

**Program Budget Comparison**

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

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Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2012	Approp. Fiscal 2013	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 12-13	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
FTE	65.78	65.78	70.53	70.53	65.78	70.53	4.75	7.22%
Personal Services	3,703,936	3,816,092	4,106,830	4,107,947	7,520,028	8,214,777	694,749	9.24%
Operating Expenses	1,426,418	1,831,475	1,916,592	1,918,557	3,257,893	3,835,149	577,256	17.72%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	450,837	361,124	541,512	541,512	811,961	1,083,024	271,063	33.38%
Grants	2,060,581	3,130,006	2,559,047	2,559,047	5,190,587	5,118,094	(72,493)	(1.40%)
Transfers	59,412	75,842	75,842	75,842	135,254	151,684	16,430	12.15%
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$7,701,184</b>	<b>\$9,214,539</b>	<b>\$9,199,823</b>	<b>\$9,202,905</b>	<b>\$16,915,723</b>	<b>\$18,402,728</b>	<b>\$1,487,005</b>	<b>8.79%</b>
General Fund	287,508	296,125	436,527	436,527	583,633	873,054	289,421	49.59%
State Special	5,690,888	6,723,883	6,817,654	6,819,257	12,414,771	13,636,911	1,222,140	9.84%
Federal Special	1,722,788	2,194,531	1,945,642	1,947,121	3,917,319	3,892,763	(24,556)	(0.63%)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$7,701,184</b>	<b>\$9,214,539</b>	<b>\$9,199,823</b>	<b>\$9,202,905</b>	<b>\$16,915,723</b>	<b>\$18,402,728</b>	<b>\$1,487,005</b>	<b>8.79%</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
- Invasive species

ASD also administers agricultural programs related to the production, manufacturing, certification, and marketing 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, Montana Noxious Weed Summit Advisory Council, Montana Organic Commodity Advisory Council, and the Montana Mint Committee.

**Program Highlights**

<b>Agricultural Sciences Division Major Budget Highlights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Governor’s proposed budget increases 8.8% from the previous biennium due to statewide present law adjustments and various new proposals</li> <li>◆ The entire general fund request is to partially fund present law adjustments</li> </ul>

**Funding**

The following table shows program funding, by source for the 2015 biennium as recommended by the Governor.

Total Department Of Agriculture Funding by Source of Authority 2015 Biennium Budget - Agricultural Sciences Division							
Funds	HB 2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	MCA Reference	Statutory Category
General Fund	\$873,054	\$0	\$0	\$873,054	4.7%		
State Special Total	\$13,636,911	\$0	\$115,884	\$13,752,795	74.3%		
02037 Mint Committee	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	0.2%		
02068 Noxious Weed Admin Account	\$4,000,142	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,142	21.6%		
02071 Anhydrous Ammonia Account	\$39,302	\$0	\$0	\$39,302	0.2%		
02072 Manuals & Training Account	\$70,462	\$0	\$0	\$70,462	0.4%		
02093 Alfalfa Leaf Cutting Bee	\$7,562	\$0	\$0	\$7,562	0.0%		
02192 Pesticide Groundwater Account	\$1,711,352	\$0	\$0	\$1,711,352	9.2%		
02193 Pesticide Account	\$2,630,764	\$0	\$0	\$2,630,764	14.2%		
02198 Fert. Groundwater Account	\$50,168	\$0	\$0	\$50,168	0.3%		
02264 Organic Certification	\$460,263	\$0	\$0	\$460,263	2.5%		
02265 Fsi Produce	\$536,413	\$0	\$0	\$536,413	2.9%		
02266 Commodity Dealer/warehouse	\$161,308	\$0	\$108,000	\$269,308	1.5%	80-4-416	Pass Thru
02267 Nursery Account	\$355,365	\$0	\$0	\$355,365	1.9%		
02268 Produce Account	\$1,243,691	\$0	\$0	\$1,243,691	6.7%		
02269 Seed Account	\$170,412	\$0	\$7,884	\$178,296	1.0%	80-5-510	Pass Thru
02341 Weed Seed Free Forage Account	\$114,837	\$0	\$0	\$114,837	0.6%		
02452 Commercial Fertilizer	\$464,350	\$0	\$0	\$464,350	2.5%		
02454 Commercial Feed	\$1,379,824	\$0	\$0	\$1,379,824	7.5%		
02792 Apiary Account	\$210,696	\$0	\$0	\$210,696	1.1%		
Federal Special Total	\$3,892,763	\$0	\$0	\$3,892,763	21.0%		
03118 Agriculture Asd Federal	\$3,892,763	\$0	\$0	\$3,892,763	21.0%		
Total All Funds	\$18,402,728	\$0	\$115,884	\$18,518,612	100.0%		
<b>Percent - Total All Sources</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>				

The Agricultural Sciences Division is funded with general fund, state special revenue, and federal special revenue. General fund supports less than 5% of the division's budget, and funds portions of the state grain lab.

State special revenue is the prominent funding source, comprising 74.3% of the total program funding. It is derived primarily from fees assessed for regulatory activities, product registration, and technical services. The largest funding sources are: the noxious weed administration account (21.6%), pesticide (14.2%), and pesticide groundwater (9.2%) accounts. The noxious weed administration account receives revenues from the interest earnings of the Noxious Weed Management Trust Fund and an annual transfer of \$100,000 from the highway non-restricted account.

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 by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Percent of Budget
Base Budget	287,508	287,508	575,016	65.86%	7,701,184	7,701,184	15,402,368	83.70%
Statewide PL Adjustments	(2,305)	(2,305)	(4,610)	(0.53%)	331,581	334,663	666,244	3.62%
Other PL Adjustments	11,324	11,324	22,648	2.59%	926,836	926,836	1,853,672	10.07%
New Proposals	140,000	140,000	280,000	32.07%	240,222	240,222	480,444	2.61%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$436,527</b>	<b>\$436,527</b>	<b>\$873,054</b>		<b>\$9,199,823</b>	<b>\$9,202,905</b>	<b>\$18,402,728</b>	

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the changes to the adjusted base budget proposed by the executive. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies. The other numbered adjustments in the table correspond to the narrative descriptions.

Present Law Adjustments	-----Fiscal 2014-----				-----Fiscal 2015-----					
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
Personal Services					453,944					455,323
Vacancy Savings					(166,178)					(166,231)
Inflation/Deflation					(4,688)					(2,160)
Fixed Costs					48,503					47,731
<b>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</b>		<b>(\$2,305)</b>	<b>\$433,632</b>	<b>(\$99,746)</b>	<b>\$331,581</b>		<b>(\$2,305)</b>	<b>\$435,235</b>	<b>(\$98,267)</b>	<b>\$334,663</b>
DP 3001 - Program 30 Operating Adjustment	0.00	11,324	592,912	322,600	926,836	0.00	11,324	592,912	322,600	926,836
<b>Total Other Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$11,324</b>	<b>\$592,912</b>	<b>\$322,600</b>	<b>\$926,836</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$11,324</b>	<b>\$592,912</b>	<b>\$322,600</b>	<b>\$926,836</b>
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$9,019</b>	<b>\$1,026,544</b>	<b>\$222,854</b>	<b>\$1,258,417</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$9,019</b>	<b>\$1,028,147</b>	<b>\$224,333</b>	<b>\$1,261,499</b>

DP 3001 - Program 30 Base Budget Adjustments - The executive is requesting funding to restore operations authority to base levels in the Agricultural Sciences Division (ASD). Actual expenditures in FY 2012 were lower than the level authorized by the 62nd Legislature due to the variable nature of agricultural activity. This authority will be used for office supplies, field supplies, lab supplies, training, travel, equipment, and grants.

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The department is requesting a return to the FY 2012 appropriated level plus other increases for increased tests for mad cow disease, training, vehicle purchases, equipment, grants, and other expenses.

**New Proposals**

Program	FTE	Fiscal 2014				Fiscal 2015					
		General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
DP 3002 - Analytical Laboratory	30	0.00	0	100,000	0	100,000	0.00	0	100,000	0	100,000
DP 3003 - Eurasian Watermilfoil Containment/Control -OTO/RST	30	4.75	140,000	0	0	140,000	4.75	140,000	0	0	140,000
DP 6101 - Professional Development Center Fee Allocation	30	0.00	0	222	0	222	0.00	0	222	0	222
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$100,222</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$240,222</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$100,222</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$240,222</b>	

DP 3002 - Analytical laboratory - The executive is requesting state special revenue funding each year of the 2015 biennium to account for fee-for-service funds that were previously received, held, and expended by the Montana agricultural experiment station at Montana State University on behalf of this jointly operated laboratory. The additional authority would enable the analytical laboratory to continue to use the funds for equipment and general operational activity such as supplies, maintenance, and student interns.

<b>LFD COMMENT</b>	This funding is paid to the University System and must have legislative approval.
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DP 3003 - Eurasian Watermilfoil Containment/Control -OTO/RST – The executive requests 4.75 seasonal temporary FTE and one-time-only/restricted general fund each year of the 2015 biennium to continue activities associated with management of aquatic invasive plants through prevention, identification, and response. The department would focus on survey of waterways, watercraft inspection stations, outreach and education, management areas, and response to invasive plant detections.

<b>LFD COMMENT</b>	<p>The Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Act was passed by the 2009 Legislature to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive aquatic species into Montana’s waters. The original act required the Departments of Agriculture (MDA) and Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) to enter into cooperative agreements to perform their respective tasks and to work cooperatively.</p> <p>The 2011 Legislature revised the act (HB 621), and among other changes added the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to the list of coordinating agencies. HB 621 also appropriated general fund for the general responsibilities of the agencies in the act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enter into cooperative agreements with each other</li> <li>○ Identify and prioritize threats</li> <li>○ Provide public awareness and education</li> <li>○ Provide prevention and detection of invasive species, including the use of invasive species management areas</li> <li>○ Manage, control, and restore infested areas</li> <li>○ Provide emergency response</li> </ul>
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The figure below shows the appropriation in HB 621 and anticipated expenditures for the 2013 biennium, as well as the executive request for the 2015 biennium. During the interim the executive transferred funding among agencies and the 2015 biennium requests reflect the amounts estimated to be expended by the departments.

	AIS Funding		
	2013 Biennium	2013 Biennium	215 Biennium
	HB 621 Approp	Est. expenditures	DP Requests
MDA	\$558,000	\$279,750	\$280,000
FWP	150,000	618,250	618,250
DNRC	<u>190,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$898,000</u>	<u>\$898,000</u>	<u>\$898,250</u>

The MDA has chosen to focus on Eurasian watermilfoil, while the DFWP is concentrated on quagga mussels, and other non-plant based AIS.

DP 6101 - Professional development center training fee alloc - The executive requests an increase for training services purchased from the Professional Development Center (PDC) of the Department of Administration. This request reflects the difference between the amount paid in the base for PDC services and a fixed cost allocation based on agency FTE counts. Starting in the 2015 biennium and beyond, the executive recommends funding the PDC as a fixed cost item. For a further discussion, see the narrative for the Department of Administration.