

Agency 52 - State Board Of Agriculture

Statutory Authority:

Nebraska Statutes Section 2-101 through Section 2-130 deals with the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. Section 2-101 directs the Board to hold the State Fair for Nebraskans.

Section 2-101 reads in part: "... State Fair shall be held at or near the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster County, under the directions and supervision of the State Board of Agriculture ..."

Vision Statement:

Primary function of this organization centers around its major annual event, the Nebraska State Fair. In 2002, Nebraska celebrated the 133rd Fair!

To lead the organization into the next millennium, we recently completed the organizations first ever Master Plan. There was value creating the plan and its completion satisfied part of our agreement with DAS to chart a future course for Fair Park. Implementation of the plan will help enhance and expand current programs as well as adding future programs.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture is to maintain and manage the state-owned fairgrounds known as State Fair Park for the citizens of Nebraska, operate the annual Nebraska State Fair, and generate sufficient income to fund operations, maintenance, and improvements to State Fair Park. The purpose of the Nebraska State Fair is to educate and entertain, recognize individual achievements, celebrate excellence in agriculture, industry, commerce, education, arts, sciences, and technology, and reinforce a sense of community and shared culture for the citizens of Nebraska.

Goals:

Goals for organization can be grouped into the following main topics:

- Agriculture: Support agriculture in the State of Nebraska.
- Education: Support education in the State of Nebraska.
- Recreation/Entertainment: Support recreation & entertainment for Nebraskans.
- Industry/Commerce: Promote Nebraska's other industries and commerce.
- Arts, Sciences and Technology: Showcase Nebraska's arts, sciences and technology.
- Financial Viability: Maintain a financially viable operation.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	306,208	0	332,573	247,553	332,573	247,553
Cash Fund	0	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	306,208	7,500	340,073	255,053	340,073	255,053

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Program Objectives:

Open Class Awards, Premiums and departmental expenses: State Fair support of Open Class Competition and programs is part of the Fair Park mission. Such support helps to strengthen and develop animal husbandry skills and reinforce family values throughout the State of Nebraska.

4-H & FFA Programs at State Fair: The young people of Nebraska are one of our primary areas of responsibility and interests. By supporting strong 4-H and FFA State Fair Youth Programs, State Fair can help to further life skills of young people across the state.

Open Class competition incorporates all facets of agricultural life and is open to anyone who feels they have ability in specific areas, such as beef, cattle, horses, foods, needle work and other animal and non-animal areas of agriculture.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	306,208	0	327,073	247,553	327,073	247,553
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	306,208	0	327,073	247,553	327,073	247,553

Performance Measures:

Agency 52 - State Board Of Agriculture Program 540 - Antique Farm Machinery & Equip Commission

Program Objectives:

The purpose of the Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission is to encourage the creation of museum and related sites and facilities as are needed:

1. to preserve and exhibit antique farm machinery and equipment of the types that have been used by Nebraskans through the years and which made Nebraska an efficient producer of farm products, and
2. to promote tourism.

The Commission is currently in the process of developing a master plan as to the means and methods of implementing its mission and purpose.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	0	0	5,500	0	5,500	0
Cash Fund	0	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	7,500	13,000	7,500	13,000	7,500

Performance Measures: