

<b>Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)</b>				
	<b>2013-15 Actual</b>	<b>2015-17 Legislatively Approved*</b>	<b>2017-19 Current Service Level</b>	<b>2017-19 Governor's Recommended</b>
General Fund	19,433,285	24,630,128	25,777,408	23,401,064
Lottery Funds	6,368,044	6,497,964	7,072,247	7,042,307
Other Funds	49,871,107	62,541,500	65,835,111	68,706,936
Federal Funds	10,334,960	17,630,167	15,958,792	18,250,782
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$86,007,396</b>	<b>\$111,299,759</b>	<b>\$114,643,558</b>	<b>\$117,401,089</b>
Positions	479	527	523	538
FTE	350.54	378.84	375.94	391.08
*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2016.				

### Program Description

The Department of Agriculture's mission is centered on three broad policy areas of ensuring food safety and providing consumer protection, protecting agricultural natural resources, and promoting economic development in the agricultural industry. The agency emphasizes public education and technical assistance in its provision of regulatory oversight on legislatively mandated programs. Oregon's agricultural industry is one of the state's most important economic sectors.

### CSL Summary and Issues

*Wolf Compensation and Grants* – This program started in 2011-13 with \$100,000 General Fund. In 2013-15 an additional \$100,000 was added on a one-time basis. In the 2015-17 this \$100,000 was added back on a permanent basis and an additional \$30,000 was added on a one-time basis. In the 2017-19 biennium ODA has a total of \$210,511 General Fund as of CSL. ODA reports all most all this General Fund will be used to fund conflict prevention grants. The ARB includes a request that the additional \$30,000 added in 15-17 be continued in the 2017-19 budget. This request was not included in the Governor's budget did not continue the \$30,000 increase. ODA has also received federal grants in the past to supplement state funding.

*Pesticide Analytical Response Center (PARC)* - The PARC program was shifted from General Fund to fees from the pesticides program on a one-time basis in 2015-17. Reversing this fund shift increases General Fund by \$356,685.

*Shellfish Testing* - HB 2209 set up the Oregon Shellfish Task Force. It also made a one-time appropriation of \$150,000 General Fund to ODA to increase the frequency of water quality analysis in Tillamook Bay. The agency included a request for \$228,199 General Fund to continue and expend this testing in areas where shellfish are grown or harvested. No General Fund was included in the Governor's Budget for shellfish testing.

### Policy Issues

*Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards* - ODA has received federal grants to assure Oregon laws surrounding manufactured food follow federal laws. The agency is requesting the continuation of three federally funded limited duration positions to continue this work using \$600,000 from the FDA.

*Invasive Species Council* - The Council has been funded through ODA for a number of biennia through various sources. In 2015-17 ODA received \$100,000 General Fund on a one-time basis to increase support to pay for a coordinator position. The program has about \$55,000 M76 Lottery Funds and Federal Funds from grants in the base budget

### Other Significant Issues and Current Discussions

*Nursery Fee Increases* - Two positions were eliminated in the Nursery program due to insufficient revenue as fee increases implemented on July 1, 2016 need to be ratified. ODA is requesting Other Funds expenditure limitation and position authority to restore the positions eliminated in package 070.

*Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)* - The FSMA became law in 2011, with federal rule making taking place since then. The FSMA impacts every aspect of the U.S. food system, from farmers to manufacturers to importers and places significant responsibilities on farmers and food processors to prevent food borne contamination. The US Food and Drug Administration has made grant monies available to help states with implementation of the new law. ODA received some Federal Funds in 2015-17 for implementation of the legislation to be used for outreach, education, and technical assistance. The Department is requesting \$1.4 million Federal Funds expenditure limitation and four positions to continue the grant work.

The Co-Chair's Existing Resources Budget Framework includes potential General Fund savings from shifting funding for the Pesticide Analytical Response Center to pesticides program fees, shifting funding for some Food Safety inspectors to program fees, reducing positions in the Agriculture Water Quality program, reducing funding for the Wolf Compensation and Grant Assistance Program, and/or reducing funding for Predator Control.