

# ***DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS***

## ***MISSION***

The Department of Agriculture and Markets is charged with fostering a competitive and safe New York State 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, including encouraging the growth and economic health of the State's agricultural and food industry and conducting various inspection 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 in concert with the Industrial Exhibit Authority.

## ***ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING***

The Department will have a workforce for 1999-2000 of 556 positions. The Agency is headquartered in Albany and maintains four regional offices located in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Brooklyn. Approximately 36 percent of the Department of Agriculture and Markets' programs are funded by tax dollars in the General Fund and the remaining 64 percent are financed by fees, Federal grants and the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act.

## ***FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS***

The Executive Budget recommends funding of over \$85 million for the Department of Agriculture and Markets in 1999-2000. The cost of operating the Department will be supported from a combination of funding sources:

- Tax dollars from the General Fund will provide \$21.3 million in 1999-2000, or 30 percent of the Department's operating expenses.
- Fee revenues will produce \$41.8 million and support 59 percent of the Department's operating costs. These include fees from activities such as licensing food processing operators and certifying weighing and measuring devices, and operation of the State Fair.
- Federal funding of \$7.4 million finances the remaining 11 percent of the Department's operations.

This Budget recommends \$600,000 for capital projects to maintain, repair and rehabilitate the State Fair's 14 major buildings and other structures. The Executive Budget also recommends \$2 million in appropriations for a capital special revenue fund to continue support for development of private partnerships at the State Fair. In addition, \$478,000 is recommended from the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for implementation of the 1996 Act, which authorized farmland preservation and agricultural non-point source pollution control and abatement projects as eligible purposes. Funding from the Environmental Protection Fund is also recommended for Soil and Water Conservation Districts, non-point source pollution control and farmland preservation programs.

The Executive Budget recommends \$12.2 million for local assistance to continue programs which provide valuable services to the State's agricultural community.

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## **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 Coupon 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, gasoline, and measuring devices. In carrying out these purposes, the program:

- Licenses and inspects over 28,000 businesses that produce, process, manufacture, or distribute food products, enforces labeling laws governing 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.

## **STATE FAIR**

The Department and the Industrial Exhibit Authority together direct the New York State Fair and Fairgrounds, located in Syracuse. The Fairgrounds, a 365 acre complex, has 14 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 paid from admission, rental and concession fees. General Fund capital funding of \$600,000 is included in the budget to support costs of maintaining the Fair's facilities. In addition, a capital special revenue fund appropriation of \$2 million is recommended to allow the Fair to expand private partnerships and make capital improvements at the Fairgrounds.

### **ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00</u>
State Operations . . . . .	\$69,151,800	\$70,526,600	+ \$1,374,800	\$13,777,700
Aid To Localities . . . . .	11,669,800	12,199,800	+ 530,000	5,749,400
Capital Projects . . . . .	1,917,000	3,078,000	+ 1,161,000	7,653,000
Total . . . . .	<u>\$82,738,600</u>	<u>\$85,804,400</u>	<u>+ \$3,065,800</u>	<u>\$27,180,100</u>

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## ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	1999-00 Recommended Average Fill Level				Change
	Available 1998-99	Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 1999-00	
Administration					
General Fund	36	35	....	35	-1
Agricultural Business Services					
General Fund	88	88	....	88	....
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	3	3	....	3	....
Special Revenue Funds — Other	60	47	....	47	-13
Fiduciary Funds	9	9	....	9	....
Consumer Food Services					
General Fund	211	211	....	211	....
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	26	21	....	21	-5
Special Revenue Funds — Other	84	76	....	76	-8
State Fair					
Enterprise Funds	58	58	....	58	....
Clean Water/Clean Air Administration Program					
Capital Project Funds	8	8	....	8	....
<b>Total</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>-27</b>

## STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$21,332,200	\$21,309,200	-\$23,000
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	6,587,000	7,387,000	+ 800,000
Special Revenue Funds — Other	25,582,500	25,970,500	+ 388,000
Enterprise Funds	14,014,300	14,140,600	+ 126,300
Fiduciary Funds	1,635,800	1,719,300	+ 83,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,151,800</b>	<b>\$70,526,600</b>	<b>+ \$1,374,800</b>

## STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Administration			
General Fund	\$3,845,100	\$3,863,600	+ \$18,500
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	7,190,600	7,187,700	-2,900
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	4,302,000	5,152,000	+ 850,000
Special Revenue Funds — Other	16,631,900	16,644,200	+ 12,300
Fiduciary Funds	1,635,800	1,719,300	+ 83,500
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	10,296,500	10,257,900	-38,600
Special Revenue Funds — Federal	2,285,000	2,235,000	-50,000
Special Revenue Funds — Other	8,950,600	9,326,300	+ 375,700
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	14,014,300	14,140,600	+ 126,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,151,800</b>	<b>\$70,526,600</b>	<b>+ \$1,374,800</b>

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## **STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	\$1,970,200	+ \$1,500	\$1,870,200	-\$400	\$91,200	+ \$1,700
Agricultural Business Services . . . . .	4,560,300	+ 123,600	4,033,600	+ 114,000	416,500	+ 7,600
Consumer Food Services . . . . .	8,771,500	+ 161,400	8,383,300	+ 154,300	101,900	+ 1,900
Total . . . . .	\$15,302,000	+ \$286,500	\$14,287,100	+ \$267,900	\$609,600	+ \$11,200

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	\$8,800	+ \$200
Agricultural Business Services . . . . .	110,200	+ 2,000
Consumer Food Services . . . . .	286,300	+ 5,200
Total . . . . .	\$405,300	+ \$7,400

## **STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	\$1,893,400	+ \$17,000	\$29,100	. . . . .
Agricultural Business Services . . . . .	2,627,400	-126,500	168,400	+ \$10,000
Consumer Food Services . . . . .	1,486,400	. . . . .	151,800	. . . . .
Total . . . . .	\$6,007,200	-\$109,500	\$349,300	+ \$10,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	\$30,600	. . . . .	\$1,833,700	+ \$17,000
Agricultural Business Services . . . . .	399,800	+ \$3,500	1,811,900	-140,000
Consumer Food Services . . . . .	863,600	. . . . .	341,800	. . . . .
Total . . . . .	\$1,294,000	+ \$3,500	\$3,987,400	-\$123,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Agricultural Business Services . . . . .	\$247,300	. . . . .
Consumer Food Services . . . . .	129,200	. . . . .
Total . . . . .	\$376,500	. . . . .

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## STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services . . .	\$23,515,500	+ \$945,800	\$2,579,800	+ \$1,600
Consumer Food Services . . . . .	11,561,300	+ 325,700	5,151,800	+ 301,100
State Fair . . . . .	14,140,600	+ 126,300	4,559,900	+ 96,100
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$49,217,400</b>	<b>+ \$1,397,800</b>	<b>\$12,291,500</b>	<b>+ \$398,800</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services . . .	\$20,935,700	+ \$944,200
Consumer Food Services . . . . .	6,409,500	+ 24,600
State Fair . . . . .	9,580,700	+ 30,200
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$36,925,900</b>	<b>+ \$999,000</b>

## AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund . . . . .	\$11,669,800	\$9,199,800	-\$2,470,000
Special Revenue Funds — Federal . . . . .	. . . .	3,000,000	+ 3,000,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$11,669,800</b>	<b>\$12,199,800</b>	<b>+ \$530,000</b>

## AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund . . . . .	\$11,400,500	\$9,199,800	-\$2,200,700
Special Revenue Funds — Federal . . . . .	. . . .	3,000,000	+ 3,000,000
Legislative Initiatives			
General Fund . . . . .	269,300	. . . .	-269,300
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$11,669,800</b>	<b>\$12,199,800</b>	<b>+ \$530,000</b>

## CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Comprehensive Construction Programs	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations 1999-00
State Fair				
Capital Projects Fund . . . . .	\$600,000	\$600,000	. . . .	\$5,847,000
Misc. Capital Projects . . . . .	850,000	2,000,000	+ \$1,150,000	850,000
Clean Water, Clean Air Implementation				
Clean Water Clean Air Implementation Fund . . . . .	467,000	478,000	+ 11,000	. . . .
Design and Construction Supervision				
Capital Projects Fund . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	929,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,917,000</b>	<b>\$3,078,000</b>	<b>+ \$1,161,000</b>	<b>\$7,626,000</b>