

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OVERVIEW**

The mission of the Department of Agriculture is to promote and provide high-quality, nutritious, abundant, safe, and affordable food and other agricultural products; improve the economic viability of the agricultural industry; foster opportunities for farm profitability; preserve and protect agricultural and natural resources; and provide leadership and excellence in services to New Jersey agriculture and to the general public.

The Department's goals are to preserve farms; protect producers and consumers by ensuring safe, high-quality agricultural products and services; support and expand profitable, innovative agricultural and food industry development; protect and conserve natural and agricultural resources; provide access to fresh and nutritious foods for children, the needy, and other New Jersey citizens; promote agricultural education awareness and involvement; and guarantee the delivery of quality services by a well-trained and motivated workforce. The State Agricultural Development Committee, which is in but not of the Department, administers the Farmland Preservation Program.

**FY 2007 Budget Highlights**

The Fiscal 2007 Budget for the Department of Agriculture totals \$26 million, this is an increase of \$3.1 million or 13.7% over the fiscal 2006 adjusted appropriation of \$22.9 million. The increase for Grants-in-Aid of \$3.4 million includes an appropriation of \$3 million as a Governor's initiative for the Food Assistance Program, \$1 million for capital improvements for storing food for food banks; the increase is offset by the elimination of \$300,000 in State funding for Soil and Water Conservation grants and the shift of \$250,000 from the Conservation Assistance Program to dedicated Corporation Business Tax funding in the Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, a capital appropriation of \$250,000 is recommended for new chromatographic diagnostic equipment. Finally, the Direct State Services recommended amount is being reduced by \$575,000, due to savings from salary and other non-salary administrative efficiencies.

**Preservation and Conservation**

The Farmland Preservation Program purchases development easements on farms and buys farmland outright for permanent preservation, helping to ensure a stable land base for agriculture while protecting the quality of life in communities throughout the State. It helps meet Smart Growth goals by keeping communities green, open, and productive. A total of 668 farms covering 53,150 acres have been preserved since 2002, including 44 farms covering 3,712 acres in the Pinelands and 135 farms covering 11,652 acres in the Highlands. In December 2002, New Jersey passed the 100,000-acre mark for farmland preservation, a milestone that has helped make the State a national leader in farmland preservation. In total, since the establishment of the Farmland Preservation Program in 1983, 1,302 farms covering 139,891 acres have been preserved statewide thanks to this program. 17% of New Jersey's 805,682 farmland acres have been preserved - a greater percentage than any other state.

The current Garden State Preservation Trust financing structure allows the State to minimize interest and debt service costs to taxpayers while maximizing the proceeds generated for this open space program. The Trust uses current interest and zero coupon bonds to expedite preservation of critical open space.

The Conservation Cost Share Program helps to improve the quality of New Jersey's waterways and groundwater by providing financial and technical assistance to farmers who implement conservation practices that control non-point source pollution. To maximize program assistance to farmers and provide increased environmental

benefits to the State, this funding is combined with the Federal Environmental Quality Incentive Program. In fiscal 2007, the Conservation Cost Share Program's funding of \$540,000 will be provided through the Corporation Business Tax (CBT) dedication for Watershed Management, which funds similar non-point source pollution projects in the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Continuing Programs**

To maximize the impact of the Jersey Fresh marketing campaign, the Department coordinates with the New Jersey Commerce, Economic Growth and Tourism Commission's fall advertising for travel and tourism as well as with the New Jersey State Lottery. In addition, funding of \$75,000 is provided in fiscal 2007 for Promotional Marketing Development matching grants to enable agricultural organizations to carve out their own Jersey Fresh niche, through such means as festivals and farm market promotional events.

The School Breakfast Program reimburses school districts that provide breakfast to students. The program will receive approximately \$3.9 million in fiscal 2007. The program is intended to augment an existing breakfast program by mandating participation by schools in which 20% or more of the students enrolled are eligible for a free or reduced price meal under the Federal School Lunch Program. The State Aid appropriations for the School Lunch Program will continue at \$7.4 million in fiscal 2007.

**State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC)**

The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) takes the lead in preserving New Jersey's farmland and promoting innovative approaches to maintaining the viability of agriculture. The SADC administers the Farmland Preservation Program, providing grants to counties, municipalities, and nonprofit groups to fund the purchase of development easements on farmland; directly purchasing farms and development easements from landowners; and offering grants to landowners in the program to fund up to 50% of the cost of soil and water conservation projects. It also administers the Right-to-Farm Program, oversees the Transfer of Development Rights Bank, and operates the Farm Link Program, which helps match farm owners with farmers seeking access to land and farming opportunities.

**Department Accomplishments**

The Department has increased surveillance to lower the incidence of Avian Influenza in live bird markets, following the outbreak of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) in neighboring states. The Division of Animal Health implemented additional protective measures to prevent infected birds from entering the State. Since the LPAI program was initiated in New Jersey, the prevalence of infected live bird markets has dropped from 35% to as low as 1.4% in a given monitoring period. A monitored flock program was also created to allow residents a means to ensure that their birds are healthy and marketable. Furthermore, monitoring for LPAI provides for an immediate response if a more pathogenic strain of this virus is found in the State.

The Asian longhorned beetle was detected in Jersey City, Hudson County in 2002. The Department quarantined the site and the surrounding area within a 1-1/2 mile radius to prevent the beetle's spread. In 2003, over 13,000 host trees within the quarantine zone were inspected of which 461 host trees were removed under a joint state and federal eradication program, and 1,060 host trees were safeguarded with treatments. The Department worked with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Community Forestry Program and the U.S. Forest Service to garner funds to replant the trees that were removed. In August 2004, a significant Asian longhorned beetle infestation was found in Carteret and Woodbridge, Middlesex County and Rahway and Linden, Union County. To date, 10,658 host trees have been removed in the

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takedown zones. The New Jersey Forest Service managed the planting of 700 replacement trees in spring 2005. In July 2005, 5 new infested trees were found over a 16.5 square mile area. No new municipalities were added to the quarantine zone. Survey work is ongoing to determine the number of nearby high-risk host trees that will be removed as a result of the newly-found infested trees.

In an effort to promote healthier eating habits and combat obesity and childhood diseases, the Department proposed rule amendments and new rules concerning the Child Nutrition Program in June 2005. The Department, which administers the Federal School Breakfast and Lunch programs, developed a Model School Nutrition Policy to help school districts develop their own policies for replacing unhealthy foods with more nutritious options. School districts have until September 2007 to meet the nutrition standards, which are considered the most comprehensive in the nation, but must adopt their own district-wide nutrition policies by September 2006.

The Division of Food and Nutrition developed a web-based voucher payment system for sponsors participating in the Federal National School Lunch, School Breakfast, After School Snack, and Special Milk Programs. Historically, public and non-public schools participating in one or more of these programs would submit a paper optical-scan voucher to claim federal and State reimbursement for

meals and/or milk served to eligible students. Processing and receipt of payment under this system would take anywhere from 30 to 90 days after the end-of-the-month. Under the new web-based system, payments are made 5 to 10 days after claims. More than \$173 million in vouchers were processed through the web-based voucher system in the 2005 federal fiscal year.

The Department developed and adopted the Humane Standards for Livestock, the first comprehensive humane regulations strictly for livestock in the country. These standards use a holistic approach to determine if an animal is being treated in a humane manner. They ensure that practices that are taught in land grant universities, agricultural extension agencies, and schools of veterinary medicine are not deemed cruel. They will be modified as new science becomes available on the humane treatment and care of livestock. Since the adoption of these standards in June 2004, the Division of Animal Health has investigated over 80 alleged abuse cases.

An Aquatic Farmer License rule was adopted to establish a program to license the possession and ownership of aquatic stock. The rule establishes provisions to protect the environment, wild stocks, and the growing New Jersey aquaculture industry. To date, the Department has issued over 164 aquatic farmer licenses.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2005					Year Ending June 30, 2007		
Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	2006 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>							
9,123	2,257	683	12,063	11,403	9,569	8,994	8,994
2,755	92	182	3,029	2,688	1,575	5,025	5,025
11,085	331	-48	11,368	10,345	11,727	11,727	11,727
---	1,142	---	1,142	150	---	250	250
<b>22,963</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>27,602</b>	<b>24,586</b>	<b>22,871</b>	<b>25,996</b>	<b>25,996</b>
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<b>Total Appropriation, Department of Agriculture</b>					<b>22,871</b>	<b>25,996</b>	<b>25,996</b>

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY PROGRAM (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2005					Year Ending June 30, 2007		
Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	2006 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
<b>DIRECT STATE SERVICES - GENERAL FUND</b>							
<b>Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation</b>							
1,180	213	249	1,642	1,506	1,315	1,315	1,315
1,889	596	-112	2,373	2,107	2,220	2,090	2,090
1,024	338	560	1,922	1,855	917	792	792
338	---	---	338	338	338	338	338
2,309	1,110	-320	3,099	2,938	2,471	2,261	2,261
1,740	---	---	1,740	1,740	1,740	1,740	1,740
643	---	306	949	919	568	458	458
<b>9,123</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>12,063</b>	<b>11,403</b>	<b>9,569</b>	<b>8,994</b>	<b>8,994</b>
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Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Year Ending June 30, 2005					Year Ending June 30, 2007		
	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended		2006 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
<b>GRANTS-IN-AID - GENERAL FUND</b>								
<b>Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation</b>								
1,500	92	92	1,684	1,343	Agriculture and Natural Resources	1,200	950	950
---	---	---	---	---	Food and Nutrition Services	---	4,000	4,000
75	---	90	165	165	Marketing and Development Services	75	75	75
1,180	---	---	1,180	1,180	Farmland Preservation	300	---	---
<i>Subtotal</i>						<i>1,575</i>	<i>5,025</i>	<i>5,025</i>
<i>2,755</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>3,029</i>	<i>2,688</i>	<i>Total Grants-In-Aid - General Fund</i>			
<i>2,755</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>3,029</i>	<i>2,688</i>		<i>1,575</i>	<i>5,025</i>	<i>5,025</i>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS-IN-AID</b>						<b>1,575</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>5,025</b>
<b>STATE AID - GENERAL FUND</b>								
<b>Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation</b>								
11,035	331	---	11,366	10,343	Food and Nutrition Services	11,677	11,677	11,677
---	---	---	---	---	Marketing and Development Services	---	---	---
50	---	-48	2	2	Farmland Preservation	50	50	50
<i>Subtotal</i>						<i>11,727</i>	<i>11,727</i>	<i>11,727</i>
<i>11,085</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>-48</i>	<i>11,368</i>	<i>10,345</i>	<i>Total State Aid - General Fund</i>			
<i>11,085</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>-48</i>	<i>11,368</i>	<i>10,345</i>		<i>11,727</i>	<i>11,727</i>	<i>11,727</i>
<b>TOTAL STATE AID</b>						<b>11,727</b>	<b>11,727</b>	<b>11,727</b>
<b>CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION</b>								
<b>Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation</b>								
---	2	---	2	---	Plant Pest and Disease Control	---	250	250
---	1,140	---	1,140	150	Agriculture and Natural Resources	---	---	---
<i>Subtotal</i>						<i>---</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>250</i>
<i>---</i>	<i>1,142</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>1,142</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>TOTAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION</i>			
<i>---</i>	<i>1,142</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>1,142</i>	<i>150</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>250</i>
<b>22,963</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>27,602</b>	<b>24,586</b>	<b>Total Appropriation, Department of Agriculture</b>	<b>22,871</b>	<b>25,996</b>	<b>25,996</b>

## 40. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

### 49. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING, AND REGULATION

#### OBJECTIVES

1. Permanently preserve and retain the maximum amount of New Jersey farmland in order to maintain a viable agriculture and food industry and to promote smart growth and a high quality of life for New Jersey citizens.
2. To encourage and support stewardship of agricultural open land and other natural resources in order to protect and enhance fertile soils, clean water, and productive and healthy animal and plant resources.
3. To administer fair and effective regulatory, inspection, grading, and other quality assurance programs for food, agricultural products, and agricultural inputs.
4. To foster agricultural economic growth, profitability, and a positive business climate through technical and financial assistance, market development, and effective product and industry promotion.
5. To implement food and nutrition assistance programs to maximize participation of eligible New Jersey citizens and strengthen agriculture's relationship with the food industry.
6. To ensure the sustainability of New Jersey's agricultural industry through agricultural education, youth development, training opportunities, and successful communication with the agricultural community, general public, and all levels of government.
7. To produce quality in all the Department does through a diverse, effectively managed, highly trained, and committed staff supported by efficient use of available technology and resources in a work environment that fosters excellence.

#### PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

01. **Animal Disease Control.** Resident and imported animals are subject to Department programs of disease detection, control, and eradication. These include surveys, periodic inspections, regular and special field and laboratory examinations,

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quarantines, slaughter of certain animals, disinfection, and related epidemiology. Programs and regulations are adjusted based on changes in the appearance and virulence of disease in and out of the State. The Division sets standards and issues licenses to livestock dealers, auctions, and biologic manufacturers and distributors in order to reduce the spread of infection. To prevent the introduction of exotic diseases not known to this country, it participates in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Emergency Animal Disease Eradication Program. One phase involved is the licensing and supervision of the processing of food wastes fed to swine to prevent food borne disease. The Division takes the lead in working with the State's Domestic Security Taskforce in identifying potential terrorism threats related to the State's agricultural and agribusiness sectors.

In addition, the Division of Animal Health operates an animal health diagnostic laboratory to identify causes of disease.

02. **Plant Pest and Disease Control.** The food crop, forests, and other plant resources of the State are protected against injurious plant insects and diseases by programs of the Department. Surveys and investigations are conducted regularly to delineate and measure insect populations and disease problems. Major infestations are countered with carefully regulated chemical and/or biological control programs. Where beneficial insects or other parasites are known, the Department, through its beneficial insect rearing laboratory, mass produces and releases them into the agricultural or forest environment for pest control.

In cooperation with the USDA, the Department controls the movement of plant materials. All nurseries producing plant materials are inspected for pests and disease and must be free of both to qualify for certification.

Samples of agricultural and garden seed are randomly selected and tested for variety content, germination, and other labeled guarantees. Products which do not conform to label claims are removed from sale and violators are subject to penalty action and prosecution.

03. **Agriculture and Natural Resources.** This program is designed to maintain, conserve, and enhance New Jersey's rural and agricultural resources and to control erosion, sedimentation, and non-point sources of water pollution and storm water damage. The primary objective of this program is to improve agricultural productivity and New Jersey's agricultural business climate while maintaining environmental quality.

Soil and water resource management standards and regulations are promulgated and plans for soil erosion and sediment control are certified for land disturbance activities. Technical assistance is provided to landowners and public agencies through the State Soil Conservation Committee and local soil conservation districts. Cost sharing is provided to eligible farmland owners who install conservation systems.

The Division coordinates the implementation of the State's Aquaculture Development Act and coordinates the agricultural education and Future Farmers of America youth programs.

05. **Food and Nutrition Services.** This division, which consolidated the former Bureaus of Commodity Distribution and Child Nutrition Services, was created to more accurately reflect the mission of the organizational unit.

The Child Nutrition program consists of six components in public and non-public schools, residential and non-residential childcare institutions, day care centers, recreation centers, and other agencies that qualify for this aid. Program

responsibilities include developing, disseminating, evaluating, and approving all pertinent program documents required for participation; providing technical assistance in the areas of implementation, facilities improvement, and food service methods; on-site monitoring of programs for compliance with State and federal regulations; and providing financial assistance.

State and federal reimbursements are paid to school districts for part of the cost of school lunches and federal funds are paid to offset part of the cost of school breakfasts. In addition, non-school programs receive federal foods, especially for disadvantaged children.

The Commodity Distribution program requisitions, receives, handles, stores, and distributes federal surplus food made available by the United States Department of Agriculture for distribution to State, county and municipal institutions, schools, charitable and welfare organizations, and needy individuals. It also processes some of the federally-donated basic food commodities. Inspections are made in all organizations and institutions for compliance.

The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) distributes federally-donated food commodities to needy citizens through a network of food centers, food banks, and food pantries.

06. **Marketing and Development Services.** This division, formerly the Division of Markets, was renamed as directed by the reorganization plan submitted by the Department to accurately reflect the intent of the organizational unit. The program conducts advertising, market development, and promotional activities to create a positive image of New Jersey's agricultural products and to increase consumer awareness and sales.

This "Jersey Fresh" Program, aimed at domestic and foreign consumers, assists New Jersey farmers in expanding their market share. Individual product promotions are also conducted by eight agricultural commodity councils.

Programs for the promotion of the New Jersey horse industry are conducted with funds derived from a small percentage of the pari-mutuel handle at both the thoroughbred and standard bred racetracks. Growth of the horse breeding industry is encouraged through monies awarded in the form of stakes purses and breeders awards. The continued growth and expansion of the Horse Park of New Jersey is supported.

This program also contains the Agricultural Chemistry Program, which determines compliance with the stated contents of animal feeds, fertilizers, and liming materials offered for sale for farm and non-farm use. Random inspections and analyses of raw material commodities and animal feeds are conducted to determine the presence of natural and anthropogenic contaminants and adulterants.

Through on-site inspections at agribusiness plants, consumers are assured a supply of the highest quality fresh fruits and vegetables, fish, shell eggs, and egg and poultry products. Official inspection and grading services are provided to farmers, packers, processors, and wholesale and retail markets under formal agreements with the United States Departments of Agriculture and Commerce.

The Dairy program is responsible for fostering a stable and competitive dairy industry, including the regulation and enforcement of the production, processing, distribution, and sales of fluid dairy products. In addition, this program licenses dealers who purchase milk from New Jersey farmers or who sell fluid dairy products to other dealers and to retail outlets. In order to be licensed, the dealers must post a bond

with the Secretary of Agriculture conditioned upon the payment of all amount due and owing to New Jersey farmers.

**08. Farmland Preservation.** The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) administers New Jersey's Farmland Preservation Program.

The Farmland Preservation Program compensates farm owners for their development rights if they deed restrict their farms against future development. The terms of these deed restrictions can be permanent or for as short a period as eight years. Future owners of permanently preserved farms must comply with all deed restrictions.

The SADC also coordinates a variety of programs with participating counties and farmland owners to protect important farmland in sufficient quantity and quality to foster long-term agricultural viability. It is also charged with specific right-to-farm responsibilities relating to agriculture.

**99. Administration and Support Services.** The State Board of Agriculture consists of eight farmers, elected at the annual Agricultural Convention. The Board is empowered to establish those programs, regulations, and policies it deems essential to accomplish responsibilities assigned to the Department. The Secretary of Agriculture serves as Secretary to the Board and Chief Executive of the Department, and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. The Secretary is responsible for implementing State laws, regulations, and policies established by the Board of Agriculture.

The Secretary's office provides overall planning, coordination, and priority guidance for Department programs, policy and plan development, general hearing services, agricultural information services, and executive and legislative liaison. Department-wide general administrative services are provided, including services related to personnel and employee relations, fiscal control, management systems, and other administrative functions.

**EVALUATION DATA**

	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Revised FY 2006	Budget Estimate FY 2007
<b>PROGRAM DATA</b>				
<b>Animal Disease and Plant Pest and Disease Control</b>				
Animal Disease Control:				
Regulatory licensing and fees .....	645	645	645	645
General, special, and other laboratory exams .....	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
Plant Pest and Disease Control:				
Nurseries and dealers certified free of plant pests .....	1,600	1,514	1,600	1,587
Nursery acreage certified free of plant pests .....	16,500	17,261	17,000	18,554
% of bee colonies found disease free (%) .....	99	99	98	97
% of seed meeting truth in labeling requirements (%) .....	95	95	95	95
Pounds of pesticide not applied .....	1,290,000	1,300,000	1,280,000	1,280,000
Forest and crop acreage stabilized biologically .....	995,000	995,000	992,000	992,000
Forested acres protected from gypsy moth infestations .....	4,577	---	656	27,203
Major exotic insect and plant disease field surveys .....	8	9	9	9
<b>Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>				
Aquaculture Production (lbs.) .....	43,000,000	43,000,000	44,000,000	44,000,000
Soil and Water Conservation Programs:				
Land protected from soil erosion and sedimentation during development (acres) .....	36,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
Farm acreage subject to non-point source pollution control efforts .....	445,000	448,000	455,000	455,000
<b>Marketing and Development Services</b>				
% agricultural inputs meeting label guarantees:				
Fertilizer (%) .....	88	89	90	88
Lime (%) .....	90	80	90	90
Feed (%) .....	92	95	90	95
Milk license financial disputes settled .....	111	161	175	175
Producers licensed to pack Jersey Fresh logo .....	258	287	285	300
Agricultural commodities inspected and graded (lbs.) .....	726,219,758	843,957,517	850,000,000	850,000,000
Impressions from Jersey Fresh advertising .....	150,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000
Individual store outlets featuring New Jersey agricultural products .....	3,300	3,300	3,500	3,500
Racing mares bred .....	1,577	1,828	2,000	2,000
<b>Food and Nutrition Services</b>				
Temporary emergency food assistance program (lbs. delivered) .....	9,900,000	9,750,000	10,500,000	10,500,000
School lunch (lbs. delivered) .....	30,483,000	27,500,000	29,500,000	29,500,000
<b>Farmland Preservation</b>				
Cumulative acres permanently preserved .....	127,038	137,947	155,000	173,000
Cumulative farms permanently preserved .....	1,147	1,273	1,450	1,625
Eight year program (acres) .....	28,327	26,136	26,500	26,500
County/Municipal participation (\$) .....	37,439,567	39,065,180	38,000,000	39,000,000

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	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Revised FY 2006	Budget Estimate FY 2007
<b>PERSONNEL DATA</b>				
Affirmative Action Data				
Male Minority	20	19	19	21
Male Minority%	7.8	7.3	7.0	7.2
Female Minority	33	33	41	46
Female Minority%	12.9	12.7	15.0	16.0
Total Minority	53	52	60	67
Total Minority%	20.7	20.0	22.0	23.2
<b>Position Data</b>				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported	150	150	150	144
Federal	54	54	60	71
All Other	50	51	53	65
Total Positions	254	255	263	280
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Animal Disease Control	22	24	23	28
Plant Pest and Disease Control	38	40	43	50
Agriculture and Natural Resources	26	25	25	25
Food and Nutrition Services	52	20	57	61
Marketing and Development Services	60	94	59	62
Administration and Support Services	25	23	24	23
Farmland Preservation	31	29	32	31
Total Positions	254	255	263	280

**Notes:**

Actual payroll counts are reported for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 as of December and revised fiscal year 2006 as of March. The Budget Estimates for fiscal year 2007 reflect the number of positions funded.

**APPROPRIATIONS DATA**  
(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2005					Year Ending June 30, 2007				
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Total Expended	Prog. Class.	2006 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
<b><u>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</u></b>									
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>									
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<b>Distribution by Fund and Object</b>									
Personal Services:									
5,432	60 1,007 <sup>R</sup>	450	6,949	6,878		5,760	5,225	5,225	
5,432	1,067	450	6,949	6,878		5,760	5,225	5,225	
189	2	355	546	538		167	167	167	
296	10	177	483	461		251	211	211	
195	---	-6	189	175		195	195	195	

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Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Year Ending June 30, 2005					Year Ending June 30, 2007			
	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2006 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended	
<b><u>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</u></b>									
Special Purpose:									
---	80 125 <sup>R</sup>	-69	136	---	Animal Disease Control	01	---	---	---
---	20 15 <sup>R</sup>	-15	20	---	Plant Pest and Disease Control	02	---	---	---
---	---	---	---	---	Asian Longhorned Beetle Monitoring	02	200	200	200
---	116 83 <sup>R</sup>	---	199	126	Beneficial Insect Laboratory	02	---	---	---
---	146 192 <sup>R</sup>	---	338	270	Stormwater Discharge Permit Fees	03	---	---	---
338	---	---	338	338	Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program	05	338	338	338
826	177	-13	990	831	Promotion/Market Develop- ment	06	826	826	826
---	215 <sup>R</sup>	-215	---	---	Marketing and Development Services	06	---	---	---
90	---	---	90	90	Agricultural Right-to-Farm Program	08	90	90	90
1,650	---	---	1,650	1,650	Open Space Administrative Costs	08	1,650	1,650	1,650
18	---	---	18	18	Expenses of State Board of Agriculture	99	18	18	18
28	---	---	28	28	Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity	99	28	28	28
61	9	19	89	---	Additions, Improvements and Equipment		46	46	46
<b><u>GRANTS-IN-AID</u></b>									
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>									
1,500	92	92	1,684	1,343	Agriculture and Natural Resources	03	1,200	950	950
---	---	---	---	---	Food and Nutrition Services	05	---	4,000	4,000
75	---	90	165	165	Marketing and Development Services	06	75	75	75
1,180	---	---	1,180	1,180	Farmland Preservation	08	300	---	---
<b>2,755</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>Total Grants-in-Aid</b>		<b>1,575</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>5,025</b>
<b>Distribution by Fund and Object</b>									
Grants:									
1,500	---	-298	1,202	1,197	Conservation Assistance Program	03	1,200	950	950
---	92	390	482	146	Conservation Cost Share Program	03	---	---	---
---	---	---	---	---	Food Assistance Program	05	---	3,000	3,000
---	---	---	---	---	Capital Improvements for Storing Food for Food Banks	05	---	1,000	1,000
75	---	---	75	75	Promotion/Market Develop- ment	06	75	75	75
---	---	90	90	90	New Jersey Museum of Agriculture	06	---	---	---
1,180	---	---	1,180	1,180	Soil and Water Conservation Grants	08	300	---	---

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Year Ending June 30, 2005					Year Ending June 30, 2007				
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<b>STATE AID</b>									
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>									
11,035	331	---	11,366	10,343	Food and Nutrition Services	05	11,677	11,677	11,677
50	---	-48	2	2	Farmland Preservation	08	50	50	50
<b>11,085</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>-48</b>	<b>11,368</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>Total State Aid</b>		<b>11,727</b>	<b>11,727</b>	<b>11,727</b>
<b>Distribution by Fund and Object</b>									
State Aid:									
3,212	54 <sup>R</sup>	---	3,266	2,644	School Breakfast - State Aid Grants	05	3,854	3,854	3,854
439	---	---	439	439	Non-Public Nutrition Aid - State Aid Grants	05	439	439	439
7,384	277 <sup>R</sup>	---	7,661	7,260	School Lunch Aid - State Aid Grants	05	7,384	7,384	7,384
50	---	-48	2	2	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	08	50	50	50
<b>CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION</b>									
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>									
---	2	---	2	---	Plant Pest and Disease Control	02	---	250	250
---	1,140	---	1,140	150	Agriculture and Natural Resources	03	---	---	---
<b>---</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>Total Capital Construction</b>		<b>---</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Distribution by Fund and Object</b>									
<b>Division of Plant Industry</b>									
---	---	---	---	---	Chromatographic Diagnostic Equipment	02	---	250	250
---	2	---	2	---	Renovations to Phillip Alampi Beneficial Insect Laboratory	02	---	---	---
<b>State Agriculture Development Commission</b>									
---	1,140	---	1,140	150	Direct Easement	03	---	---	---
<b>22,963</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>27,602</b>	<b>24,586</b>	<b>Grand Total State Appropriation</b>		<b>22,871</b>	<b>25,996</b>	<b>25,996</b>

## OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS

<b>Federal Funds</b>									
18					Animal Disease Control	01	718	682	682
411 <sup>S</sup>	362	118	909	419	Plant Pest and Disease Control	02	1,473	2,743	2,743
1,270	516	---	3,723	2,872	Agriculture and Natural Resources	03	---	---	---
1,937 <sup>S</sup>	183	-25	244	235	Dairy and Commodity Regulation	04	---	---	---
25	107	---	107	107	Food and Nutrition Services	05	271,534	300,177	300,177
61 <sup>S</sup>	---	---	---	---	Marketing and Development Services	06	508	429	429
---	703	---	703	703	Commodity Distribution	07	---	---	---
248,329	882	---	6,882	528	Farmland Preservation	08	12,301	9,429	9,429
112 <sup>S</sup>	---	---	248,441	219,036	<b>Total Federal Funds</b>		<b>286,534</b>	<b>313,460</b>	<b>313,460</b>
399	-1,529	70	---	---	<b>All Other Funds</b>				
1,060 <sup>S</sup>	703	---	703	703	Animal Disease Control	01	153	153	153
---	882	---	6,882	528	Plant Pest and Disease Control	02	323	372	372
<b>259,622</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>261,009</b>	<b>223,900</b>	Agriculture and Natural Resources	03	325	325	325
---	531	-531	---	---	Dairy and Commodity Regulation	04	---	---	---
---	2,132 <sup>R</sup>	744	2,876	1,596	Food and Nutrition Services	05	1,516	1,516	1,516



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<b>OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS</b>									
---	2,271 7,008 <sup>R</sup>	553	9,832	6,977	Marketing and Development Services	06	7,733	7,658	7,658
---	737 21 <sup>R</sup>	-744	14	---	Commodity Distribution	07	---	---	---
---	650 <sup>R</sup>	---	650	651	Farmland Preservation	08	900	740	740
---	16	---	16	2	Administration and Support Services	99	---	---	---
---	<u>13,470</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>13,505</u>	<u>9,276</u>	<i>Total All Other Funds</i>		<u>10,950</u>	<u>10,764</u>	<u>10,764</u>
<u>282,585</u>	<u>18,516</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>302,116</u>	<u>257,762</u>	<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<u>320,355</u>	<u>350,220</u>	<u>350,220</u>

**Notes -- Direct State Services - General Fund**

(a) The fiscal year 2006 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of the salary program and reallocation of administrative efficiencies.

**Language Recommendations -- Direct State Services - General Fund**

- Receipts from laboratory test fees are appropriated to support the Animal Health Laboratory program. The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Animal Health Laboratory receipt account is appropriated for the same purpose.
- Receipts from the seed laboratory testing and certification programs are appropriated for program costs. The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the seed laboratory testing and certification receipt account is appropriated for the same purpose.
- Receipts from Nursery Inspection fees are appropriated for Nursery Inspection program costs. The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Nursery Inspection program is appropriated for the same purpose.
- Receipts from the sale or studies of beneficial insects are appropriated to support the Beneficial Insect Laboratory. The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Sale of Insects account is appropriated for the same purpose.
- Receipts from Stormwater Discharge Permit program fees are appropriated for program costs. The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Stormwater Discharge Permit Program account is appropriated for the same purpose.
- Receipts from dairy licenses and inspections are appropriated for program costs.
- Receipts in excess of the amount anticipated from feed, fertilizer, and liming material registrations and inspections are appropriated for program costs.
- Receipts from agriculture chemistry fees not to exceed \$75,000 shall be available to support the organic certification program.
- Receipts from inspection fees derived from fruit, vegetable, fish, red meat, and poultry inspections are appropriated for the cost of conducting fruit, vegetable, fish, and poultry inspections.
- An amount equal to receipts generated at the rate of \$.47 per gallon of wine, vermouth, and sparkling wine sold by plenary winery and farm winery licensees issued pursuant to R.S.33:1-10, and certified by the Director of the Division of Taxation, are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture from the alcoholic beverage excise tax for expenses of the Wine Promotion Program.
- Receipts derived from the distribution of commodities, sale of containers, and salvage of commodities, in accordance with applicable federal regulations, are appropriated for Commodity Distribution expenses.
- Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the amount hereinabove for the Open Space Administrative Costs account is transferred from the Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to the General Fund, together with an amount not to exceed \$125,000, and is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture for the State Agriculture Development Committee's administration of the Farmland Preservation program subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
- The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Promotion/Market Development Account is appropriated for the same purpose.
- Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an amount not to exceed \$200,000 shall be transferred from the appropriate funds established in the Open Space Preservation Bond Act of 1989, P.L.1989, c.183, to the State Transfer of Development Bank account and is appropriated to the State Agriculture Development Committee for Transfer of Development Rights administrative costs.
- Receipts derived from the surcharge on vehicle rentals pursuant to section 54 of P.L. 2002, c.34 (C.App.A:9-78), not to exceed \$278,000, are appropriated to support the Agro-Terrorism program within the Department of Agriculture.
- Receipts from organic program fees are appropriated for program costs.

**Language Recommendations -- Grants-In-Aid - General Fund**

- The expenditure of funds for the Conservation Cost Share program shall be based upon an expenditure plan subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
- Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, \$540,000 shall be transferred from the Department of Environmental Protection's Water Resources Monitoring and Planning - Constitutional Dedication special purpose account to support the Conservation Cost Share program in the Department of Agriculture on or before September 1, 2005. Further additional sums may be transferred pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture, from the

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Department of Environmental Protection's Water Resources Monitoring and Planning - Constitutional Dedication account to support non-point source pollution control programs in the Department of Agriculture, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The unexpended balance of this program at the end of the preceding fiscal year is appropriated for the same purpose, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the State Agriculture Development Committee, in determining eligibility for funding from the amount hereinabove appropriated for Soil and Water Conservation projects, shall give consideration to applications pursuant to the following priority: a. lands from which a development easement has been permanently conveyed pursuant to section 17 of P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-24), section 5 of P.L.1988, c.4 (C.4:1C-31.1), section 39 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-39), section 40 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-40) or section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1); b. lands certified by the State Agriculture Development Committee to be within a municipally approved program or other farmland preservation program on or before January 1, 2006 pursuant to P.L.1983, c.32; c. lands certified by the State Agriculture Development Committee to be within a municipally approved program or other farmland preservation program subsequent to January 1, 2006 pursuant to P.L.1983, c.32.

Of the amounts appropriated hereinabove for the Conservation Assistance Program, an amount not to exceed \$750,000 is allocated for the administrative expenses of the Conservation Assistance Program, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Conservation Assistance Program are appropriated for the same purpose.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, \$250,000 shall be transferred from the Department of Environmental Protection's Corporate Business Tax receipts and is appropriated for the Animal Waste Management program of the Conservation Assistance Program in the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources in the Department of Agriculture.

### **Language Recommendations -- State Aid - General Fund**

The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the School Breakfast - State Aid Grants Account are appropriated for the same purpose.

Of the amount hereinabove appropriated for the Department of Agriculture, such sums as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall determine from the amount listed under School Nutrition in the Department of Agriculture schedule included in the Governor's Budget Message, first shall be charged to the State Lottery Fund.

The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the School Lunch and Non-Public Nutrition Aid - State Aid Grants Accounts are appropriated for the same purpose.