by the landowners at the rate of 8 cents per acre;
- Forest Productivity Fund (S) that receives 75% of the state's share of the timber severance tax;
- Agricultural Commodity Self-insurance Fund (S)
- Wildfire Suppression Subfund (S)
- Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund (S)
- Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Fund (S)
- Imported Seafood Safety Fund (S)

(S) = Statutory Fund

Federal Funds are received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Enforcement and Certification Programs, the Ground Water Protection Worker Protection & Endangered Species Program, the USDA - Imported Fire Ant Program, the EPA - Feed Inspection Capacity Program, the federally funded Livestock Sanitary Board Program, reimbursements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for grading and certification of meat and meat products, reimbursements from the U.S. Department of Commerce for certification of fish and fish products, Federal Egg Product Inspection, the Federal Container Salvage Fund, State Administrative Expenses for food distribution, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for commodity credit for reimbursement of audit expenses, Fruit and Vegetable Grain Cooperative Agreement, Weights and Measures Cooperative Agreement, the Crop and Livestock Statistical Reporting Service, the U.S. Forest Service for forest protection and fire assistance; U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for development of watershed plans.



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Dedicated Funds FY25, FY26, and FY27

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	FY25 Actual	FY26 EOB	FY27 Recommended
Agricultural Commodity Dealers & Warehouse Fund	Fees, fines, assessments, and penalties	\$1,671,751	\$2,215,591	\$2,300,166
Feed and Fertilizer Fund	Fees, fines, assessments, and penalties	\$1,765,784	\$2,838,323	\$2,900,079
Forest Protection Fund	Forest protection tax on timber land	\$526,276	\$996,244	\$820,000
Forestry Productivity Fund	Portion of timber severance tax	\$111,204	\$350,000	\$250,000
Horticulture and Quarantine Fund	Fees, fines, assessments, and penalties	\$1,440,585	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
Livestock Brand Commission Fund	Fees related to livestock branding and recordation	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund	A portion of taxable net slot machine proceeds	\$14,711,590	\$13,891,062	\$11,801,326
Pesticide Fund	Fees, fines, assessments, and penalties	\$6,176,352	\$6,320,172	\$6,298,865
Petroleum Products Fund	Fees, fines, assessments, and penalties	\$4,691,110	\$5,308,788	\$4,461,300
Seed Fund	Fees	\$732,290	\$1,126,313	\$1,126,313
Structural Pest Control Commission Fund	Permit, registration, and related fees	\$1,191,378	\$1,552,031	\$1,552,031
Sweet Potato Pests and Diseases Fund	Fees on bushels of sweet potatoes	\$82,515	\$200,000	\$200,000
Weights and Measures Fund	Fees on commercial weighing and measuring devices	\$3,255,270	\$3,321,689	\$3,568,280
Wildfire Suppression Subfund	Portion of timber severance tax	\$875,000	\$975,000	\$901,679
Imported Seafood Safety Fund	Annual imported seafood safety fees	\$0	\$240,608	\$240,608
TOTALS		\$37,281,105	\$41,960,821	\$39,045,647



Categorical Expenditures

Examples of Categories

Departments expend funding in the five major categories listed below.

Personal Services

- Salaries – Regular, overtime, and termination pay for Classified and Unclassified personnel.
- Other Compensation – Wages, student labor, compensation for board members and/or board of trustees, evening instruction, university instructors, etc.
- Related Benefits – Retirement contributions, post-retirement contributions/benefits, FICA tax, Medicare tax, group insurance contributions, compensated absences, other related benefits, taxable fringe benefits, etc.

Total Operating Expenses

- Travel – In-state and Out-of-state, including meal reimbursement.
- Operating Services – Advertising, printing, insurance, maintenance, rentals, data processing, internet costs, dues and subscriptions, mail delivery, telephones, data lines, vehicle tracking and telematics, utilities, depreciation, amortization, banking services, credit card fees, etc.
- Supplies – office supplies and equipment, computers, clothing and uniforms, medical, pharmaceutical, food, automotive, repair and maintenance, software, etc.

Professional Services – Accounting, auditing, management consulting, engineering, architectural, legal, medical and dental, veterinary, information technology, etc.

Total Other Charges

- Other Charges – Aid to school boards, local government, etc.; public assistance; miscellaneous charges; judgments, fines, and penalties; interest on judgments; punitive/compensatory damages; OC personal services, operating expenses, professional services; contract attorney expenses; recoupments; furlough; contractual services; interest expense; claim payments; commercial group insurance; reinsurance; loans issued; disbursements; etc.
- Debt Service – Principal, interest, related charges, reserve requirement, amortization, and bond premiums.
- Interagency Transfer Line-Item Expenditure – Any expenses paid for with Interagency Transfers – from commodities and services to equipment.

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

- Acquisitions – Land; buildings; automobiles; aircraft; accessories; equipment; software; hardware; farm and heavy equipment; boats; capital outlay expenditures; construction; etc.
- Major Repairs – Land improvement; buildings; automotive; grounds; boats; aircraft; movable equipment; farm equipment; medical; office; library; education; recreation; communication; other equipment; pollution remediation; etc.



Department of Agriculture and Forestry Categorical Expenditures at FY27 Recommended

The largest expenditure category in Ag. & Forestry for FY27 Recommended is Total Personal Services at 71.4 percent of the budget.

Within this category, Salaries make up 60 percent of expenditures, while Related Benefits contributes 37 percent.

Total Operating Expenses make up 17 percent of expenditures, followed by Total Other Charges at 8.1 percent. Total Acquisitions & Major Repairs make up 3 percent of total expenditures.



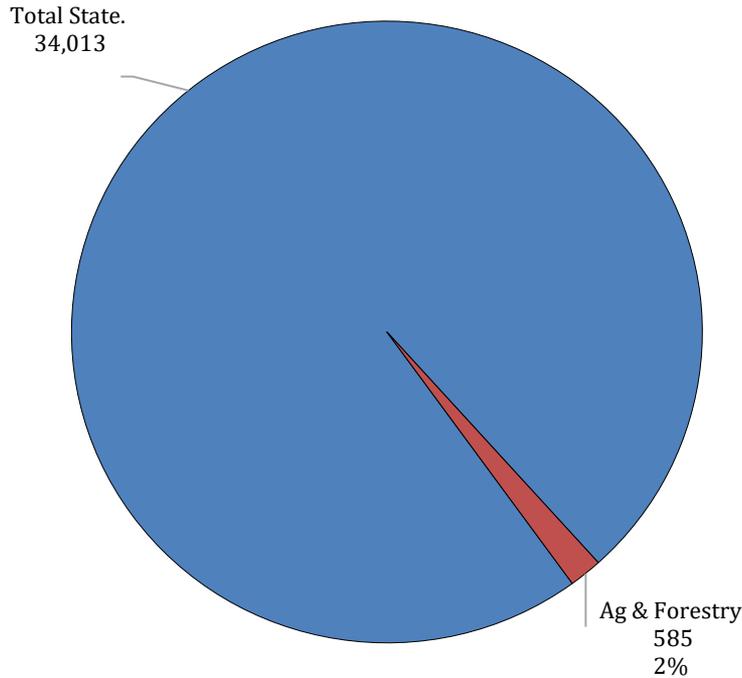
Categorical Expenditures	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12/01/25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB vs. FY27 REC
Salaries	\$36,210,871	\$37,855,527	\$37,855,527	\$39,098,535	\$1,243,008
Other Compensation	\$1,771,126	\$1,850,692	\$1,850,692	\$1,901,507	\$50,815
Related Benefits	\$23,389,225	\$24,095,917	\$24,095,917	\$24,224,538	\$128,621
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$61,371,222	\$63,802,136	\$63,802,136	\$65,224,580	\$1,422,444
Travel	\$508,842	\$590,848	\$590,848	\$610,848	\$20,000
Operating Services	\$7,266,013	\$7,904,666	\$7,783,031	\$7,586,425	(\$196,606)
Supplies	\$5,131,018	\$6,839,752	\$6,839,752	\$6,904,256	\$64,504
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$12,905,874	\$15,335,266	\$15,213,631	\$15,101,529	(\$112,102)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$165,758	\$1,295,219	\$1,295,219	\$1,295,219	\$0
Other Charges	\$27,376,927	\$3,550,246	\$3,482,746	\$3,788,643	\$305,897
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$2,840,578	\$3,165,839	\$3,183,339	\$3,568,850	\$385,511
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	\$30,217,505	\$6,716,085	\$6,666,085	\$7,357,493	\$691,408
Acquisitions	\$10,029,834	\$579,000	\$8,011,468	\$2,405,185	(\$5,606,283)
Major Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL ACQ. & MAJOR REPAIRS	\$10,029,834	\$579,000	\$8,011,468	\$2,405,185	(\$5,606,283)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$114,690,193	\$87,727,706	\$94,988,539	\$91,384,006	(\$3,604,533)



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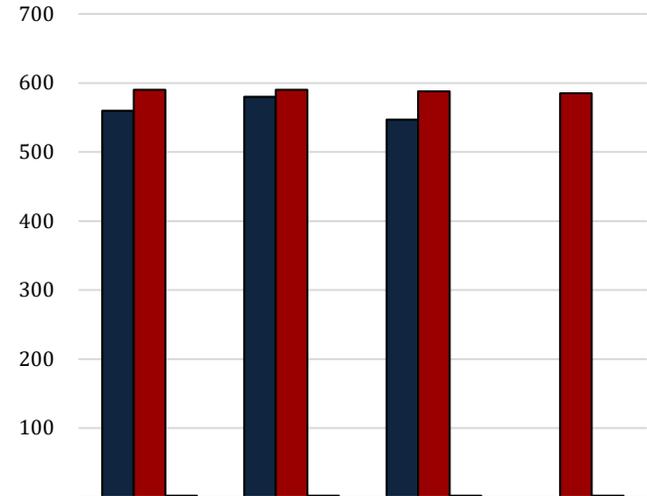
FTEs, Authorized T.O., and Other Charges Positions

**FY27 Recommended Department Positions
as a portion of
FY27 Recommended HB1 Authorized Positions**



FY26 number of funded, but not filled, positions as of January 2026 = 61

Number and Types of Positions



	2024	2025	2026	2027 Rec.
■ Total FTEs (1st July Report)	560	580	547	-
■ Authorized T.O. Positions	590	590	588	585
■ Other Charges Positions	2	2	2	2

The full-time equivalent or **FTE** definition refers to the number of hours considered full-time. For example, if an agency considers 40 hours full time, and there are two employees working 20 hours per week, those two employees would be 1.0 FTE.

Authorized Positions are those referred to in the Table of Organization (or T.O.) for each department. This count includes only those positions paid for from the Salaries expenditure category for the organization units and agencies included in each department's appropriation. This excludes positions paid for from other expenditure categories, such as wages or per diem.

Other Charges positions are authorized under R.S. 39:2(5)(b) ...

- (5)(b) "Authorized other charges positions" means the number of positions in an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges continuing category of the accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in accordance with law.
- [Act 377 of 2013 by Rep. Burrell]
 - Positions coded in the Other Charges expenditure category
 - These positions are usually associated with federal grants



Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Related Employment Information

Salaries and Related Benefits for the 585 Authorized Positions are listed below in Chart 1.
 In Chart 2, benefits are broken out to show the portion paid for active versus retired employees.
 This is where payments for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) can be found.

1.

Personal Services	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Recommended
Salaries	\$37,262,170	\$36,210,871	\$37,855,527	\$39,098,535
Other Compensation	\$1,823,695	\$1,771,126	\$1,850,692	\$1,901,507
Related Benefits	\$23,747,888	\$23,389,225	\$24,095,917	\$24,224,538
Total Personal Services	\$62,833,752	\$61,371,222	\$63,802,136	\$65,224,580

Average T.O. Salary = \$64,032

Examples of Other Compensation include pay for WAE employees, part-time employees, student workers, etc.

2.

Related Benefits FY27 Recommended	Total Funding	%
Total Related Benefits	\$24,224,538	
UAL payments	\$8,756,521	36%
Retiree Health Benefits	\$5,777,426	
Remaining Benefits*	\$9,777,211	
Means of Finance	General Fund = 38%	Other = 62%

Department Demographics	Total	%
Gender		
Female	204	35
Male	370	65
Race/Ethnicity		
White	507	88
Black	56	10
Number of employees classified in other categories (Asian, Indian, Hawaiian/Pacific and Declined)	12	2
Currently in DROP or Eligible to Retire	95	17

* Remaining Benefits include employer contribution to authorized positions' retirement, health, Medicare, FICA, Emoluments etc. The authorized positions include authorized T.O. positions and authorized other charges positions, both filled and vacant.

Other Charges Benefits
\$86,620



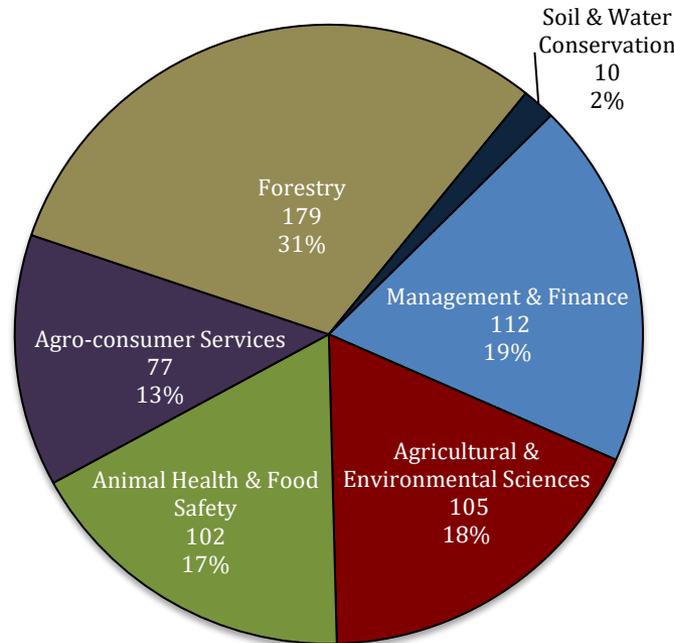
Department of Agriculture and Forestry

FY27 Recommended Total Authorized Positions by Agency

Forestry – The largest categories of positions are spread among fire districts, including District 6 - Hammond, District 4 – Oberlin, District 3 – Jena, District 1 – Haughton, and District 2 – Monroe. The remaining positions are spread among administration, central services, enforcement, and education.

Agro-Consumer Services – The largest categories of positions include Weights and Measures and the Agricultural Commodities and Dealers Warehouse Activity. The remaining positions are spread among the Dairy Stabilization Board and Administration.

Animal Health & Food Safety – The largest categories of positions include Federal/State Meat Activity, the Livestock Sanitary Board, and the Food Distribution Activity. The remaining positions are spread among Poultry and Eggs, Fruit and Vegetables, Livestock Brand Commission, Promotion and Research, and the Feed Program.



Soil and Water Conservation – Duties of these positions include administration of the Agricultural Solid Waste Program, Federal Conservation Program, Coastal Marsh Vegetation Planting Program, USDA State Cooperative Soil Survey Program, EPA Clean Water Act provisions, and educational outreach.

Management & Finance – The largest categories of positions include support services and fleet and facility operations. The remaining positions are spread among executive functions, IT, print shop, market information, Commodity Promotion and Research, Indian Creek Recreation Area, and the La. Agricultural Finance Authority.

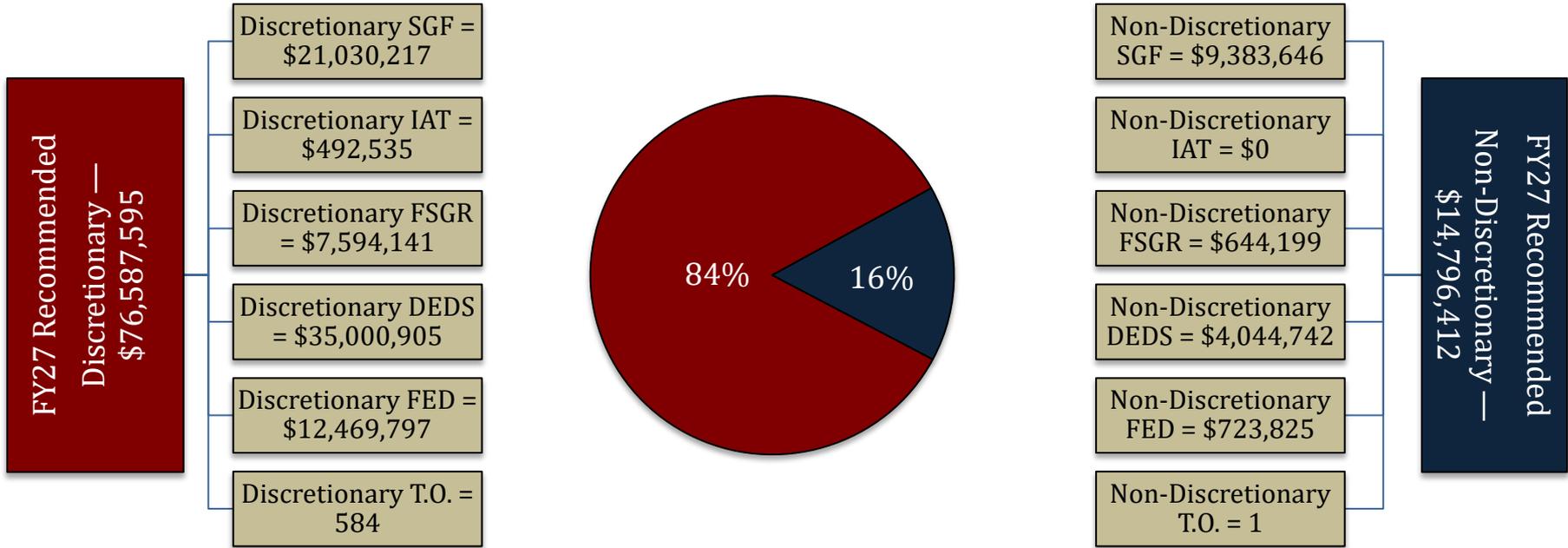
Agricultural & Environmental Services – The largest categories of positions include the Pesticide & Environmental Program, the Agricultural Chemistry Program, and the Horticulture & Quarantine Program. The remaining positions are spread among the Seed, Sweet Potato, Pest Control, Pesticide Enforcement, Pesticide Certification, USDA Horticulture, Boll Weevil, and Food Safety Programs.

FY27 Recommended Dept. of Ag. & Forestry	
Management & Finance	112
Agric. & Environmental Sciences	105
Animal Health & Food Safety	102
Agro-consumer Services	77
Forestry	179
Soil & Water Conservation	10
Total Positions	585



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FY27 Discretionary/Non-Discretionary Comparison



Total Discretionary Funding by Office		
Management & Finance	\$ 19,266,601	25%
Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	\$ 12,927,974	17%
Animal Health & Food Safety	\$ 14,154,951	18%
Agro-Consumer Services	\$ 8,206,332	11%
Forestry	\$ 19,297,435	25%
Soil & Water Conservation	\$ 2,734,302	4%
Total Discretionary	\$ 76,587,595	100%

Total Non-Discretionary Funding by Type		
Constitutional Requirements	\$ 8,925,036	60%
Unavoidable Obligations	\$ 5,871,376	40%
Total Non-Discretionary	\$ 14,796,412	100%

Constitutional Requirements = UAL contributions, Salary and related benefits of the commissioner.

Unavoidable Obligations = Retirees Group Insurance and Legislative Auditor Fees.



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Schedule 20-941 Ag & Forestry Pass-Through Funds (Located in Schedule 20 – Other Requirements)

- Agriculture and Forestry Pass Through Funds include pass through funds for the 44 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Louisiana, the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, Specialty Crop Block Grant, Volunteer Fire Assistance, Forest Land Enhancement Program, Southern Pine Beetle, Urban and Community Forestry, State Fire Assistance – Mitigation, Forest Stewardship Program, Forest Health Monitoring, and the Forest Productivity Program.
- This program is funded with state general fund, interagency transfers, fees and self-generated revenues, statutory dedications and federal funds.
 - Interagency transfers are received from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration and the Louisiana State Racing Commission.
 - Statutory dedications are received from the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority Fund; the Forest Productivity Fund that receives 75% of the state’s share of the timber severance tax; the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund; Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Fund and the Agricultural Commodity Commission Self-insurance Fund.
 - Federal funds are received from the U.S. Forest Service for 1) Urban Forestry Assistance, 2) Southern Pine Beetle, 3) Forest Land Enhancement, 4) Forest Health Program, 5) Volunteer Fire Assistance, 6) Forestry Stewardship Program, and 7) Fire Assistance. Federal funds are also received for Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, Specialty Crop Block Grant, and Soil and Water Conservation.

Amount	Expenditure Description
\$14,278,962	The Emergency Food Assistance Program
\$1,991,000	Soil and Water District Statewide Allocations
\$2,953,180	Forestry Productivity Program
\$500,000	Specialty Crop - Contractual Obligation between the Department and Producers
\$266,001	Agricultural Commodity Commission Self-Insurance Fund
\$753,522	Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund
\$248,532	Payments for Soil and Water District Payroll
\$500,000	Forestry - Payment to local and parish entities as well as non-governmental organizations
\$500,000	Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Program
\$889,000	Market Umbrella for the Market Match program extension SNAP
\$5,000,000	Soil and Water - Agreement between the Department and the Natural Resources Conservation Service
\$5,739	Uniform Payroll Sysytem (UPS) Fees
\$1,069,398	Transfer to LA Thoroughbred Breeders Association (LSRC), Vegetative Planting Payments to Districts (CPRA), and Lake St. Joseph Nutrient Loading Reduction BIL Gulf Hypoxia Program (DEQ).
\$28,955,334	TOTAL