

# Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture

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## Statutory Authority:

Section 81-101 creates the Department of Agriculture as one of 14 departments under the Governor vested with administering laws of the state. There are 58 different areas of the law the Department is either directly responsible for or works with other agencies on, each containing a different subject matter relative to agriculture. Additionally, the Department is indirectly involved, by reference, with several other sections of the law.

## Vision Statement:

The Department's long-range plan will focus on the development of programs to promote agriculture and uniformly enforce state statutes regulating industries. The Department's Mission Statement, which reads, "to regulate industries as prescribed by statute; and to encourage and promote the interest of agriculture through advocacy and education," will continue to be the primary focus of the Department of Agriculture.

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## Goals:

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has four major goals:

1. Promote agricultural products through the development of markets and to facilitate the sale of such products;
2. Serve as a progressive and responsive advocate for Nebraska agriculture;
3. Provide efficient and effective regulation of the industries that support and protect the health, safety, and welfare of industry and consumers; and
4. Provide quality services to fulfill the mission of the Department.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	5,813,230	7,258,263	7,453,419	7,319,422	7,485,452	7,813,565
Cash Fund	4,585,896	5,399,937	5,770,178	5,950,376	5,946,912	6,032,532
Federal Fund	1,260,500	1,692,210	1,504,242	1,556,523	1,487,125	1,582,491
Revolving Fund	445,140	490,838	519,032	530,759	519,226	549,178
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>12,104,766</b>	<b>14,841,248</b>	<b>15,246,871</b>	<b>15,357,080</b>	<b>15,438,715</b>	<b>15,977,766</b>

## Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture Program 027 - Administration

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### Program Objectives:

Administration provides leadership, direction, and supervision to the agency. Support activities include legal, fiscal, personnel, word processing, data processing, building overhead, and administrative revolving fund service for other agency boards and commissions. Other statutory program activities part of Administration include Animal Damage Control, Ag Promotion, Mediation, Beginning Farmer, Competitive Livestock Marketing, Ag Product Grading/Inspection, value-added grants, and Market News. Emphasis is placed on providing the necessary tools and training to our staff to carry out the mission of the Department.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	1,603,562	2,695,222	2,757,073	2,774,252	2,764,390	2,832,459
Cash Fund	92,949	441,687	306,375	307,027	306,375	307,496
Federal Fund	178,343	196,406	207,580	208,876	207,666	210,066
Revolving Fund	445,140	490,838	519,032	530,759	519,226	549,178
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>2,319,994</b>	<b>3,824,153</b>	<b>3,790,060</b>	<b>3,820,914</b>	<b>3,797,657</b>	<b>3,899,199</b>

### Performance Measures:

Nebraska agriculture is a wide, diverse industry. The broad range of agricultural products found in Nebraska requires a broad range of production input and services. The Department's basic function is to monitor activities between the links of the food chain. The Department works for the protection of the consumer, as well as the producer.

## Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture Program 056 - Weights & Measure

### Program Objectives:

The purpose of the Division of Weights and Measures is to protect the buyer and seller in all commercial transactions involving weighing and measuring devices or commodities sold by weight, measure, or count. This is accomplished through annual registration and inspection of over 32,644 devices, and verification of net content in over 791,000 packages. These functions also ensure fair competition among competing businesses. Over \$35 billion of Nebraska's economy is determined by measurement. A change in measurement performance of just 1/10 percent would have an effect of \$35 million annually to the state's citizens, businesses, and industries.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	650,167	686,058	704,689	715,977	701,824	742,247
Cash Fund	617,872	584,210	615,912	617,873	611,375	645,063
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>1,268,039</b>	<b>1,270,268</b>	<b>1,320,601</b>	<b>1,333,850</b>	<b>1,313,199</b>	<b>1,387,310</b>

### Performance Measures:

Oversee the measurement of \$35 billion of Nebraska's goods and services when quantity is determined by weight, measurement, or count.

- Inspect and test 32,644 commercial weighing and measuring devices.
- Weigh, measure, and inspect 791,000 prepackaged commodities to determine net quantity compliance.
- Maintain traceability of 4,064 primary and secondary standards of measurement to the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
Total Inspections/Year	38,023	37,000	37,000	37,000
Devices Rejected/Year	2,949	3,000	3,000	3,000
Packages Inspected	49,936	60,000	60,000	62,500
Total Packages Affected/Year	791,716	900,000	900,000	900,000
Non Compliance Rate	8.85%	9.44%	10.00%	10.56%
Laboratory Calibration/Year	4,109	4,000	4,150	4,150
<b>Device Inspections</b>				
Total Devices Registered	32,644	32,644	32,600	32,700
Initial Inspections/Year	35,170	34,000	34,000	34,000
Reinspections/Year	2,853	3,000	3,000	3,000

## Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture Program 057 - Bureau Of Dairies And Foods

### Program Objectives:

The ultimate goal of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods is to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens in the state of Nebraska by ensuring a safe and wholesome food supply. The Nebraska Pure Food Act, Nebraska Pasteurized Milk Law, and Nebraska Manufacturing Milk Act provide minimum sanitation standards and statutory authority to inspect and issue permits to all milk and food suppliers within Nebraska.

The dairy inspection activities begin at the farm and continue through the milk processing plants under the authority of the milk laws. The Nebraska Pure Food Act covers restaurants, grocery stores, concessionaries, food warehouses, and similar establishments.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	581,216	653,858	670,092	692,828	685,618	736,533
Cash Fund	760,855	828,039	829,606	855,284	817,246	875,535
Federal Fund	11,160	15,000	22,000	22,000	23,000	23,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>1,353,231</b>	<b>1,496,897</b>	<b>1,521,698</b>	<b>1,570,112</b>	<b>1,525,864</b>	<b>1,635,068</b>

### Performance Measures:

The Bureau of Dairies and Foods protects the public health and welfare of the citizens in the state of Nebraska by ensuring a safe and wholesome food supply. The food program utilizes 12 inspectors to inspect 5,438 food establishments throughout the state. There is a total of 8,867 food establishments, with the balance inspected by local health departments contracted by the Department. The dairy program utilizes 5 inspectors to inspect 701 producers, 195 haulers, and 56 milk processing plants, distributors, and receiving stations in the state.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
Food inspections per year	17,197	17,365	17,565	17,766
Average # food inspections/inspector	1,470	1,336	1,351	1,367
Number of food permits at July 1	5,438	5,461	5,478	5,501
Frequency of food est inspections	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Total dairy inspections per year	5,560	5,500	5,500	5,600
Average dairy inspection/inspector	1,112	1,100	1,100	1,120
<b>Food inspections</b>				
Total inspections per year	17,197	17,365	17,565	17,766
Inspections FTE's per year	11.7	13.0	13.0	13.0
Total program cost per year	\$946,623	\$1,056,994	\$1,075,172	\$1,077,697

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## Program 061 - Agricultural Laboratories

### Program Objectives:

The mission of the Laboratory Division is to support the activities of the Department of Agriculture by providing accurate, timely testing of samples. In providing these testing services to the Department and to others, the laboratory aids the Department in its role of regulating industries. Also, the laboratory helps to ensure the public health and economic well-being of the citizens of the state by protecting against illness, disease, and economic fraud. The division consists of four separate laboratories: Feed, Fertilizer and Ag Lime Laboratory, Residue Laboratory, the Livestock Disease Control/Seed Laboratory, and Dairy and Food Laboratory.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	990,577	1,038,257	1,081,041	1,090,009	1,087,474	1,128,860
Cash Fund	573,069	603,775	641,788	635,173	646,244	658,936
Federal Fund	116,842	174,861	79,476	118,520	70,136	119,762
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>1,680,488</b>	<b>1,816,893</b>	<b>1,802,305</b>	<b>1,843,702</b>	<b>1,803,854</b>	<b>1,907,558</b>

### Performance Measures:

It is the mission of the Laboratory Division to provide accurate and timely testing of samples for the regulatory divisions. By providing accurate work, the regulators are assured that the actions they take, as specified by law, regulation, or enforcement procedure, are done with high confidence. By providing these analyses in a timely manner, the divisions are assured that regulatory actions can be taken in an appropriate time frame. There are many factors involved with high quality work. Proper analyst recruitment and training are highly important, as is adequately equipping the facility, and providing competent support services. Quality assurance is a daily activity, with resources committed to assuring high quality of the data. Staff safety is critical to the functioning of the laboratory, and much attention is paid to ensuring a safe workplace. All these help ensure that the department properly regulates industry in the state, for the benefit of the general populace.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
<b>Samples Analyzed</b>				
Feed, Fertilizer and Ag Lime	4,255	3,900	3,900	3,900
Residue	274	275	275	275
Seed Lab	2,927	3,100	3,100	3,100
Livestock Disease	287,234	118,000	118,000	118,000
Dairy and Food	7,599	7,500	7,500	7,500
<b>Feed, Fertilizer, &amp; Ag Lime Lab</b>				
Samples Analyzed/Year	4,255	3,900	3,900	3,900
Total Determinations/Year	19,761	21,000	21,000	21,000
Technical FTE's/Year	6.6	8.0	8.0	8.0

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## Program 063 - Bureau Of Animal Industry

### Program Objectives:

The Bureau of Animal Industry is mandated by statute and "vested with the power and charged with the duties of protecting the health of livestock in Nebraska and determining and employing the most efficient and practical means of prevention, suppression, control and eradication of diseases transmissible among livestock...."

Disease control and eradication programs have saved producers millions of dollars in production costs associated with vaccinations, treatments, and death losses.

LB825 that passed during the 2000 legislative session created the Commercial Dog and Cat Inspection Act. Commercial breeders, dealers, and kennels will be required to obtain a license. The bureau may perform inspections and respond to complaints.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	1,455,119	1,614,931	1,659,660	1,693,212	1,664,320	1,762,723
Cash Fund	539,060	620,379	620,379	622,480	620,379	624,261
Federal Fund	53,940	75,000	45,000	45,888	35,000	36,661
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>2,048,119</b>	<b>2,310,310</b>	<b>2,325,039</b>	<b>2,361,580</b>	<b>2,319,699</b>	<b>2,423,645</b>

### Performance Measures:

The mission of the Bureau of Animal Industry is to protect the health of the livestock in Nebraska from diseases transmissible to livestock and from livestock to humans by determining and employing the most efficient and practical means of prevention, suppression, control, and eradication of diseases transmissible to and among livestock through the administration and implementation of quality animal health programs. Even as the Bureau completes its disease eradication programs, it is essential to continue disease surveillance and monitoring to ensure that any disease entering the state's livestock herd would be found in time to effectuate control measures and prevent its spread.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
Livestock Inspections	11,755	10,045	9,645	9,545
Market and Dealers	3,467	2,500	2,500	2,500
Pet Feed & Rendering Plant Inspections	275	250	250	250
Brucellosis	544	500	400	400
Tuberculosis	142	125	125	125
Cattle Scabies	15	20	20	20
Livestock Movement	1,017	1,000	1,000	1,000
NPIP Inspections and Testing	842	800	750	700
Pseudorabies	1,030	750	500	400
Veterinarian Contacts	1,412	1,350	1,300	1,300

# Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture Program 333 - Bureau Of Plant Industry

## Program Objectives:

The Bureau of Plant Industry consists of several programs which have responsibilities relating to plant certification and inspection, feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime, pesticides, plant protection, apiary, noxious weed control, seed, and groundwater and surface water protection. The Bureau is responsible for administering various statutes which have been enacted by the Nebraska Legislature. These statutes include the Nebraska Apiary Law, Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act, Commercial Feed Act, Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act, Agricultural Liming Materials Act, Pesticide Act, Nebraska Seed Law, Noxious Weed Control Act, and the Buffer Strip Act.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	391,862	404,864	413,487	192,793	414,430	444,416
Cash Fund	1,726,780	1,981,355	2,372,157	2,525,268	2,544,732	2,511,367
Federal Fund	698,702	864,210	812,746	830,306	813,549	857,604
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>2,817,344</b>	<b>3,250,429</b>	<b>3,598,390</b>	<b>3,548,367</b>	<b>3,772,711</b>	<b>3,813,387</b>

## Performance Measures:

Implement provisions of the various statutes which have been enacted by the Nebraska Legislature.

1. Protect Nebraska's agriculture, horticulture, forests, environment, and general public from the artificial introduction and spread of injurious plant pests.
2. Regulate the manufacturing, distribution, labeling and storage of feed, fertilizer, seed, and ag liming products.
3. Protect Nebraska agriculture and the citizens of Nebraska from the serious threat posed by noxious weeds.
4. Promote the safe use and handling of pesticide products through certification training and inspection.
5. Develop a statewide buffer strip plan that raises the awareness of the Buffer Strip Program to the general public.
6. Facilitate the movement of Nebraska grains and plant products to foreign countries.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
<b>Inspections:</b>				
Grain Quality Inspections	159	190	210	210
Feed, Fertilizer, and Ag Lime	8,734	8,481	8,584	8,619
Pesticides	1,244	1,345	1,335	1,335
Entomology	4,291	4,820	4,951	5,128
Apiary	213	195	200	200
Noxious Weeds	4,135	4,340	4,340	4,340
Grain Quality-Inspection/Certification				
<b>Total Inspection/Year</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>210</b>
Field FTE's/Year	.15	.15	.15	.15

## Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture Program 382 - Potato Development

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### Program Objectives:

The Nebraska potato industry relies upon the Potato Development Program for funding to support basic research in the areas of disease, storage, and production. The program also funds activities to promote potatoes and the potato industry. An excise tax of .75¢ per cwt is assessed on potatoes grown and shipped in Nebraska to provide the funds for use in research, promotion, and operation of the program.

The program works closely with the Potato Certification Association of Nebraska, National Potato Council, University of Nebraska, and Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	69,206	118,231	123,950	124,195	127,550	128,558
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>69,206</b>	<b>118,231</b>	<b>123,950</b>	<b>124,195</b>	<b>127,550</b>	<b>128,558</b>

### Performance Measures:

The potato industry in the state is a \$40 million plus agriculture commodity. Nebraska's production has approximately doubled in less than five years. Producers look to this checkoff program for promotion and production research to address the many insects and diseases that affect potato production.

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## Program 385 - Agricultural Statistics

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### Program Objectives:

The Agricultural Statistics Division publishes agricultural statistical information valuable to agriculture and allied interests in Nebraska, in cooperation with the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The cooperative office is known as the Nebraska Agriculture Statistics Service. Total office expenditures are split approximately 90% from federal funds and 10% from state funds. The agricultural reports are based on summarized data obtained from surveys of farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness firms. Information obtained on major crops and livestock items is used as a basis for local (county and district) crop and livestock estimates issued annually in the "Nebraska Agriculture Statistics" publication.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	140,727	165,073	167,377	160,351	167,396	166,327
Cash Fund	42	9,011	9,011	9,011	9,011	9,011
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>140,769</b>	<b>174,084</b>	<b>176,388</b>	<b>169,362</b>	<b>176,407</b>	<b>175,338</b>

### Performance Measures:

The following releases and/or publication are regularly published by the Agricultural Statistics Division. The information is now available on Internet, bulletin board, by mail or fax. Other statistical reports and summaries are generated on an "as-needed" basis:

1. "Nebraska Agri-Facts"
2. "Nebraska Crop-Weather"
3. "Annual Nebraska Agriculture Statistics"
4. "Nebraska Crops and Weather Summary"
5. "Nebraska Agriculture County Profile"

## Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture Program 387 - Poultry Development

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### Program Objectives:

This division was created in 1976 to develop education, promotion, and/or appropriate research programs to enhance Nebraska's egg and turkey producers in developing and maintaining a prosperous industry. Targeted audiences include consumers, food service personnel, health professionals, educators, youth, and media. Quarterly board meetings are held with poultry representatives to address industry, program issues, and approve budgetary expenditures. The Nebraska Poultry and Egg Resources Act governs the mandatory checkoff and program activities to be performed.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	206,063	213,250	251,000	254,065	264,000	272,305
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>206,063</b>	<b>213,250</b>	<b>251,000</b>	<b>254,065</b>	<b>264,000</b>	<b>272,305</b>

### Performance Measures:

Develop and support education, promotion, and/or appropriate research programs to enhance Nebraska's egg and turkey producers in developing and maintaining a prosperous industry.

1. Target audiences of consumers, food service personnel, health professionals, educators, youth, and media through appropriate trade shows, recipe/nutrition/food safety news releases, radio/television promotional segments, extension office community programs, state fair, working in cooperation with other organizations (i.e., Nebraska Dietetics Association, and Nebraska Nurses Association).
2. Participate in appropriate national meetings to stay abreast of industry issues and coordinate state promotional activities with national efforts.
3. Monitor programs for effectiveness, if possible.
4. Provide leadership, support, and direction for Nebraska's poultry industry, for state and national benefits to egg and turkey producers.

## Agency 18 - Department Of Agriculture Program 564 - Agricultural Development

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### Program Objectives:

The Ag Development Division administers the assets of the Rural Rehabilitation funds. The Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933 and the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1935 authorize monies to be given to states for relief activities - specifically to benefit agricultural areas. In the early 1970s, a model trust agreement allowing states the right to administer their own assets took effect. The purposes for which these assets could be used were specifically designated as agricultural. The USDA agreed to allow states to use these assets for rural rehabilitation purposes with the prior approval of USDA.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	201,513	366,733	337,440	330,933	337,774	335,398
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>201,513</b>	<b>366,733</b>	<b>337,440</b>	<b>330,933</b>	<b>337,774</b>	<b>335,398</b>

### Performance Measures:

In addition to ongoing programs, solicit new program funding authorized under the USDA use agreement. With majority approval of the Rural Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, fund new activities through a Rural Rehabilitation mini-grant program or trust program. Seek to fund approximately three new programs each year from interest income earned, and keep fund principal in tack.