

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS

MISSION

The Department of Agriculture and Markets is charged with fostering a competitive and safe New York food and agricultural industry for the benefit of producers and consumers. Over the next year, the Department will continue to carry out its major responsibilities for encouraging the growth and economic health of the State's agricultural and food industry and conducting various inspections and testing programs to enforce laws on food safety, animal and plant health, and accuracy of labeling. The Department will also continue to act to preserve agricultural resources, improve soil and water quality and operate the annual State Fair.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Department will have a **workforce of 543** positions in fiscal year 2010-11. The agency is headquartered in Albany and maintains four regional offices located in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Brooklyn. Approximately 22 percent of the Department of Agriculture and Markets' operating programs are funded by tax dollars from the General Fund and the remaining 78 percent are financed by fees, Federal grants and other funds.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$164.6 million All Funds** (\$40.8 million General Fund; \$47.2 million Special Revenue Fund; \$76.6 Other Funds) for the Department of Agriculture and Markets. This is a decrease of **\$18.2 million All Funds** (\$14.3 million General Fund) from the 2009-10 budget. This change reflects reductions in funding for State operations, local initiatives and capital projects.

Major Budget actions include:

- **Local Assistance Reductions.** Various local assistance appropriations would be reduced or eliminated, including elimination of funding for the Wine and Grape Foundation, New York State Apple Growers, and Farm Viability Institute. Core funding for the Cornell Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and Migrant Childcare program would not be impacted.
- **Discontinuation of Farm Products Grading.** Farm products wholesalers would utilize existing private entities to grade products for quality and potential price, rather than have the State provide the service for a nominal fee, which is inadequate to support the Department's expenses. Existing Federal funding for a portion of the program would continue.
- **Reduction of Kosher Enforcement Staffing.** The Kosher Division would reduce staff to reflect diminished responsibility resulting from a previous court decision that limited the State's role in performing religious inspections. Remaining staff would continue ensuring compliance with consumer disclosure laws.
- **Dog Licensing Reform.** The State's role in dog licensing would be eliminated. Municipalities would continue to maintain their own licensing programs, and would keep the State and counties' share of licensing revenues to cover expenses.

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- **Elimination of Grape Genomics Lab Funding.** A capital re-appropriation that had been reserved, but never used, for construction of a grape research lab would be eliminated due to lack of Federal funding. Much of the work that the lab would have done will be handled by existing laboratories.

The Executive Budget recommends \$1.75 million for capital projects to maintain, repair, and rehabilitate the State Fair's 19 major buildings and other structures, and \$2 million for a capital special revenue fund to continue support for development of private partnerships at the State Fair. Funding from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) is also provided for Soil and Water Conservation Districts, non-point source pollution control, and farmland protection programs.

The Executive Budget recommends \$13.3 million from the General Fund for local assistance to continue programs which provide valuable services to the State's agricultural community, including continued funding for the Agribusiness Child Development program (Migrant Childcare) and the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Continued Federal appropriation authority will allow the Department to apply for Federal grants to fund Federal nutrition programs for senior citizens, animal health initiatives and food safety programs, including essential funding for the State Food Laboratory.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Agricultural Business Services program promotes the agricultural economy of the State and fosters the responsible use of resources to preserve agricultural land and the environment. These purposes are carried out through six divisions which:

- Inspect and test livestock, poultry, and plants to control and eradicate diseases which can both cause severe economic losses for farmers and present a public health hazard;
- Oversee the activities of county soil and water conservation districts, direct the agricultural non-point source pollution control and farmland preservation grant programs, establish agricultural districts, administer agricultural product market orders and the Federal Farmers Market Nutrition Program for low-income families and collect and disseminate statistical agricultural information; and
- Exercise a variety of statutorily required activities involving the pricing and marketing of milk and milk products, and the licensing and bonding of milk and farm products dealers.

The Consumer Food Services program ensures that wholesome food products are sold to the consumer and that the industry and the public are protected from fraud, adulteration, or malpractice in the production, processing, transportation, and retailing of food and gasoline, and in the use of measuring devices. In carrying out these purposes, the program:

- Licenses and inspects more than 28,000 businesses that produce, process, manufacture, or distribute food products, registers food represented as kosher and grades farm products;
- Inspects and tests dairy products to enforce laws pertaining to milk and milk product sanitation, and guards against harmful or misrepresented food; and
- Certifies and calibrates weighing and measuring devices and oversees the testing of motor fuels under the Motor Fuel Quality and Clean Air programs.

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STATE FAIR

The Department directs the New York State Fair and Fairgrounds, located in Syracuse. The Fairgrounds, a 365-acre complex, has 19 major exhibit buildings and 107 other structures. It is used for the annual 12-day State Fair, and its facilities are rented year round for various shows and activities. The operating costs of the Fair and Fairgrounds are fully funded from admission, rental and concession fees.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2009-10	Appropriations Recommended 2010-11	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2010-11
State Operations	137,227,000	127,584,000	(9,643,000)	147,383,000
Aid To Localities	41,892,000	33,303,000	(8,589,000)	36,973,400
Capital Projects	3,750,000	3,750,000	0	42,217,000
Total	182,869,000	164,637,000	(18,232,000)	226,573,400

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	65	65	0
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	175	162	(13)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	11	11	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	38	38	0
Fiduciary Funds	5	5	0
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	103	73	(30)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14	14	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	132	133	1
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	40	42	2
Total	583	543	(40)

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	33,162,000	27,486,000	(5,676,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	29,644,000	29,644,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	48,224,000	47,257,000	(967,000)
Enterprise Funds	24,361,000	21,361,000	(3,000,000)
Fiduciary Funds	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
Total	137,227,000	127,584,000	(9,643,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Administration			
General Fund	8,067,000	6,742,000	(1,325,000)
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	17,499,000	14,203,000	(3,296,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21,919,000	21,919,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	26,967,000	26,417,000	(550,000)
Fiduciary Funds	1,836,000	1,836,000	0
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	7,596,000	6,541,000	(1,055,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,725,000	7,725,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	21,257,000	20,840,000	(417,000)
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	24,361,000	21,361,000	(3,000,000)
Total	137,227,000	127,584,000	(9,643,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	5,219,000	(118,000)	5,137,000	(115,000)
Agricultural Business Services	10,696,000	(537,000)	10,266,000	(528,000)
Consumer Food Services	6,310,000	(811,000)	5,854,000	(801,000)
Total	22,225,000	(1,466,000)	21,257,000	(1,444,000)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	63,000	(2,000)	19,000	(1,000)
Agricultural Business Services	220,000	(5,000)	210,000	(4,000)
Consumer Food Services	90,000	(2,000)	366,000	(8,000)
Total	373,000	(9,000)	595,000	(13,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,523,000	(1,207,000)	132,000	(104,000)
Agricultural Business Services	3,507,000	(2,759,000)	228,000	(201,000)
Consumer Food Services	231,000	(244,000)	71,000	(86,000)
Total	5,261,000	(4,210,000)	431,000	(391,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	110,000	(87,000)	1,238,000	(983,000)
Agricultural Business Services	210,000	(193,000)	2,933,000	(2,257,000)
Consumer Food Services	54,000	(61,000)	54,000	(51,000)
Total	374,000	(341,000)	4,225,000	(3,291,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	43,000	(33,000)
Agricultural Business Services	136,000	(108,000)
Consumer Food Services	52,000	(46,000)
Total	231,000	(187,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	50,172,000	(550,000)	3,226,000	(92,000)
Consumer Food Services	28,565,000	(417,000)	9,867,000	(225,000)
State Fair	21,361,000	(3,000,000)	6,831,000	82,000
Total	100,098,000	(3,967,000)	19,924,000	(235,000)

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services	25,027,000	(458,000)	21,919,000	0
Consumer Food Services	10,973,000	(192,000)	7,725,000	0
State Fair	14,530,000	(3,082,000)	0	0
Total	50,530,000	(3,732,000)	29,644,000	0

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	21,892,000	13,303,000	(8,589,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
Total	41,892,000	33,303,000	(8,589,000)

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	21,034,000	13,303,000	(7,731,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
Community Projects			
General Fund	858,000	0	(858,000)
Total	41,892,000	33,303,000	(8,589,000)

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change	Reappropriations 2010-11
New Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	0	0	0	40,542,000
State Fair				
Capital Projects Fund	1,750,000	1,750,000	0	1,675,000
Misc. Capital Projects	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0
Total	3,750,000	3,750,000	0	42,217,000