

APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM AND BOILERPLATE HISTORY

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Sec. 101. APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

1.	<u>Unclassified full-time equated (FTE) positions</u> - Positions that are exempted from the classified State civil service pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. These positions include elected officials, heads of principal departments, a limited number of policy-making positions in departments, members of boards and commissions, employees of State institutions of higher education, employees of the Judiciary, and employees of the Legislature.	6.0
2.	<u>Classified FTE positions</u> - All positions in State service unless exempted by Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. One FTE position equals 2,088 hours.	546.0
3.	<u>GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - Total appropriations	\$145,885,000
4.	<u>Interdepartmental grants (IDG)</u> - Funds that are also appropriated in other budgets. These funds are categorized as IDGs in the Department that spends the funds and are therefore subtracted from the Gross Appropriation to avoid double counting total statewide appropriations.	\$336,600
5.	<u>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - Gross appropriations less IDGs.	\$145,548,400
6.	<u>Federal revenue</u> - Funding allocated to the State by the Federal government.	\$20,079,600
7.	<u>Local revenue</u> -Funds paid by local units of government that support State services and programs.	0
8.	<u>Private revenue</u> - Available appropriated funds from private sources, including funding from non-governmental agencies.	0
9.	<u>State restricted revenue</u> - Revenue earmarked for a specific purpose by the State Constitution, statute, or appropriation bill. Restricted revenue also includes general fund/special purpose funds, such as fee revenue used to support licensing programs.	\$47,972,400
10.	<u>State general fund/general purpose</u> - Revenue that has no constitutional or statutory restrictions on how it is used. Approximately 90% of the general fund/general purpose (GF/GP) revenue is derived from the income, Michigan business, insurance, sales, and use taxes.	\$77,496,400
11.	<u>Payments to locals</u> - State appropriations from GF/GP or State restricted revenues that will be allocated to local units of government.	\$11,800,000

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Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

1.	<p><u>Commission and boards</u></p> <p>Provides funding for per diem payments to members of boards, committees, and commissions for a full day's work at which a quorum is present; for attending a hearing; or for performing official business. The per diem payments are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Commission of agriculture\$75 per day b) Upper Peninsula state fair board\$50 per day c) Grape and wine industry council\$50 per day 	\$23,800
2.	<p><u>Unclassified salaries</u></p> <p>Unclassified FTE positions</p> <p>Supports salaries of six unclassified positions, of which four are currently filled: Department Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs Director, Deputy Director, and Environmental Policy Advisor. Benefit costs of unclassified positions are funded through the Executive</p>	\$1,064,200 6.0
3.	<p><u>Executive direction</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Supports staff and other operating costs of the department's Executive Office, including the Chief Deputy Director, Deputy Director, Director of Finance and Budget, communications staff, and support staff; provides overall strategic, policy, and operational and financial direction for the department. Insurance and retirement benefit costs for unclassified positions are also funded from this line.</p>	\$2,532,200 17.0
4.	<p><u>Emergency management</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Office coordinates emergency response preparation and coordination in the area of the State's food and agriculture industries. The program also manages MDARD's environmental contamination response activities.</p>	\$2,774,100 8.0
5.	<p><u>Accounting service center</u></p> <p>Functions include financial, performance, and compliance audits of Department programs and functions, grants, revenues, and computerized processes and databases. These activities were consolidated statewide in the Department of Management and Budget beginning in FY 2008-09. This line item supports the MDARD's costs for those services. Funds will be paid to the Department of Management and Budget and appear as an interdepartmental grant in that budget.</p>	\$1,190,900

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6.	<u>Property Management</u>		\$876,300
		Provides funding for rent payments on leased, privately-owned facilities. Also covers building occupancy charges for State-owned office space, including maintenance and janitorial services.	
7.	<u>Emerging contaminants</u>		\$1,362,200
	Classified FTE positions		6.0
		Provides funding for research on presence and impact of emerging contaminants, including PFAS, in soil and water.	
	Unit Gross Appropriation		\$9,823,700
	Federal		\$1,054,000
	State restricted revenue		\$626,700
	State general fund/general purpose		\$8,137,200

Sec. 103. INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

1.	<u>Information technology services and projects</u>		\$2,386,400
		Funding to reimburse the Department of Information Technology for information technology services provided to the MDARD is appropriated in this line.	
	Unit Gross Appropriation		\$2,386,400
	State restricted revenue		\$249,000
	State general fund/general purpose		\$2,137,400

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Sec. 104. FOOD SAFETY AND ANIMAL HEALTH

1. Animal disease prevention and response \$11,208,400

Classified FTE positions 63.0

Provides funding for the Animal Industry Division which is charged with the protection of human health and the health of domestic animals, livestock, and pets. The Division assures the humane treatment of animals and provides diagnostic services for some reportable diseases. It includes the office of State Veterinarian. The Division is involved in the following areas: food safety, bovine tuberculosis surveillance and eradication, swine/pseudo rabies eradication, captive cervidae (deer and elk), equine diseases, ruminant diseases, avian diseases, exotic animals, livestock marketing, and aquaculture. The program monitors and works to eradicate animal diseases in order to facilitate import and export of healthy livestock and to protect the food supply. The program also licenses and regulates various animal industries including livestock dealers. The Electronic Identification (EID) program allows for the tracing of livestock movement.

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease that has been nearly eradicated in the United States, but still poses a significant risk to domestic livestock, wildlife, companion animals and humans throughout the world. Findings of bovine tuberculosis in wild white-tailed deer and several other wildlife in Michigan poses a threat not only to animal health, but also to the economic success of the agriculture and wildlife industries in the state. Michigan is described as having split-state status, where most of the state is considered TB-free, four counties in northeastern lower Michigan have not yet moved to TB-Free status. Producers within these four counties, and surrounding counties, are subject to additional herd testing and restrictions on the movement of cattle.

The Michigan Bovine TB Eradication Project involves a multi-agency team of experts from the MDARD, department of Natural Resources, and Community Health, Michigan State University, and the United States Department of Agriculture. This line item provides funding for the MDARD activities associated with Bovine TB. It supports disease surveillance, monitoring, testing, on farm assistance, and indemnification. A series of periodic reports about Bovine TB activity are required in boilerplate sections.

Other AID activities funded through the line item include targeted animal health and welfare programs as authorized through the following statutes: Animal Welfare Fund Act, Aquaculture Development Act, PA 287 of 1969 (Pet Shops, Dog Pounds, and Animal Shelters), Bodies of Dead Animals Act, PA 284 of 1937 (Livestock Dealers), Wildlife Depredations Indemnification Act, the Privately Owned Cervidae Producers Marketing Act, and the Large Carnivore Act.

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<p>2. <u>Animal feed safety</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Supports the staff and operations of the following regulatory and service programs within the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division: Animal Feed Safety and Agricultural Products Consumer Protection: Responsible for the sampling and analysis of animal feed ingredients and products; licensure of feed manufacturers and distributors; inspection of feed mills; and investigation of animal deaths or illnesses potentially caused by feed. Program activities are authorized under the Feed Law (1975 PA 120).</p>	<p>\$2,127,200</p> <p>10.0</p>
<p>3. <u>Food safety and quality assurance</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Provides funding for food safety and inspection, which, under the Food Law of 2000, charges the department with protecting public health by ensuring a safe and wholesome food supply. There are three major program areas within the Division.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Food Product Safety Assurance Program - Enforces laws and regulations governing the processing, packaging, transportation, storage, and sale of food and beverages. Food inspectors are responsible for inspecting the State's diversified food establishments, which include bakeries and breweries, groceries and grain mills, fruit processors and water bottlers. Over 18,000 establishments are licensed yearly. In 2022, this program began working with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) on joint inspections of edible marijuana processing facilities. b) Food Service Sanitation Program - This is a joint State/local program responsible for the oversight of 35,000 establishments throughout the State, such as restaurants, cafeterias, temporary vendors, and commissaries. In partnership with 45 local health departments (approximately 400 local inspectors), the MDARD provides technical assistance and coordination for sanitation inspections. Local health departments conduct the actual inspections. c) Food Safety Planning and Response: This unit is responsible for MDARD's response to outbreaks of foodborne illnesses (i.e., seizure, recall, and notification of contaminated food products) and the coordination and integration of local, state, and federal public health and food safety components. 	<p>\$18,407,500</p> <p>103.0</p>
<p>4. <u>Indemnification – livestock depredation</u></p> <p>Supports indemnification payments to owners for livestock killed by wolves, coyotes, or cougars. Authorized under PA 487 of 2012, the Wildlife Depredations Indemnification Act.</p>	<p>\$15,000</p>

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5.	<u>Michigan animal agriculture alliance</u>	\$3,000,000
	Funding authorized under this line item would be granted to Michigan State University for a targeted research grant program related to the animal agriculture industry	
6.	<u>Milk safety and quality assurance</u>	\$6,057,500
	Classified FTE positions	36.0
	Supports the Milk Safety and Quality Assurance Program within the Food and Dairy Division which licenses and inspects the dairy industry pursuant to the Manufacturing Milk Law (2001 PA 267) and the Grade A Milk Law (2001 PA 266). Those subject to licensing and inspection include 993 permitted dairy farms, 91 dairy processing plants (which produce bottled milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, ice cream, and other dairy products), and 912 milk trucks and 717 milk haulers/samplers Enforcement actions include seizure and recall of contaminated dairy products. Program activities ensure a safe, wholesome supply of milk and dairy products for Michigan and out-of-state consumers. Conformance with the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, a national standard for dairy-product sanitation developed by the United States Public Health Service, ensures that Michigan milk can be exported for sale out of state.	
	Unit Gross Appropriation	\$37,815,600
	Federal	\$4,140,900
	State restricted revenue	\$12,768,300
	State general fund/general purpose	\$25,047,300

Sec. 105. ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

1.	<u>Environmental stewardship - MAEAP</u>	\$11,024,600
	Classified FTE positions	27.0
	This line item funds the Environmental Stewardship Division (ESD), which provides assistance to soil and water conservation districts, drain commissioners and land users in the conservation and development of soil and water resources and in the protection of farmland and open spaces	
	MAEAP is a voluntary, pro-active program designed by producers and industry partners to reduce producers' legal and environmental risks. It teaches effective land stewardship practices that comply with State and Federal regulations and shows producers how to find and prevent agricultural pollution risks on their farms. The program encompasses three systems designed to help producers evaluate the environmental risks of their operation. Each system - livestock, farmstead, and cropping - examines a different aspect of a farm, as each has a different environmental impact. Through each phase, producers will develop and implement economically feasible, effective and environmentally sound pollution prevention practices.	

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The Groundwater Stewardship Program was established in 1993, through the passage of the Groundwater and Freshwater Protection Act and amendments to the Pesticide Control Act. The program includes the following:

- a) **Groundwater Stewardship** – The program provides education and technical assistance to pesticide and fertilizer users to protect groundwater resources.
- b) **Groundwater Monitoring** – The Division monitors private wells concerning pesticide levels and other water quality information.
- c) **Contamination Response** – The program responds to and plans remediation of pesticide contamination of groundwater.
- d) **Pesticide State Management Plans** – The program develops plans to prevent specific pesticides from threatening groundwater.
- e) **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)** - CREP is a subset of the federal Conservation Reserve Program, authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill. CREP provides enhanced incentives to qualified producers and landowners in priority watershed areas to implement specific conservation practices designed to prevent soil erosion and improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

2. Local conservation districts \$3,000,000

Provides grants to Michigan's local conservation districts; distributed based on criteria established by the department.

3. Pesticide and plant pest management \$14,032,300

Classified FTE 79.0

The Pesticide and Plant Pest Management (PPPM) Division is responsible for the implementation of programs and enforcement of laws concerning agricultural products, export commodities, pesticide sale and use, pest management and fruit and vegetable inspection. The Pesticide Advisory Committee (PAC) is an ad hoc committee, administered by the MDA. The Committee was formed to consult and advise the MDARD on issues concerning the use of pesticides in Michigan. The Committee is established under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451, Part 83, Pesticide Control. The PPPM Division is responsible for the following programs:

- a) **Animal Feed/Drug Inspections** - PPPM staff monitors the quality of medicated animal feed and drugs used in food production systems. The Division also inspects grain elevators and facilities that produce animal feeds.
- b) **Exotic and Invasive Species** - PPPM oversees programs to monitor and control the spread of exotic and invasive pests.
- c) **Pesticide and Agrichemical Inspections** - The Division is responsible for overseeing appropriate use of pesticides and agrichemicals in Michigan including enforcement, product registration, certification, worker protection standards. And safe disposal of pesticide containers.

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- d) **Plant Pest and Commodity Certification** - PPPM annually inspects agricultural commodities destined for export and issues phytosanitary certificates. This service ensures that the product meets the requirements of the importing country and insures access to foreign markets by Michigan producers and manufacturers.
- e) **Fertilizer Program**: Responsible for fertilizer regulatory functions, including sampling and analysis of fertilizer and liming ingredients and products; licensing of fertilizer manufacturers and product registration; investigation of complaints and consultations to ensure proper fertilizer storage and use of fertilizer.

4. Right to farm \$1,060,100

Classified FTE 6.5

Administers Right to Farm Act (1981 PA 93). Activities include investigation and resolution of nuisance complaints involving farm operations in Michigan (pesticide application, livestock production facilities, land application of production by-products). Also administers siting program to ensure that new or expanding livestock and poultry production facilities meet sound construction standards, follow environmental management plans, and are compatible with non-farm neighbors. The Right-to-Farm unit also performs annual reviews of Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs) and provides education and technical assistance for biosolids management.

5. Soil health/regenerative agriculture \$2,035,500

Classified FTE 5.0

Program which began in FY 2023-24 to supports the promotion of the principles of regenerative agriculture.

Unit Gross Appropriation \$31,152,500

Interdepartmental grants (IDG) \$97,800

Federal \$3,287,100

State restricted revenue \$15,171,700

State general fund/general purpose \$12,595,900

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Sec. 106. AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

1. <u>Agriculture preservation easement grants</u> Provides grants to local units of government for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements, as authorized under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.	\$1,900,000
2. <u>Agriculture support</u> Classified FTE positions Provides operational support for the department.	\$1,005,000 5.0
3. <u>Agriculture development</u> Classified FTE positions The Office of Agriculture Development was established in 1997 and created to unite all similar department agricultural economic development and sustainable agriculture functions into a single organization. The Office administers: <u>Business Development</u> : Facilitates growth in food and agriculture industry and workforce. <u>Rural Development</u> : Responsible for addressing the needs of businesses and communities to encourage and promote development of rural areas. <u>International Market Development</u> : Responsible for the provision of assistance for food and agriculture businesses to explore and exploit trade opportunities. <u>Domestic Marketing</u> : Responsible for the increase of market access for a variety of Michigan-produced food and agriculture products. <u>Commodity Coordination</u> : Responsible for the coordination of certain agriculture commodities, consisting of regulatory oversight duties. <u>Grants Administration</u> : Responsible for the administration of state and federal grant programs, including the \$2.0 million USDA Specialty Crop grant program as well as the project oversight for economic development programs under the Food and Agriculture Investment program. <u>Statistical Reporting Service</u> : MDARD works in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), to conduct research and analysis of Michigan's agriculture industry, including estimations of crop and livestock production, value of farm products, and commodity and market prices; maintains the state's agriculture database.	\$4,882,500 16.0

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4.	<p><u>Fair food network – double up food bucks</u></p> <p>Program to increase purchasing power of Michigan residents who receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits by providing a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$20 per day to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at participating grocery stores and farmer's markets. This act also includes a \$1.0 million GF/GP appropriation for Fair food network – double up food bucks in the On-Time Appropriations unit.</p>	\$4,000,000
5.	<p><u>Farm to family</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Funding to support programs related to regenerative farming, agriculture supply chains, the promotion of Michigan food products, building agricultural diversity, economic growth in agriculture, food security, healthy food options, and promotion of climate resiliency.</p>	<p>\$3,014,300</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.0</p>
6.	<p><u>Farmland and open space preservation</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>This line item supports staff of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program preserves agricultural and open space parcels through a variety of temporary and permanent restrictive covenants. Participants in the temporary covenants enter into either an agreement or easement with the State wherein they agree not to develop their land for a particular time period, usually 10 years. In exchange for entering into the restriction, the landowner may receive certain tax benefits and the land is not subject to special assessments for certain public utilities. Currently, there are more than 40,000 farmland agreements covering more than 3.2 million acres.</p> <p>The permanent covenant portion of the program allows the State to purchase the development rights on unique and critical farmland. Funds from the purchase of easements come from the withdrawal fees associated with the temporary restrictive covenants. When these rights are purchased, the landowner receives a case payment and assigns the rights to the State. Land in permanent easement is exempt from special assessments for certain public utilities.</p>	<p>\$1,613,800</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10.0</p>
7.	<p><u>Food and agriculture investment program</u></p> <p>The program, begun in FY 2013-14, uses a grant process to support research, education, and technical assistance efforts focused on removing barriers and leveraging opportunities identified by those in the food and agriculture industry as critical to business development and growth within the state.</p>	\$2,449,300

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<p>8. <u>Food and agriculture supply chain</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>A new program in FY 2023-24 which supports issues related to the agriculture and food industry supply chain, including accessibility of cold storage, distribution and processing facilities, and implementation of advanced technologies.</p>	<p>\$305,100</p> <p>1.0</p>
<p>9. <u>Fruit and vegetable inspections</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Funding supports inspection of imported and domestically grown produce, certification of produce for export or government use, USDA food safety audits, licensure of controlled atmosphere storage, phytosanitary inspections, and organic cost share and registration.</p>	<p>\$1,313,100</p> <p>8.0</p>
<p>10. <u>Intercounty drain</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Division staff monitor more than 1,000 intercounty drains with a combined length of over 10,000 miles. ESD provides direction, holds public hearings, and oversees construction and financing of intercounty drain work. Oversees all intercounty drain construction/financing under authority of the state Drain Code; MDARD staff chair all intercounty drainage boards.</p>	<p>\$887,800</p> <p>5.0</p>
<p>11. <u>Michigan craft beverage council</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>The Michigan Craft Beverage Council is funded in this line item. The Council provides research, professional development and promotional support of Michigan's craft beverage industry. This program is funded entirely from non-retail liquor license fees collected by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.</p>	<p>\$1,346,600</p> <p>1.0</p>
<p>12. <u>Migrant labor housing</u></p> <p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p>Supports the staff and operations of the Migrant Labor Housing Program within the Environmental Stewardship Division. Responsible for the licensing and inspection of housing provided to migrant farm workers; includes inspection of the structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire safety, egress suitability, hazardous material storage, and other aspects relevant to residential homes and farm operations.</p>	<p>\$1,410,000</p> <p>9.0</p>

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13. <u>Producer security/grain dealers</u> Classified FTE positions Supports the staff and operations of the Producer Security Program. This program, established under the Grain Dealers Act, helps protect farm producers who store grain in elevators through financial regulatory oversight of grain dealers. Activities include audits of grain dealers for financial solvency and confirmation of accurate measuring of grain inventory. The Producer Security Program also administers the Farm Producers Insurance Fund.	\$1,044,500 6.0
14. <u>Qualified forest program</u> Classified FTE positions The qualified forest affidavit program, begun in 2013-14, is for the purpose of increasing the knowledge of nonindustrial private forestland owners of sound forest management practices and increasing the amount of commercial timber production from those lands. In the program, the Department works in partnership with stakeholder groups and other state and federal agencies to increase the active management of nonindustrial private forestland to foster the growth of Michigan’s timber product industry. Ongoing restricted and GF/GP funding supports staffing and operations of the Qualified Forest Program, within the Environmental Stewardship Division. The program is responsible for the review and approval of applications for property tax exemptions; oversight of activities pursuant to forest management plans; provision and verification of affidavits for landowners; audit of property tax receipts; and implementation of outreach, education, and technical assistance under the program. In FY 2022-23, the line item recognizes a \$5.4 million USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) grant to support a reforestation project. The project involves planting of hardwoods and conifers on approximately 16,400 acres of both public and private land in Michigan’s Northern Lower Peninsula.	\$7,826,500 4.0
15. <u>Rural development fund</u> Classified FTE positions A grant program per Public Act 411 of 2012, funded by severance tax revenue from mining which is used for a grant and/or loan program governed by an appointed board which would establish criteria for grants and/or loans to meet goal of addressing energy, transportation, communications, and water and wastewater infrastructure issues in rural communities.	\$2,009,500 1.0
Unit Gross Appropriation	\$35,018,200
Federal	\$8,089,900
State restricted revenue	\$9,885,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$17,043,300

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Sec. 107. LABORATORY PROGRAM

1.	<u>Integrated solutions</u>	\$3,724,100
	Classified FTE positions	25.0

The Integrated Solutions Division provides licensees with a single point of contact in the department. Licensees include food service and handler establishments, bottled water and water dispensing licensees, and licensees under Migrant Labor Housing, Nursery, Retail Motor Fuel, Animal Industry Division, and Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division programs. Integrated Solutions is the first point of contact for all incoming department telephone calls, providing consistent, effective, and efficient customer service. It provides licensing service functions for programs in each of MDARD's regulatory divisions. Services provided include renewal preparation, license issuance, customer assistance, and tracking license fees. The unit processes approximately 100,000 licenses, registrations and certification each year. The Data Administration Office includes the department's Customer Service Center, which manages all incoming calls and complaint entries for BFA, and Enterprise IT Operations; provides integrated IT support for all bureaus and their divisions. The Systems Integration Office manages the Licensing and Inspection System (LIS), and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

2.	<u>Consumer protection program</u>	\$6,988,800
	Classified FTE positions	39.0

The E.C. Heffron Metrology Laboratory provides mass, volume, length calibration, and testing services for state agencies, local governmental agencies and industry. The Department certifies weights and measures for private calibration firms who, in turn, provide service to these industries. The metrology lab also conducts regulatory services, calibrating standards used for enforcement by the Departments of State Police, Treasury and Agriculture and Rural Development and all county road commissions.

Metrology Laboratory: Responsible for the assurance of accurate standards utilized by commercial measurement and manufacturing systems, certification of standards upon request or as required by law, maintenance of standards that conform with nationally accredited standards, verification and calibration of every legal standard used by state officials, and training and certification of metrologists.

The Motor Fuel Quality Program establishes and regulates the sale and quality of motor fuels through licensing, investigation, inspection and sampling to ensure the fuels that consumers buy contain the proper materials and abide by legal standards. The Weights and Measures Program, through the enforcement of applicable laws and regulations, prevents economic fraud and deception by testing all weighing and measuring devices. This ensures that when a product is weighed or measured, it is done accurately. MDARD has regulatory oversight of quantity and quality of motor oil sold under a 2016 amendment to the Weights and Measures Act (PA 464 of 2016).

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3. Laboratory services

\$8,467,700

Classified FTE positions

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The Laboratory Division is responsible for protecting consumers and supporting agriculture by providing impartial, timely, scientific, accurate, and cost-effective analytical, metrological, and enforcement services. The Division provides analytical, diagnostic, and technical services for protecting consumers from food-borne illnesses, toxic substance contamination, and economic deception. The Division is responsible for the diagnosis and control of animal and plant diseases and pests. In addition, the Division provides a fee-based testing service to Michigan residents. The Division occupies two laboratories. The Geagley Laboratory provides analysis of food, dairy, and beverage products as well as labeling information and livestock testing. The programs funded under this line item include:

- a) **Animal Disease Surveillance** - This program analyzes blood for Michigan livestock owners to ensure disease-free movement of animals from farm to farm and internationally.
- b) **Animal Disease Surveillance** - This program analyzes blood for Michigan livestock owners to ensure disease-free movement of animals from farm to farm and internationally.
- c) **Food, Feed, and Fertilizer** - Through chemical testing activities, this program monitors food products offered for sale to make sure they meet state and federal standards and are free of prohibited substances. Responsible for ensuring the quality and efficacy of feed and fertilizer sold in Michigan.
- d) **Food and Dairy Microbiology** - Through microbiological testing activities, this program monitors the safety and quality of food and beverage products to meet state and federal standards. Detects the presence of pathogens rendering the products unfit for human consumption. Analysts must maintain certification by the federal government through yearly proficiency samples.
- e) **Pesticide and Environment** - This program monitors formulated agricultural products to ensure label claims and analyzes samples for evidence of application and/or misuse of licensed and un-licensed pesticide products.
- f) **Seeds** - Conducts purity tests for farmers and seed dealers to ensure label claims.
- g) **Motor Fuel Quality Testing** - Conducts testing to ensure the quality of the gasoline sold in Michigan.
- h) **Antimicrobial** - This program conducts tests on EPA-registered antimicrobial products for effectiveness against pathogenic microorganisms. This is a part of a cooperative agreement with the EPA and several other states.
- i) **FDA Food Emergency Response Network** - Responsible for the provision of increased sample analysis capacity during the outbreak of foodborne illness or large-scale food adulteration or contamination emergency.
- j) **Hemp Testing** - Responsible for the provision of analytical testing of hemp to ensure the THC content is less than 0.3% so that crops may be harvested in accordance with Michigan's USDA-approved Hemp Production Plan.

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2.	<u>USDA monitoring program</u>	\$1,743,800
	Classified FTE positions	9.0
	<p>Funded entirely by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program's objectives are to collect statistically-based data on pesticide residues and food borne pathogens in fresh and processed fruits and vegetables and other food products, including grain and poultry. Samples are collected at major distribution centers statewide. The data is used to make effective decisions involving the environment, food safety, and the regulation of pesticides and improve the quality and quantity of information available on the presence of food borne pathogens. Michigan is one of several states participating in this program. This division is also a part of the Food Emergency Response Network which tests for microbiological threat agents in food.</p>	
	Unit Gross Appropriation	\$20,924,400
	Interdepartmental grants (IDG)	\$238,900
	Federal	\$3,501,900
	State restricted revenue	\$8,898,300
	State general fund/general purpose	\$8,285,300

Sec. 108. FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS

1.	<u>Fairs and racing</u>	\$258,600
	<p>Administers the grant funds for fairs, shows and exhibitions, licensed race tracks, and horse owners/breeders. Established in Section 20 of the Horse Racing Law and appropriated in line items below. Since FY 2016-17, the only horse racing programs in Michigan have been standardbred harness race programs at county fairs and at the one licensed track/ race meeting licensee in Michigan, Northville Downs.</p>	
2.	<u>County fairs, shows, and exhibition grants</u>	\$250,000
	<p>The county fairs capital improvement grant program, begun in FY 2012-13, assists in the promotion of building improvements or other capital improvements at county fairgrounds of the state, is to provide financial support, promotion, prizes, and premiums of equine, livestock, and other agricultural commodity expositions in Michigan (begun in FY 2014-15), by awarding grants on a competitive basis to county fair organizations for county fairs capital improvements grants. Grantees are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar cash match with grant awards and identify measurable project outcomes.</p>	

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3.	<u>Horse racing advisory commission</u> The commission is established in Sec. 6a of the Horse Racing Law; the commission receives an earmark of Advance Deposit Wagering Tax revenue in Sec. 20a of the Horse Racing Law.	\$125,000
4.	<u>Purses and supplements - fairs/licensed tracks</u> Provides matching funds for purses for harness horse races offered by fairs and races at licensed pari-mutuel racetracks. The maximum state contribution to each purse is 75%.	\$2,073,600
5.	<u>Standardbred breeders' awards</u> Provides matching funds for breeders' awards to breeders of Michigan-bred standardbred harness horses for each time the horse wins a race at a licensed track or fair. The maximum state contribution to each breeders' award is 10% of the gross purse.	\$345,900
6.	<u>Standardbred purses and supplements - licensed tracks</u> Provides matching funds for purses for harness horse races offered at licensed pari-mutuel racetracks. The maximum state contribution to each purse is 75%.	\$991,100
7.	<u>Standardbred sire stakes</u> Provides matching funds for purse supplements for races run exclusively for 2-year-old and 3-year-old Michigan-sired standardbred horses at licensed tracks.	\$720,000
	Unit Gross Appropriation	\$4,764,200
	State restricted revenue	\$4,514,200
	State general fund/general purpose	\$250,000
 Sec. 109. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
1.	<u>Michigan animal agriculture alliance</u> This one-time line item is intended to provide funds for animal research.	\$1,500,000
2.	<u>County fairs, shows, and expositions</u> This one-time item is to provide funding in addition to part 1 appropriations of \$250,000 GF/GP.	\$250,000

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3. <u>Emerging contaminants in food and agriculture</u> This one-time item is to provide funding in addition to part 1 appropriations of \$1,362,200 GF/GP.	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> \$500,000
4. <u>Fair food network - double up food bucks</u> This one-time item is to provide funding in addition to part 1 appropriations of \$2.0 million GF/GP.	\$1,000,000
5. <u>Food and agriculture supply chain</u> This one-time item is to provide funding in addition to part 1 appropriations of \$305,100 GF/GP.	\$500,000
6. <u>Food safety and quality assurance</u> One time item to provide support for study of role of MDARD in stewardship.	\$500,000
Unit Gross Appropriation	\$4,000,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$4,000,000

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GENERAL SECTIONS

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| 201 | <p><u>State Spending from State Resources/Payments to Locals.</u> Lists state spending from state resources and state payments to local units of government. For FY 2024-25. It is listed at \$11,800,000.</p> <p>Background: Standard language contained in all appropriation acts. Included pursuant to Article IX, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution.</p> |
| 202 | <p><u>Management and Budget Act.</u> References DMB Act</p> <p>Background: Standard language contained in all appropriation acts.</p> |
| 203 | <p><u>Definitions.</u> Definitions of acronyms and abbreviations used in the Act.</p> <p>Background: Standard language contained in all appropriation acts. This section is updated as acronyms and/or abbreviations change.</p> |
| 204 | <p><u>Internet Reporting.</u> Requires the Department to use the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements.</p> <p>Background: Standard language contained in all appropriation acts.</p> |
| 205 | <p><u>Purchase of Foreign Goods.</u> Prohibits the Department from using funds for the purchase of foreign goods/services if competitively priced and comparable quality American goods are available. Gives preference to Michigan goods and services and to businesses owned by veterans. Also encourages the use of Michigan produced agricultural products by all State agencies.</p> <p>Background: Long standing standard language contained in all appropriation acts. The language giving preference to veterans was added in FY 2007-08.</p> |
| 206 | <p><u>Communications with the Legislature.</u> With certain specific exceptions, prohibits the department from taking disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a member of the legislature or legislative staff.</p> <p>Background: Standard section in all appropriations bills added in FY 2005-06.</p> |
| 207 | <p><u>Out-of-State Travel.</u> Provides out-of-state travel restrictions. Requires an annual report on out-of-state travel by state employees during previous fiscal year.</p> <p>Background: Standard section in all appropriations bills added in FY 2004-05.</p> |
| 209 | <p><u>GF/GP Lapse Report.</u> Requires the Department to notify the Legislature of estimates of GF/GP end-of-year lapses.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2010-11.</p> |

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210	<p><u>Contingency Funds.</u> Permits contingency fund spending of up to \$3,000,000 in additional Federal funds; \$2,000,000 in additional State restricted funds; \$100,000 in local funds; and \$100,000 in private funds pending approval through the legislative transfer process.</p> <p>Background: This had been long-standing language until removed from all budgets in FY 2003-04. It returned in FY 2007-08 for all departments, although the amounts vary for each department.</p>
211	<p><u>Transparency/Internet Site.</u> Requires a site to show Department spending that includes information on expenditures and vendor payments; requires the website to be updated quarterly.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2010-11.</p>
212	<p><u>Restricted Fund Balances.</u> Requires Department to provide a restricted fund balance report.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2012-13.</p>
213	<p><u>Access to Government Services.</u> Prohibits appropriations from being used to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; requires local governments to report on actions that attempt to restrict or interfere with duties of local health officers.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2023-24.</p>
214	<p><u>Geographically Disadvantaged Businesses.</u> Directs department director to take reasonable steps to ensure that geographically disadvantaged businesses enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both; directs the department director to encourage department contractors to subcontract with certified geographically disadvantaged businesses enterprises</p> <p>Background: similar language has been long standing language in all budget bills.</p>
215	<p><u>Report on FTE Positions.</u> Requires a quarterly report on staffing levels in relation to FTE authorization.</p> <p>Background: This is a standard section contained in all appropriation bills. New language for FY 2021-22</p>
218	<p><u>Report Retention.</u> Requires the department to follow federal and state law and guidelines for short- and long-term retention of records; authorizes the department to electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>
221	<p><u>Work Project Expenditures.</u> Requires that work project balances be exhausted before expenditure from part 1 appropriations.</p> <p>Background: Standard section in all appropriations bills added in FY 2018-19.</p>
222	<p><u>Work Project Appropriations Status.</u> Requires the department to report information on all work project accounts, including the status of each account and the amount of any funds that lapsed from previous accounts.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>

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223	<p><u>State Administrative Board</u>. Authorizes the legislature to intertransfer funds via concurrent resolution if the State Administrative Board transfers funds.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>
224	<p><u>Report on Policy Changes</u>. Requires the department to report on each specific policy change made by the department to implement a public act affecting the department, including reference to the public act that necessitates the policy change.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2024-25.</p>
226	<p><u>In-Person Work</u> Requires the department to maximize utilization of its in-person workforce, prioritize occupancy utilization, and ensure occupancy rates are 80% or higher.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>
228	<p><u>E-Verify</u>. Requires the department to require contractors and subcontractors to use the E-Verify system to verify that all persons hired during the contract term are legally present and authorized to work in the United States;</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>
229	<p><u>Federal Policy Changes</u>. Requires the department to report on federal policy changes that are expected to affect department operations, affect groups the department engages with, or create a regulatory gap.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>
234	<p><u>Legacy Costs</u>. States the total amount of funding estimated to be expended on legacy costs in FY 2025-26 is \$8.9 million (\$8.0 million on pension-related legacy costs; \$870,000 on health care-related legacy costs).</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE FOR FY 2025-26 (but used previously)</p>
235	<p><u>Strategic Plan</u>. Requires the department to provide a copy of its annual strategic plan which must include the mission, vision, goals, strategies, and performance measures of the department.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>
236	<p><u>Court Settlements</u>. Requires the department to report on any court settlement that may require further legislative review of state statutory programs or regulations.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>
237	<p><u>Private/Third Party Funds</u>. Requires the department to place on a publicly accessible website private and other third-party funds received in the previous fiscal year, including the amount and specific source of funding, the purpose for which funding was expended, and the amount of any remaining funds.</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE</p>

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238	<p><u>Report Posting.</u> Requires the department to make required reports readily accessible to the public and conspicuously posted in a single archivable location on the department’s website and requires the department to maintain reports from previous fiscal years in the same archivable location.</p> <p><i>NEW LANGUAGE</i></p>
239	<p><u>Legislatively Directed Spending Items.</u> Requires the legislature to provide a list of legislatively directed spending items; provides requirements for the administration of grants and requires posting of information on its website.</p> <p><i>NEW LANGUAGE</i></p>
<i>DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT</i>	
301	<p><u>Fee Authorization.</u> (1) Allows the Department to assess fees for specific services and spend the associated revenue to cover the expenses of a variety of activities. (2) Requires legislative notification 30 days prior to any proposed fee changes. (3) Requires an annual report on fees charged pursuant to the authorization provided by this section.</p> <p>Background: Long standing section necessary to provide the Department with the authority to set fees for services provided.</p>
302	<p><u>Grant Notification.</u> Requires the Department to provide notice of grants which are made to local governments, non-profits or educational institutions to the Legislature 7 days before being issued.</p> <p>Background: Long standing language providing the Legislature with advance notice of grants made by the Department.</p>
303	<p><u>Emerging Contaminates.</u> Defines the emerging contaminants program established in part 1; directs the department to support efforts to identify and respond to emerging contaminants, including PFAS, to the food and agriculture sector. Also includes work project language.</p> <p>Background: New language for FY 2023-24.</p>
<i>BUREAU OF FOOD SAFETY AND ANIMAL HEALTH</i>	
401	<p><u>Annual Report.</u> Requires the Department to report annually to the Legislature on bureau activities, including concerning significant food-borne outbreaks, including enforcement activities in the previous year.</p> <p>Background: Reporting requirement on food-borne outbreaks added by the Legislature in FY 2000-01. Division/bureau report added in 2016-17.</p>

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402	<p><u>Bovine TB Whole Herd Testing.</u> Requires Department to pay for all whole-herd testing in modified accredited zone necessary to achieve and maintain split-state status for Bovine TB.</p> <p>Background: This section states Legislative intent regarding the State's financial responsibility with regard to testing requirements for Bovine TB.</p>
403	<p><u>Bovine TB Program.</u> Requires the Department to use its resources to collaborate with USDA to monitor Bovine TB consistent with MOU between the two.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2007-08.</p>
404	<p><u>Privately Owned Cervid Testing:</u> Earmarks \$200,000 to reimburse privately owned facilities for cost of required CWD and Bovine TB testing</p> <p>Background: New language for FY 2022-23.</p>
405	<p><u>Bovine TB Program Report.</u> Requires the Department to report quarterly on activities and progress toward meeting TB- free status.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2007-08; report detail expanded in FY 2016-17.</p>
406	<p><u>Michigan Animal Agriculture Alliance.</u> Directs the department to work with representatives of animal agriculture, and state research universities, to establish an animal research grant program.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2017-18.</p>

BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

501	<p><u>Annual Report.</u> Requires annual report to the legislature by the bureau by April 1 of each year.</p> <p>Background: Language was added to FY 2016-17 budget bill.</p>
502	<p><u>Soil Health/Regenerative Agriculture.</u> Defines the agricultural climate resiliency program and the soil health and regenerative agriculture program. Prohibits the use of program funds for research into precision application of fertilizer, pesticides, or herbicides. Requires the department to work with specific program partners. Requires the department to use not less than \$1.0 million in program funding to partner with Michigan State University, Extension and AgBioResearch for program activities. Requires the Bureau of Environment and Sustainability annual report required under Sec. 501 to include information on the agricultural climate resiliency program and the soil health and regenerative agriculture program.</p> <p>Background: New language for FY 2023-24, revised for FY 2024-25.</p>

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503	<p><u>Agricultural Nutrient Best Management Voluntary Practices Report</u>. Provides for a report, due April 1, 2025, on the agriculture nutrient best management voluntary practices program, funded in FY 2021-22 and carried forward as a work project. The report requirements include: number and location of acres enrolled in nutrient management or other best management practices; number of acres enrolled that were not previously verified under the MAEAP; summary of practices implemented and available incentive programs; starting and ending balances of the program; summary of outreach and training efforts; and testing results. The program is targeted at water quality improvement in the western Lake Erie basin.</p> <p>Background: Language added in FY 2021-22.</p>
505	<p><u>Environmental Stewardship/MAEAP</u>. Directs that the Environmental stewardship/MAEAP line item be used to support department agriculture pollution prevention programs, including groundwater and freshwater protection programs under Part 87 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, and technical assistance in implementing conservation grants available under the Federal Farm Bill</p> <p>Background: Added by the Legislature in FY 2012-13.</p>
506	<p><u>Federal Revenues</u>. Provides for receipt and expenditure of additional federal funds which may come available under the Environmental Stewardship section of part 1. Authorizes the department to receive and expend federal revenues beyond the amounts appropriated under part 1, and requires the department to notify the legislature prior to expending the additional federal revenue received and authorized under this section.</p> <p>Background: This section began in FY 2014-15.</p>
507	<p><u>Local Conservation Districts</u>. Directs that the grant appropriation for local conservation districts be distributed according to department criteria ; includes a report, due April 1, 2025, on previous calendar year's activities of local conservation districts.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2020-21.</p>
LABORATORY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION BUREAU	
601	<p><u>Laboratory Bureau Annual Report</u> Requires the department to report on the previous calendar year's activities of the Laboratory Bureau. The section requires the department to transmit the report by April 1 of each year to standard report recipients.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2016-17.</p>
602	<p><u>Prohibition on Use of Funds to Consolidate State-Run Laboratories</u> Prohibits the use of funds from part 1 for the purpose of consolidating state-run laboratories</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2023-24.</p>

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701 **Food and Agriculture Investment Program.** Provides objectives and guidelines for Food and Agriculture Investment program. Provides direction to the department in administration of the Food and Agriculture Investment grant program established in the Part 1, Agriculture Development appropriation unit. Specifically, the section directs the department to establish and administer a food and agriculture investment program; directs the program to expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector, grow Michigan exports, promote the development of value-added agricultural production, food hubs, food incubators, and community-based processing facilities with a focus on expanding protein processors, farm markets and urban agriculture, and increase food processing activities through accelerating projects and infrastructure development that supports food and agriculture processing industry; authorizes the department to receive and expend funds received from outside sources; defines the grant approval process and requires a grant agreement and identification of project outcomes; requires a report on the program as part of the bureau's annual report; indicates the program will be administered by the department; authorizes program funds to carryover as a work project; identifies specific types of projects authorized under the program; limits department administrative expense to 5% of the appropriation.

Background: This section was added in FY 2013-14.

703 **Double Up Food Bucks.** Requires the department to work with the Fair Food Network to ensure that at least 80% of funds allocated to the Double Up Food Bucks program be directly used for payments to participating vendors. Directs the department work with the Department of Health and Human Services to notify eligible recipients of food assistance program benefits related to the Double Up Food Bucks program. Requires a report, due June 1, 2026 on program activities and outcomes.

Background: This section was added in FY 2021-22.

706 **Activity Report - Agriculture Development Bureau.** Requires an activity and grant report by April 1 on agriculture and export market development and other activities, including grants and the Michigan Craft Beverage Council.

Background: This section was added in FY 2016-17.

707 **Industry Support Fund Carry Forward.** Provides for unexpended Industry Support funds to lapse to the Industry Support Fund.

Background: This section was added in FY 2022-23.

708 **Qualified Forest Program.** Provides objectives and guidelines for the Qualified Forest Program. Defines the purpose of the program as increasing nonindustrial private forest landowners' knowledge of best management practices and increasing the amount of commercial timber production from nonindustrial private forestland; directs the department to work in partnership with stakeholder groups and other state and federal agencies to increase the active management of nonindustrial private forestland to foster the growth of Michigan's timber product industry.

Background: This section was added in FY 2013-14.

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709	<p><u>Farmland/Opens Space Tax Credit Processing</u> Requires the department to coordinate with the Michigan Department of Treasury to improve timely processing of tax credits under farmland and open space preservation programs.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2020-21.

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801	<p><u>Equine Expenditures.</u> Requires all Agricultural Equine Industry funds to be used only for equine programs unless approved by the Legislature.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2010-11.

802	<p><u>Equine Program Expenditures and Reduction Priorities.</u> Establishes spending priorities and requires all equine line items, except for the Racing Commission and Laboratory, to be reduced proportionately if revenue decreases require reductions in accordance with the Horse Racing Law of 1995.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2010-11.

803	<p><u>Standardbred Sire Stakes at County Fairs</u> Defines use of \$720,000 in AEIDF appropriated for standardbred races at fairs and licensed tracks. Provides for use of funds only if there is not a licensed track on January 1, 2026.</p>
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Background: new language for FY 2024-25.

805	<p><u>County Fairs, Shows and Exhibitions Grant Program.</u> Provides objectives, guidelines and procedures for County Fairs, Shows and Exhibitions Grant program and requires a report by December 1, 2026.</p>
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Background: Background: This section was added in FY 2016-17.

ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

NONE