
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Administrative Division

Purpose and History

The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALSS) is a broad-based agency that enforces over 100 chapters of the Iowa Code related to the agricultural industry. The Department was created in 1923 and is managed by the Secretary of Agriculture, an elected official. The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee appropriates all of the General Fund moneys for operations to the Administrative Division in the Department. This allows the agency to prioritize program funding when the budget has been reduced.

Funding

In addition to the General Fund appropriation, the Department receives federal funds, collects fees, and utilizes other sources of revenue. Major expenditures include personnel services, State aid for landowner conservation practices, contract and professional services, capital projects, and State vehicle operations. The annual General Fund appropriation has been between \$17.0 million and \$19.0 million over the past five years.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [159](#), [160](#), [162](#), [163](#), [164](#), [165](#), [167](#), [168](#), [169](#), [170](#), [173](#), [174](#), [177](#), [178](#), [179](#), [181](#), [182](#), [184](#), [185](#), [186](#), [189](#), [190](#), [191](#), [192](#), [194](#), [196](#), [197](#), [198](#), [199](#), [200](#), [202](#), [203](#), [205](#), [206](#), [207](#), [208](#), [210](#), [212](#), [213](#), [214](#), and [215](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [21](#), [27](#), and [811](#)

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