

### Program Budget Comparison

The following table summarizes the total Legislative budget by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

Program Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2014	Approp. Fiscal 2015	Legislative Budget 2016	Legislative Budget 2017	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
FTE	64.78	64.78	62.52	62.52	64.78	62.52	(2.26)	(3.49)%
Personal Services	3,885,831	4,280,119	4,400,037	4,414,229	8,165,950	8,814,266	648,316	7.94 %
Operating Expenses	1,317,572	1,892,754	1,914,261	1,915,813	3,210,326	3,830,074	619,748	19.30 %
Equipment & Intangible Assets	435,934	541,512	423,012	423,012	977,446	846,024	(131,422)	(13.45)%
Grants	2,050,914	2,544,047	2,019,547	2,019,547	4,594,961	4,039,094	(555,867)	(12.10)%
Benefits & Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Transfers	15,000	75,842	38,342	38,342	90,842	76,684	(14,158)	(15.59)%
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$7,705,251</b>	<b>\$9,334,274</b>	<b>\$8,795,199</b>	<b>\$8,810,943</b>	<b>\$17,039,525</b>	<b>\$17,606,142</b>	<b>\$566,617</b>	<b>3.33 %</b>
General Fund	288,691	300,335	243,083	244,534	589,026	487,617	(101,409)	(17.22)%
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	6,614,446	7,093,802	7,440,258	7,451,324	13,708,248	14,891,582	1,183,334	8.63 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	802,114	1,940,137	1,111,858	1,115,085	2,742,251	2,226,943	(515,308)	(18.79)%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$7,705,251</b>	<b>\$9,334,274</b>	<b>\$8,795,199</b>	<b>\$8,810,943</b>	<b>\$17,039,525</b>	<b>\$17,606,142</b>	<b>\$566,617</b>	<b>3.33 %</b>

### Program Description

The Agricultural Sciences Division (ASD) administers and coordinates the major activities related to:

- Pesticide management
- Pest management
- Analytical laboratory services
- Noxious weed management
- Agricultural chemical groundwater program
- Seed, feed and fertilizer program
- Organic certification
- Nursery program
- Apiary program
- Commodity programs

ASD also administers agricultural programs related to the manufacturing and certification of commodities exported from or distributed in the state. The division provides support to the Montana Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council, Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Advisory Council, and the Montana Organic Commodity Advisory Council.

### Program Highlights

Agricultural Sciences Division Major Budget Highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When compared to 2015 biennium appropriations, the program budget shrank by 4.9% or \$905,179. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Funding for noxious weed control formed the largest portion of the increase.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

### Funding

The following table shows program funding by source from all sources of authority.

Department of Agriculture, 30-Agricultural Sciences Division Funding by Source of Authority						
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	487,617	0	0	487,617	2.75 %	
02037 Mint Committee	14,000	0	0	14,000	0.09 %	
02068 Noxious Weed Admin Account	4,045,442	0	0	4,045,442	26.97 %	
02071 Anhydrous Ammonia Account	41,270	0	0	41,270	0.28 %	
02072 Manuals & Training Account	70,462	0	0	70,462	0.47 %	
02093 ALFALFA LEAF CUTTING BEE	11,202	0	0	11,202	0.07 %	
02107 Environmental Contingency RIT	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02192 Pesticide Groundwater Account	2,108,462	0	0	2,108,462	14.06 %	
02193 Pesticide Account	2,442,912	0	0	2,442,912	16.29 %	
02198 Fert. Groundwater Account	60,630	0	0	60,630	0.40 %	
02264 Organic Certification	497,652	0	0	497,652	3.32 %	
02265 FSI Produce	580,776	0	0	580,776	3.87 %	
02266 Commodity Dealer/Warehouse	169,138	0	108,000	277,138	1.85 %	
02267 Nursery Account	450,008	0	0	450,008	3.00 %	
02268 Produce Account	1,028,668	0	0	1,028,668	6.86 %	
02269 Seed Account	241,482	0	0	241,482	1.61 %	
02341 Weed Seed Free Forage Account	168,068	0	0	168,068	1.12 %	
02452 Commercial Fertilizer	743,770	0	0	743,770	4.96 %	
02454 Commercial Feed	1,679,467	0	0	1,679,467	11.20 %	
02782 Reverted Weed Grant Fund	65,000	0	0	65,000	0.43 %	
02792 Apiary Account	218,124	0	0	218,124	1.45 %	
02162 EQPF	255,049	0	0	255,049	1.70 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$14,891,582</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$108,000</b>	<b>\$14,999,582</b>	<b>84.68 %</b>	
03118 Agriculture ASD Federal	2,226,943	0	0	2,226,943	100.00 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$2,226,943</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,226,943</b>	<b>12.57 %</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$17,606,142</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$108,000</b>	<b>\$17,714,142</b>		

The Agricultural Sciences Division is funded with general fund, state special revenue, and federal special revenue. General fund supports inspection and testing for prohibited materials in feed related to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease) and noxious weed control grants. State special revenue represents the prominent funding source, comprising 85% of the total program funding. It is derived primarily from fees assessed for regulatory activities, product registration, and technical services. Federal special revenue includes funding from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Federal funds support noxious weed mitigation and portions of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) feed sampling program.

### Budget Summary by Category

The following summarizes the total budget utilizing the FY 2015 legislative base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Summary by Category								
Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget
2015 Budget	300,335	300,335	600,670	123.18 %	9,349,274	9,349,274	18,698,548	106.20 %
PL Adjustments	(57,252)	(55,801)	(113,053)	(23.18)%	(714,066)	(698,389)	(1,412,455)	(8.02)%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	159,991	160,058	320,049	1.82 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$243,083</b>	<b>\$244,534</b>	<b>\$487,617</b>		<b>\$8,795,199</b>	<b>\$8,810,943</b>	<b>\$17,606,142</b>	

Present law adjustments reduced the program budget by 8.02%. The major driver behind this reduction were operating adjustments stemming from changes in grant funding.

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the adopted changes from the FY 2015 legislative appropriation. Each is discussed in the narrative that follows.

Present Law Adjustments										
Fiscal 2016					Fiscal 2017					
FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
DP 515 - State Share Health Insurance	0.00	2,517	13,629	13,753	29,899	0.00	2,517	13,629	13,753	29,899
DP 520 - Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE	0.00	7,398	0	46,032	53,430	0.00	7,398	0	46,032	53,430
DP 525 - Fixed Cost Adjustment	0.00	3,012	71,152	19,610	93,774	0.00	2,957	69,854	19,253	92,064
DP 527 - Inflation/Deflation Adjustment	0.00	(574)	(13,548)	(3,734)	(17,856)	0.00	(476)	(11,250)	(3,100)	(14,826)
DP 529 - Longevity and Other Adjustments	0.00	(580)	(13,688)	(3,773)	(18,041)	0.00	(160)	(3,778)	(1,041)	(4,979)
DP 550 - Motor Pool Rate Adjustment	0.00	0	(6)	0	(6)	0.00	0	(7)	0	(7)
DP 570 - Additional Personal Services Adjustments	0.00	(69,025)	334,755	(291,167)	(25,437)	0.00	(68,037)	334,845	(290,949)	(24,141)
DP 580 - Additional Operating Adjustments	0.00	0	(295,901)	(624,000)	(919,901)	0.00	0	(295,901)	(624,000)	(919,901)
DP 3000444 - Statewide 4% FTE Reduction - Program 30	(3.26)	0	0	0	0	(3.26)	0	0	0	0
DP 3003003 - Establish HB 2 Authority for Seed Mediation	0.00	0	3,900	0	3,900	0.00	0	3,900	0	3,900
DP 3003004 - Program 30 Fees Amended by Rule	0.00	0	86,172	0	86,172	0.00	0	86,172	0	86,172
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>(3.26)</b>	<b>(\$57,252)</b>	<b>\$186,465</b>	<b>(\$843,279)</b>	<b>(\$714,066)</b>	<b>(3.26)</b>	<b>(\$55,801)</b>	<b>\$197,464</b>	<b>(\$840,052)</b>	<b>(\$698,389)</b>

\*\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

**DP 515 - State Share Health Insurance -**

The legislature provided appropriation authority for the state share of health insurance, as adopted by the 2013 Legislature.

**DP 520 - Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE -**

The legislature provided appropriation authority to restore personal services funding to create a vacancy savings rate of zero.

**DP 525 - Fixed Cost Adjustment -**

The legislature adopted proprietary rates for fixed costs charged to state agencies for services such as information technology or rent and grounds maintenance within the capitol complex. Rates for messenger services, legislative audit, grounds maintenance, records management, agency legal costs, and the statewide cost allocation plan were adopted as proposed by the executive. The legislature lowered proprietary rates for warrant writer, payroll services, SABHRS, SITSD fees, and rent. The legislature increased insurance premiums to provide for increased costs of claims and to establish a reserve for the insurance fund.

**DP 527 - Inflation/Deflation Adjustment -**

The legislature adopted inflation/deflation factors for budgeted expenditures such as food or electricity. The legislature concurred with the executive on the factors with the exception of gasoline, aviation gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel. For

these factors the legislature further deflated costs to align the budget with more current information on declining prices of oil and gas projected to continue into the 2017 biennium.

DP 529 - Longevity and Other Adjustments -

The legislature adopted personal service adjustments for unemployment insurance, workers compensation rates, longevity, retirement, and health benefits.

DP 550 - Motor Pool Rate Adjustment -

The legislature adopted a reduction to the motor pool rates.

DP 570 - Additional Personal Services Adjustments -

The legislature adopted all other personal service cost adjustments, except the annualization of the 2015 biennium pay plan.

DP 580 - Additional Operating Adjustments -

The legislature adopted all other operating cost adjustments.

DP 3000444 - Statewide 4% FTE Reduction - Program 30 -

FY 2016 and FY 2017 contain any reductions in FTE made by the executive to implement the boilerplate language in HB 2. Though intended by the legislature, the FY 2014 and FY 2015 FTE levels do not reflect this language.

DP 3003003 - Establish HB 2 Authority for Seed Mediation -

The legislature appropriated additional funds for the seed mediation program which had previously been statutorily appropriated.

DP 3003004 - Program 30 Fees Amended by Rule -

The legislature authorized additional appropriations to allow the department to use revenue associated with fee changes.

**New Proposals**

The "New Proposals" table shows the adopted changes from the FY 2015 legislative appropriation. Each is discussed in the narrative that follows.

New Proposals										
-----Fiscal 2016-----					-----Fiscal 2017-----					
FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
DP 3003005 - Reverted Noxious Weed Grants										
0.00	0	32,500	0	32,500	0.00	0	32,500	0	32,500	
DP 6201001 - Statewide Noxious Weed Control Coordination (RST/OTO)										
1.00	0	127,491	0	127,491	1.00	0	127,558	0	127,558	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$159,991</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$159,991</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$160,058</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$160,058</b>

\*\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 3003005 - Reverted Noxious Weed Grants -

The legislature authorized additional authority to allow the department to redistribute reverted noxious weed grants to other projects.

DP 6201001 - Statewide Noxious Weed Control Coordination (RST/OTO) -

The legislature appropriated funds from the environmental quality protection fund state special revenue account for the statewide noxious weed control coordination program that assists weed districts and local governments in their weed control efforts. This included one FTE and the associated operating expenses of the program.