

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 for 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 of 537 positions for fiscal year 2000-2001. The Agency is headquartered in Albany and maintains four regional offices located in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Brooklyn. Approximately 30 percent of the Department of Agriculture and Markets' operating programs are funded by tax dollars in the General Fund and the remaining 70 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 more than \$109 million for the Department of Agriculture and Markets in 2000-2001. The cost of operating the Department will be supported from a combination of funding sources:

- Tax dollars from the General Fund will provide \$22.8 million in 2000-2001, or 30 percent of the Department's operating expenses.
- Fee revenues will produce \$43.8 million and support 57 percent of the Department's operating costs. These revenues include fees from activities such as licensing food processing operators, certifying weighing and measuring devices, and operation of the State Fair.
- Federal funding of \$9.6 million finances the remaining 13 percent of the Department's operations.

This Budget recommends \$850,000 in new funding to assist the Department to expand its efforts in the New York City region to locate and eradicate the Asian Longhorned Beetle, a pest which is deadly to hardwood trees and for which there is no safe and effective pesticide. Recommendations also include \$344,000 for operating costs of a new child care center for children of migrant farm workers to be located in Riverhead, Long Island, as well as \$109,000 to repair the roof of the Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University to protect the State's investment in valuable testing equipment and supplies.

In the capital area, \$600,000 is provided 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 for a capital special revenue fund to continue support for development of private partnerships at the State Fair. In addition, \$500,000 is recommended from the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act for

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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 provided for Soil and Water Conservation Districts, non-point source pollution control and farmland preservation programs.

The Executive Budget recommends \$11.9 million from the General Fund for local assistance to continue and expand programs which provide valuable services to the State's agricultural community. Included in these funds is \$1.15 million in new resources to support agricultural economic development and farmland viability program activities. In addition, an increase of \$15 million in Federal local assistance appropriation authority will allow the Department to apply for funding to expand growers' participation in Federal conservation programs.

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 and gasoline, and in the use of 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 funded 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

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to allow the Fair to expand private partnerships and make capital improvements at the Fairgrounds.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1999-00	Appropriations Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01
State Operations	\$70,576,600	\$76,157,100	+ \$5,580,500	\$17,218,500
Aid To Localities	17,912,700	29,883,800	+ 11,971,100	11,581,900
Capital Projects	3,078,000	3,100,000	+ 22,000	7,390,000
Total	\$91,567,300	\$109,140,900	+ \$17,573,600	\$36,190,400

ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	2000-01 Recommended Average Fill Level				Change
	Available 1999-00	Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 2000-01	
Administration					
General Fund	35	35	....	35	....
Agricultural Business Services					
General Fund	88	88	....	88	....
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3	3	....	3	....
Special Revenue Funds - Other	47	38	....	38	-9
Expendable Trust Funds	9	9	....	9	....
Clean Water/Clean Air Administration Program					
Capital Projects Funds - Other	8	8	....	8	....
Consumer Food Services					
General Fund	212	212	....	212	....
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21	21	....	21	....
Special Revenue Funds - Other	76	65	....	65	-11
State Fair					
Enterprise Funds	58	58	....	58	....
Total	557	537	....	537	-20

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund	\$21,359,200	\$22,806,200	+ \$1,447,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,387,000	9,597,000	+ 2,210,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	25,970,500	25,856,900	-113,600
Enterprise Funds	14,140,600	16,224,900	+ 2,084,300
Fiduciary Funds	1,719,300	1,672,100	-47,200
Total	\$70,576,600	\$76,157,100	+ \$5,580,500

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STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
Administration			
General Fund	\$3,863,600	\$3,863,300	-\$300
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	7,187,700	8,509,500	+ 1,321,800
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,152,000	7,252,000	+ 2,100,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	16,644,200	16,979,000	+ 334,800
Fiduciary Funds	1,719,300	1,672,100	-47,200
Consumer Food Services			
General Fund	10,307,900	10,433,400	+ 125,500
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,235,000	2,345,000	+ 110,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	9,326,300	8,877,900	-448,400
State Fair			
Enterprise Funds	14,140,600	16,224,900	+ 2,084,300
Total	\$70,576,600	\$76,157,100	+\$5,580,500

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL AND OFFSET FUNDS SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$1,880,600	-\$89,600	\$1,780,600	-\$89,600	\$91,200	. . . .
Agricultural Business Services	4,861,700	+ 301,400	4,152,900	+ 119,300	598,600	+ \$182,100
Consumer Food Services	8,909,800	+ 88,300	8,521,600	+ 88,300	101,900	. . . .
Total	\$15,652,100	+\$300,100	\$14,455,100	+\$118,000	\$791,700	+ \$182,100

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

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**STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2000-01 RECOMMENDED**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$1,982,700	+ \$89,300	\$29,800	+ \$700
Agricultural Business Services . .	3,647,800	+ 1,020,400	172,600	+ 4,200
Consumer Food Services	1,523,600	+ 37,200	155,700	+ 3,900
Total	\$7,154,100	+ \$1,146,900	\$358,100	+ \$8,800

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$31,300	+ \$700	\$1,921,600	+ \$87,900
Agricultural Business Services . .	405,800	+ 6,000	1,912,000	+ 100,100
Consumer Food Services	885,200	+ 21,600	350,300	+ 8,500
Total	\$1,322,300	+ \$28,300	\$4,183,900	+ \$196,500

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services . .	\$307,400	+ \$60,100	\$850,000	+ \$850,000
Consumer Food Services	132,400	+ 3,200	. . . . .	. . . . .
Total	\$439,800	+ \$63,300	\$850,000	+ \$850,000

**STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2000-01 RECOMMENDED**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services . .	\$25,903,100	+ \$2,387,600	\$3,143,000	+ \$563,200
Consumer Food Services	11,222,900	-338,400	4,676,400	-475,400
State Fair	16,224,900	+ 2,084,300	4,614,200	+ 54,300
Total	\$53,350,900	+ \$4,133,500	\$12,433,600	+ \$142,100

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Agricultural Business Services . .	\$22,760,100	+ \$1,824,400
Consumer Food Services	6,546,500	+ 137,000
State Fair	11,610,700	+ 2,030,000
Total	\$40,917,300	+ \$3,991,400

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

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
	General Fund	\$14,912,700	\$11,883,800	-$3,028,900
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,000,000	18,000,000	+ 15,000,000
Total	\$17,912,700	\$29,883,800	+ \$11,971,100

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AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
Agricultural Business Services			
General Fund	\$12,058,500	\$11,883,800	-\$174,700
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,000,000	18,000,000	+ 15,000,000
Community Projects			
General Fund	2,854,200	. . . .	-2,854,200
Total	<u>\$17,912,700</u>	<u>\$29,883,800</u>	<u>+ \$11,971,100</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations 2000-01
Design and Construction Supervision				
Capital Projects Fund . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	\$520,000
State Fair				
Capital Projects Fund	\$600,000	\$600,000	. . . .	4,640,000
Misc. Capital Projects	2,000,000	2,000,000	. . . .	2,230,000
Clean Water - Clean Air Implementation				
Clean Water Clean Air Implementation Fund	478,000	500,000	+ \$22,000	. . . .
Total	<u>\$3,078,000</u>	<u>\$3,100,000</u>	<u>+ \$22,000</u>	<u>\$7,390,000</u>