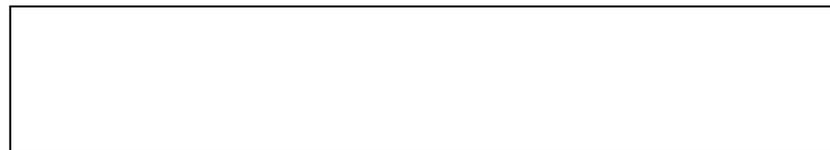


# **Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill Senate File 435**

## ***Conference Committee Report***

**An Act relating to appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection.**



### **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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# AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS BILL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE FILE 435

**Funding Summary:** Senate File 435, as proposed by the Conference Committee, appropriates a total of \$40.7 million from the General Fund and 1,569.0 FTE positions for FY 2014. This is an increase of \$5.4 million and 71.0 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2013. Senate File 435 also appropriates \$87.9 million from other funds. This is an increase of \$6.3 million compared to estimated FY 2013. **See the attached tracking document for funding totals and difference comparisons for individual budget unit items.**

**FUNDING SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS:** The Conference Committee recommends the Senate recede from amendment H-1371, and that Senate File 435 as amended, passed, and reprinted by the House be amended as follows:

- **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs):**
  - Operations – \$17.6 million from the General Fund.
  - Water Quality Initiative Project – \$2.4 million from the General Fund and 1.0 FTE position. Specifies \$150,000 can be used for administration of the Project.
  - Loess Hills Authority – \$75,000 from the General Fund.
  
- **Department of Natural Resources (DNR):**
  - Operations – \$12.8 million from the General Fund.
  - Forestry Health – \$200,000 from the General Fund.
  - Online Training for Manure Applicators – \$250,000 from the Groundwater Protection Fund.
  
- **Board of Regents:**
  - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory – \$3.8 million from the General Fund.
  - Iowa Nutrient Research Center – \$1.5 million from the General Fund.
  
- **Environment First Fund (EFF):**
  - Watershed Protection Fund – \$900,000.
  - Cost Share Conservation Administration – \$2.6 million.
  - Loess Hill Authority – \$525,000.
  - Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund – \$16.0 million.
  - State Park Operations – \$6.4 million.
  - Animal Feeding Operations – \$1.3 million.

NOTE: The appropriations for FY 2015 are 50.0% of the FY 2014 appropriation levels for General Fund and other fund appropriations, and 100.0% for FTE position appropriations. Exceptions include a General Fund appropriation of \$4.4 million for the Water Quality Initiative Project and no funding for REAP. Iowa Code chapter 455A.18 provides a standing appropriation of \$20.0 million for REAP from the General Fund.

## Language Summary:

**NOTE: This language summary represents major language provisions and should not be considered an all-inclusive comprehensive listing.**

- **Operations – DALs:**
  - Creates the Water Quality Initiative and an associated fund under the DALs. The Fund may include funds from other public or private sources.

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- Provides requirements for money expended for the Water Quality Initiative:
  - Requires funds to be allocated to priority watersheds identified by the Water Resources Coordination Council (WRCC).
  - Requires projects to use water quality practices identified in the Nutrient Reduction Strategy report.
  - Requires the DALS to collaborate with agricultural landowners in targeted watersheds.
  - Requires implementation of a demonstration project on a cost-share basis and specifies that the State portion of funding cannot exceed 50.0% of the estimated cost of the project.
  - Requires demonstration projects to educate the public about water quality practices that may include field day demonstrations.
  - Requires the DALS to conduct water quality evaluations in targeted watersheds and to create a database of water quality practices.
  - Requires the DALS to support education and outreach to encourage agricultural producers to establish water quality practices.
  - Permits the DALS to use this appropriation with other State and federal resources.
  - The DALS may use moneys appropriated to support the Water Quality Initiative and to support projects funded by the federal government.
  - Requires the DALS to file a preliminary report detailing the progress of the Water Quality Initiative to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 2014. A final report is due January 15, 2015.
  
- **Operations—DNR:**
  - Requires the DNR to employ 50.0 FTE positions for State Park operations, maintenance, and upkeep.
  - Appropriates \$250,000 from the Groundwater Protection Fund to provide online training to certified manure applicators as specified in HF 312 (Manure Applicator Education Program Act).
  - Extends the deadline for the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the Fish and Game Protection Fund to purchase radios to June 30, 2014.
  - Repeals a requirement that an application for an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile certificate of title must be signed before a notary, and requires that the certificate only be signed by the owner.
  - Repeals the Restore the Outdoors Program that was intended to fund new and existing vertical infrastructure projects in existing state parks.
  - Amends Iowa Code chapter 466B to create the Water Quality Initiative and the Water Quality Initiative Fund. Specifies money in the Fund is available for expenditure for four years.
  
- **Board of Regents:**
  - Appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund for the creation of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center at Iowa State University. The Center will facilitate collaboration among the appropriate Board of Regents institutions.
  - Establishes the Iowa Nutrient Research Center Advisory Council and specifies the membership.
  
- **Environment First Fund:**
  - Permits the DALS to use Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share funds for purchasing computer programs using LiDAR.

**Effective Date:** The provision extending the time period for the purchase of mobile radios by the DNR is effective on enactment.

## Summary Data

### General Fund

	Estimated FY 2013 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2014 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2014 <u>(3)</u>	House Action FY 2014 <u>(4)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2014 <u>(5)</u>	2014 Con. Comm. Vs 2013 Estimated <u>(6)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2015 <u>(7)</u>
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 35,354,860	\$ 35,354,860	\$ 65,054,860	\$ 36,354,860	\$ 40,704,860	\$ 5,350,000	\$ 23,552,430
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u>\$ 35,354,860</u>	<u>\$ 35,354,860</u>	<u>\$ 65,054,860</u>	<u>\$ 36,354,860</u>	<u>\$ 40,704,860</u>	<u>\$ 5,350,000</u>	<u>\$ 23,552,430</u>

# Agriculture and Natural Resources

## General Fund

	Estimated FY 2013 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2014 (2)	Senate Action FY 2014 (3)	House Action FY 2014 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2014 (5)	2014 Con. Comm. Vs 2013 Estimated (6)	Conf. Comm. FY 2015 (7)
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u></b>							
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>							
Administrative Division	\$ 17,081,328	\$ 17,081,328	\$ 17,081,328	\$ 17,581,328	\$ 17,581,328	\$ 500,000	\$ 8,790,664
Milk Inspections	189,196	189,196	189,196	189,196	189,196	0	94,598
Farmers with Disabilities	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	0	65,000
Local Food and Farm	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	37,500
Agricultural Education	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	12,500
Water Quality Initiative	0	0	2,400,000	0	2,400,000	2,400,000	4,400,000
Water Quality Initiative-Projects	0	0	10,000,000	0	0	0	0
Soil Conservation Cost Share-GF	0	0	6,000,000	0	0	0	0
Soil & Water Conser. Admin. GF	0	0	2,550,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 17,500,524</b>	<b>\$ 17,500,524</b>	<b>\$ 38,450,524</b>	<b>\$ 18,000,524</b>	<b>\$ 20,400,524</b>	<b>\$ 2,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,400,262</b>
<b>Loess Hills Dev. and Conservation</b>							
Loess Hills - GF	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 17,500,524</b>	<b>\$ 17,500,524</b>	<b>\$ 38,450,524</b>	<b>\$ 18,000,524</b>	<b>\$ 20,475,524</b>	<b>\$ 2,975,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,437,762</b>
<b><u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u></b>							
<b>Natural Resources</b>							
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 12,516,700	\$ 12,516,700	\$ 12,516,700	\$ 12,766,700	\$ 12,766,700	\$ 250,000	\$ 6,383,350
Floodplain Management Program	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	1,000,000
Forestry Health Management	100,000	100,000	200,000	100,000	200,000	100,000	100,000
Park Operations & Maintenance GF	0	0	2,900,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Natural Resources, Dept. of</b>	<b>\$ 14,616,700</b>	<b>\$ 14,616,700</b>	<b>\$ 17,616,700</b>	<b>\$ 14,866,700</b>	<b>\$ 14,966,700</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,483,350</b>
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>							
<b>Regents, Board of</b>							
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 3,237,636	\$ 3,237,636	\$ 3,487,636	\$ 3,487,636	\$ 3,762,636	\$ 525,000	\$ 1,881,318
Iowa Nutrient Management Center	0	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	750,000
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>\$ 3,237,636</b>	<b>\$ 3,237,636</b>	<b>\$ 4,987,636</b>	<b>\$ 3,487,636</b>	<b>\$ 5,262,636</b>	<b>\$ 2,025,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,631,318</b>
<b><u>Treasurer of State</u></b>							
<b>Treasurer of State</b>							
Watershed Improvement Fund - GF	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total Treasurer of State</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$ 35,354,860</b>	<b>\$ 35,354,860</b>	<b>\$ 65,054,860</b>	<b>\$ 36,354,860</b>	<b>\$ 40,704,860</b>	<b>\$ 5,350,000</b>	<b>\$ 23,552,430</b>

## Summary Data

### Other Funds

	Estimated FY 2013 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2014 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2014 <u>(3)</u>	House Action FY 2014 <u>(4)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2014 <u>(5)</u>	2014 Con. Comm. Vs 2013 Estimated <u>(6)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2015 <u>(7)</u>
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 81,639,582	\$ 88,639,582	\$ 87,639,582	\$ 87,889,582	\$ 87,889,582	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 35,819,793
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u>\$ 81,639,582</u>	<u>\$ 88,639,582</u>	<u>\$ 87,639,582</u>	<u>\$ 87,889,582</u>	<u>\$ 87,889,582</u>	<u>\$ 6,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 35,819,793</u>

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## Other Funds

	Estimated FY 2013 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2014 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2014 <u>(3)</u>	House Action FY 2014 <u>(4)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2014 <u>(5)</u>	2014 Con. Comm. Vs 2013 Estimated <u>(6)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2015 <u>(7)</u>
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u></b>							
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>							
Native Horse & Dog Prog-Unclaimed Winnings	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 0	\$ 152,758
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	250,000
Conservation Reserve Enhance - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	500,000
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	900,000	900,000	1,000,000	900,000	900,000	0	450,000
Farm Management Demo - EFF	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	0	312,500
Agricultural Drainage Wells - EFF	550,000	550,000	550,000	1,550,000	0	-550,000	0
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	2,550,000	2,550,000	0	2,550,000	2,550,000	0	1,275,000
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	500,000
Cost Share - EFF	6,650,000	6,650,000	6,650,000	6,650,000	6,650,000	0	3,325,000
Agricultural Drainage Wells - RIIF	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	-1,000,000	0
Water Quality Nutrient Mgmt - EFF	0	2,400,000	0	2,400,000	0	0	0
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 15,080,516</b>	<b>\$ 17,480,516</b>	<b>\$ 11,630,516</b>	<b>\$ 17,480,516</b>	<b>\$ 13,530,516</b>	<b>\$ -1,550,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,765,258</b>
<b>Loess Hills Dev. and Conservation</b>							
Loess Hills - EFF	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 0	\$ 262,500
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 15,605,516</b>	<b>\$ 18,005,516</b>	<b>\$ 12,105,516</b>	<b>\$ 18,005,516</b>	<b>\$ 14,055,516</b>	<b>\$ -1,550,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,027,758</b>

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<b><u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u></b>							
<b>Natural Resources</b>							
Fish & Game- DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 41,078,234	\$ 41,078,234	\$ 41,078,234	\$ 41,078,234	\$ 41,078,234	\$ 0	\$ 20,539,117
GWF - Storage Tanks Study	100,303	100,303	100,303	100,303	100,303	0	50,152
GWF - Household Hazardous Waste	447,324	447,324	447,324	447,324	447,324	0	223,662
GWF - Well Testing Admin 2%	62,461	62,461	62,461	62,461	62,461	0	31,231
GWF - Groundwater Monitoring	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	0	843,376
GWF - Landfill Alternatives	618,993	618,993	618,993	618,993	618,993	0	309,497
GWF - Waste Reduction and Assistance	192,500	192,500	192,500	192,500	192,500	0	96,250
GWF - Solid Waste Authorization	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	25,000
GWF - Geographic Information System	297,500	297,500	297,500	297,500	297,500	0	148,750
Snowmobile Registration Fees	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	50,000
Administration Match - UST	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	100,000
Volunteers and Keepers of Land - EFF	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	50,000
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	3,710,000	6,610,000	3,710,000	6,610,000	6,360,000	2,650,000	3,180,000
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	195,000	195,000	195,000	0	97,500
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	0	1,477,500
Water Quality Protection - EFF	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	250,000
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	620,000	1,120,000	1,920,000	1,120,000	1,320,000	700,000	660,000
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - EFF	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	0	212,500
Water Quantity - EFF	495,000	495,000	495,000	495,000	495,000	0	247,500
Geological and Water Survey - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	100,000
REAP - EFF	12,000,000	12,000,000	20,000,000	12,000,000	16,000,000	4,000,000	0
Winterset Water Utility	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Keep Iowa Beautiful	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	100,000
Manure App. Online Train.	0	0	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
<b>Total Natural Resources, Dept. of</b>	<b>\$ 66,034,066</b>	<b>\$ 70,634,066</b>	<b>\$ 75,534,066</b>	<b>\$ 69,884,066</b>	<b>\$ 73,834,066</b>	<b>\$ 7,800,000</b>	<b>\$ 28,792,035</b>
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$ 81,639,582</b>	<b>\$ 88,639,582</b>	<b>\$ 87,639,582</b>	<b>\$ 87,889,582</b>	<b>\$ 87,889,582</b>	<b>\$ 6,250,000</b>	<b>\$ 35,819,793</b>

## Summary Data

### FTE Positions

	Estimated FY 2013 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2014 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2014 <u>(3)</u>	House Action FY 2014 <u>(4)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2014 <u>(5)</u>	2014 Con. Comm. Vs 2013 Estimated <u>(6)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2015 <u>(7)</u>
Agriculture and Natural Resources	1,497.95	1,497.95	1,568.95	1,568.95	1,568.95	71.00	1,568.95
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u>1,497.95</u>	<u>1,497.95</u>	<u>1,568.95</u>	<u>1,568.95</u>	<u>1,568.95</u>	<u>71.00</u>	<u>1,568.95</u>

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## FTE Positions

	Estimated FY 2013 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2014 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2014 <u>(3)</u>	House Action FY 2014 <u>(4)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2014 <u>(5)</u>	2014 Con. Comm. Vs 2013 Estimated <u>(6)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2015 <u>(7)</u>
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u></b>							
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>							
Administrative Division	304.21	304.21	338.21	338.21	338.21	34.00	338.21
GW - Ag Drain Wells/Sinkholes	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	0.00	2.60
Water Protection Fund	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.88	0.00	13.88
EPA Non Point Source Pollution	4.91	4.91	4.91	4.91	4.91	0.00	4.91
Abandoned Mined Lands Grant	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	0.00	7.40
Brucellosis Eradication	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
Commercial Establishment Fund	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00
Milk Inspections	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00
Water Quality Initiative	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>	<b>338.00</b>	<b>338.00</b>	<b>373.00</b>	<b>373.00</b>	<b>373.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>373.00</b>
<b><u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u></b>							
<b>Natural Resources</b>							
Natural Resources Operations	1,109.95	1,109.95	1,145.95	1,145.95	1,145.95	36.00	1,145.95
<b>Total Natural Resources, Dept. of</b>	<b>1,109.95</b>	<b>1,109.95</b>	<b>1,145.95</b>	<b>1,145.95</b>	<b>1,145.95</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>1,145.95</b>
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>							
<b>Regents, Board of</b>							
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,497.95</b>	<b>1,497.95</b>	<b>1,568.95</b>	<b>1,568.95</b>	<b>1,568.95</b>	<b>71.00</b>	<b>1,568.95</b>