

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship – Administrative Division

Purpose and History

The [Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship](#) (DALs) 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. For FY 2011 and 2012, the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee appropriated all of the General Fund moneys to the Administrative Division in the Department. This allows the agency to prioritize program funding when the budget has been reduced.

Funding

The majority of the funding to the Administrative Division is from the General Fund. In addition to the General Fund appropriation, the Department receives federal funds, collects fees, and 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.

Other States

The FY 2016 General Fund appropriations for 30 other state agriculture departments were reviewed and the average appropriation level was \$17.4 million. The appropriation levels ranged from a low of \$1.0 million to a high of \$69.3 million. However, the organization of each state may vary and the programs in the Iowa DALs may not be the same programs funded with General Fund moneys in other states.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [159](#), [160](#), [161](#), [162](#), [163](#), [164](#), [165](#), [167](#), [168](#), [169](#), [170](#), [173](#), [174](#), [175](#), [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 IAC](#) (Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship), [27 IAC](#) (Soil Conservation Division), and [811 IAC](#) (Veterinary Medicine Board)

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More Information

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