

Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill House Study Bill 338

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An Act relating to and making appropriations involving State government entities associated with agriculture, food regulation, natural resources, and environmental protection, and providing penalties.

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FUNDING SUMMARY

General Fund FY 2026: Appropriates a total of \$47.3 million from the General Fund and 1,618.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for FY 2026. This is an increase of \$1.4 million and an increase of 199.0 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2025.

The General Fund changes include:

- An increase of \$400,000 to the Iowa State University (ISU) Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.
- An increase of \$317,000 to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Operations.
- An increase of \$215,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALSS) Administrative Division.
- An increase of \$200,000 for foreign animal disease preparedness.
- An increase of \$50,000 to the Local Food and Farm Program.
- A new appropriation of \$500,000 for State park maintenance.
- A new appropriation of \$200,000 for groundwater planning and resource assessment.
- A new appropriation of \$200,000 for market reporting.
- A decrease of \$250,000 for foreign animal disease capitals. This appropriation will be funded from the Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund (IADPF) created by the Bill.
- A decrease \$250,000 for the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program. This appropriation will be moved to the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF).
- A decrease of \$100,000 to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund.
- A decrease of \$100,000 to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.

Other Funds FY 2026: Appropriates a total of \$99.4 million from other funds. This is an increase of \$653,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The Bill appropriates \$51.4 million from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, \$42.0 million from the Environment First Fund (EFF), \$3.5 million from the Groundwater Protection Fund (GWPF), and \$2.5 million from various other funds.

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42.0 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF, and the Bill appropriates the following amounts to the following departments for FY 2026:

- \$17.3 million to the DALSS.
- \$24.0 million to the DNR.
- \$695,000 to the University of Iowa (UI).

The Bill appropriates \$12.0 million from the EFF to the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20.0 million General Fund standing appropriation in Iowa Code chapter [455A](#) and

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allocates \$1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account of the REAP to be used for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment for FY 2026. The Bill also appropriates \$375,000 from the EFF for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program in addition to a \$1.5 million appropriation from the General Fund.

NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES

General Fund — State Park Maintenance: A new appropriation of \$500,000 to the DNR for structural and infrastructure repairs in State parks. Page 11, Line 8

General Fund — Iowa Geological Survey Groundwater Planning and Resource Assessment: A new appropriation of \$200,000 for FY 2026 to the UI to support groundwater planning and resources assessment. In FY 2025, funding for this assessment came from an appropriation of \$250,000 from the Blufflands Revolving Loan Fund. Page 14, Line 8

Other Funds — Foreign Animal Disease Capitals: A new appropriation of \$250,000 for FY 2026 from the IADPF to the DALs to purchase and maintain equipment to further the implementation of the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy. This appropriation previously received funding from the General Fund. Page 23, Line 15

Other Funds — Foreign Animal Disease Vaccine: A new appropriation of \$100,000 for FY 2026 from the IADPF appropriation to the DALs to assist in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases. This appropriation previously received in FY 2024 in funding from the General Fund. Page 23, Line 20

Other Funds — Livestock Security Grants: A new appropriation to the DALs from the IADPF for \$100,000. This appropriation would require the DALs to provide grants that assist livestock producers in employing technologies or practices that drive away bird species that are known to be reservoirs for HPAI and for repairing or renovating buildings to prevent the intrusion of species that may carry HPAI. Page 23, Line 24

Other Funds — Information Technology Upgrades: A new appropriation of \$450,000 from the IADPF to the DALs to upgrade their information technology resources. Page 24, Line 14

Other Funds — ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Moving Assistance: A new appropriation of \$250,000 from the IADPF to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to assist in the installation and moving of equipment into its refurbished facility. Page 24, Line 17

Other Funds — Livestock Disease Research Fund: A new appropriation of \$100,000 to the Livestock Disease Research Fund to be used by the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine to conduct research on Page 24, Line 27

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diseases affecting livestock.

MAJOR INCREASES/DECREASES/TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

General Fund — DALs Administrative Division: Appropriates a total of \$20.4 million and 420.0 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2026. This is an increase of \$215,000 and 77.7 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2025.

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Other Funds — Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program: Appropriates a total of \$250,000 from the SWJCF for FY 2026. The Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program awards financial assistance to eligible meat processing businesses, licensed custom lockers, and mobile slaughter units. This is a new appropriation for FY 2026; however, in FY 2025, this appropriation was funded with an appropriation from the General Fund.

Page 2, Line 12

General Fund — DNR Operations: Appropriates a total of \$12.8 million and 1,146.0 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2026. This is an increase of \$317,000 and 120.3 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2025.

Page 8, Line 6

General Fund — ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory: Appropriates a total of \$4.9 million and 51.0 FTE positions in FY 2026 to ISU's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This is an increase of \$400,000 and an increase of 1.0 FTE position compared to estimated FY 2025.

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FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

General Fund — Market Reporting: A new appropriation of \$200,000 to the DALs for continuing data collection and reporting of daily grain and livestock reports. In calendar year (CY) 2024, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) discontinued several statistical market reports in which the DALs cooperated. This appropriation would be used by the DALs to continue the collection of data and for these reports.

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STUDIES AND INTENT

Intent

Requires the DALs to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with ISU to support the Local Food and Farm Program Coordinator position.

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Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund to provide

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funding of insurance premiums from unused sick leave balances of retiring conservation peace officers.

Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustment costs for FY 2026.

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Requires the appropriation for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2026 if the moneys are not allocated to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Page 11, Line 35

Allows the DNR to use up to \$1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment in FY 2026.

Page 22, Line 20

Nonreversion

Allows unexpended funds from the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

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Allows unexpended funds from the Dairy Survey Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

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Allows unexpended funds from the Local Food and Farm Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

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Allows unexpended funds from the Iowa FFA Association appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

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Allows unexpended funds from the Farmers With Disabilities Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

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Allows the unexpended funds from the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

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Allows the unexpended funds from the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

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Allows unexpended funds from the Forestry Health Management appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

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Allows the unexpended funds from the Iowa Geological Survey appropriation to carry forward for

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expenditure.

Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2027 or until a specific project is completed, whichever is earlier.

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Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations for soil and water conservation practices to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2029.

Page 19, Line 19

Specifies that the Hungry Canyons allocation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund in the Bill is exempt from reversion.

Page 19, Line 28

Required Reports

Requires the DALs to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the Department of Management (DOM) detailing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for DALs administration, regulation, and programs.

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Requires the DALs to submit a report on its findings and recommendations for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15 of each year.

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Requires the DNR to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the DOM detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for DNR administration, regulation, and programs.

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Reversion Requirements

Specifies that any unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated in FY 2026 to Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) will revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2026. If moneys are reverted, the UI is required to transfer to the General Fund from other unencumbered General Fund appropriations or other funds the difference between the amount reverted and the amount appropriated.

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SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

Extends the \$20.0 million General Fund standing appropriation to the REAP Fund through FY 2031.

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Repeals and replaces the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund with the IADPF.

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Transfers all unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund to

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the IADPF on the effective date of Division VIII of this Bill.

Requires moneys collected from the sale of timber grown in a State park and sold by the DNR to be deposited in the State Conservation Fund to be used by the DNR at the specific State park in which the moneys were generated. Also allows the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to sell or exchange public structures under the jurisdiction of the NRC and requires any moneys made by a sale of public land or structures to be deposited into the State Conservation Fund to be used by the DNR at the State park in which the moneys were generated.

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Creates Iowa Code chapter 137H, which pertains to the misbranding of dairy products.

Page 30, Line 16

House Study Bill 338 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

Page #	Line #	Bill Section	Action	Code Section
6	35	6	New	187.304
22	29	23	Amend	455A.18.3.a
24	34	25	Strike	159.5.11.a.(5)
25	2	26	Amend	163.3B.3
25	16	27	Amend	163.10
25	28	28	Amend	164.6
26	5	29	Amend	164.21.2,3
26	28	30	Amend	165.18
28	7	31	Strike	331.512.1.e
28	9	32	Strike	331.559.2
28	20	34	Amend	461A.31A
29	4	35	Amend	461A.32.1
29	26	36	Amend	137F.3A.1.a
29	34	37	Amend	137F.3A.1.b
30	8	38	New	137F.4B
30	16	39	New	137H.1
31	35	40	New	137H.2
32	16	41	New	137H.3
32	33	42	New	137H.4
33	2	43	New	137H.5
33	24	44	New	137H.6

1 1 DIVISION I
1 2 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

1 3 Section 1. GENERAL FUND.

1 4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
1 5 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the
1 6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
1 7 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
1 8 used for the purposes designated:

1 9 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
1 10 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
1 11 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
1 12 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
1 13 \$ 20,377,294
1 14 FTEs 420.00

1 15 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following
1 16 amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and
1 17 technology, to be used for the university's midwest grape and
1 18 wine industry institute:

1 19 \$ 325,000

1 20 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
1 21 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
1 22 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
1 23 expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support
1 24 the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

1 25 Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS —
1 26 HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys
1 27 available under section 99D.13 to the department of agriculture
1 28 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1 29 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so
1 30 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
1 31 designated:

1 32 For purposes of supporting the department's administration
1 33 and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section
1 34 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and
1 35 miscellaneous purposes:

2 1 \$ 305,516

General Fund appropriation to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) for operations.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$214,984 and 77.70 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions compared to estimated FY 2025 for Department operations. The increase of 77.70 FTE positions is to restore the FTE positions to the previously authorized amount in [SF 2421](#) (FY 2025 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act).

Transfers \$325,000 of the General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute at Iowa State University (ISU).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2024.

Requires the DALs to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the Department of Management (DOM) detailing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for DALs administration, regulation, and programs.

Appropriation to the DALs from unclaimed pari-mutuel winnings for enforcement of horse and dog racing laws.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

2 2 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR
 2 3 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
 2 4 fuel infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the
 2 5 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
 2 6 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
 2 7 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
 2 8 used for the purposes designated:
 2 9 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
 2 10 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
 2 11 \$ 500,000

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund (RFIF) appropriation to the DALs for motor fuel inspections.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

2 12 Sec. 4. SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND — BUTCHERY
 2 13 INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.
 2 14 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and
 2 15 job creation fund created in section 8.57J to the department of
 2 16 agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning
 2 17 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount,
 2 18 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 2 19 designated:
 2 20 For support of the butchery innovation and revitalization
 2 21 program established pursuant to 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter
 2 22 1148, section 28, to award financial assistance to eligible
 2 23 businesses for projects based on criteria described in section
 2 24 15E.370:
 2 25 \$ 249,695

Appropriation from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF) to the DALs for the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Fund and Program.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$249,695 for FY 2026. The Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program awards financial assistance to eligible meat processing businesses, licensed custom lockers, and mobile slaughter units. In FY 2025, this appropriation was funded with an appropriation from the General Fund.

2 26 2. The department may use not more than 5 percent of the
 2 27 moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to pay for the costs of
 2 28 administering the program described in subsection 1.

Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% (\$12,485) of the funds appropriated for administration of the Program.

2 29 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
 2 30 subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
 2 31 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
 2 32 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
 2 33 close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

2 34 Sec. 5. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
 2 35 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
 3 1 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
 3 2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June
 3 3 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is

3 4 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3 5 1. DAIRY REGULATION

3 6 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section
3 7 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade "A" milk and
3 8 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

3 9 \$ 189,196

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Dairy Survey Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The DALs is responsible for annually certifying all milk labeled Grade "A" pasteurized and Grade "A" raw milk for pasteurization. When the survey results show that requirements for production, processing, and distribution are not met, the DALs initiates procedures to suspend the permit of the violator.

3 10 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
3 11 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
3 12 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
3 13 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
3 14 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Dairy Survey Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

3 15 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM

3 16 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm
3 17 program pursuant to chapter 267A:

3 18 \$ 125,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Local Food and Farm Program.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$50,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The Program requires the DALs to work in cooperation with ISU Extension and Outreach. The Program facilitates communication among farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers while encouraging coordination among various government agencies, universities, organizations, and businesses. In addition, the Program funds special projects in local food markets.

3 19 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, \$50,000 is
3 20 allocated to the department to support a project conducted by
3 21 Iowa state university of science and technology to study the
3 22 ability of the choose Iowa food program, created under section
3 23 187.304, as enacted by this Act, to serve rural grocers.

Allocates \$50,000 to the DALs to support a project conducted by the ISU University of Science and Technology to study the ability of the Choose Iowa Program to serve local grocers.

3 24 c. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement
3 25 with Iowa state university of science and technology to support
3 26 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of
3 27 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture
3 28 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

Requires the DALs to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with ISU to support the Local Food and Farm Program Coordinator position.

3 29 d. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Local Food and Farm

3 30 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
 3 31 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
 3 32 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
 3 33 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

3 34 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
 3 35 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association
 4 1 affiliated with a national organization that promotes
 4 2 agricultural education providing for future farmers:
 4 3 \$ 150,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Iowa FFA Association.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The FFA Association is a student organization for students interested in agriculture, education, and leadership. The organization works with individual students and guides them to achieve personal growth through agricultural education.

4 4 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
 4 5 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
 4 6 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
 4 7 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
 4 8 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Iowa FFA Association appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

4 9 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK
 4 10 For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and
 4 11 response fund created in section 163.3B to further implement a
 4 12 foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy as
 4 13 described in section 163.3C:
 4 14 \$ 1,250,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Foreign Animal Disease Program.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$200,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy works to develop practical, cost-effective plans to control and/or eradicate foreign animal diseases.

4 15 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM
 4 16 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with
 4 17 disabilities:
 4 18 \$ 230,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The moneys will be used by the Easter Seals Society of Iowa for the Rural Solutions Program. The funding provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities. The Easter Seals Society of Iowa offers agricultural work site and home modification consultations, peer support, and services for each family. The Rural Solutions Program began in 1986 and provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities.

4 19 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be
 4 20 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national

Specifies requirements for the use of appropriated moneys through the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

4 21 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in
 4 22 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special
 4 23 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally
 4 24 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated
 4 25 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through
 4 26 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance
 4 27 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the
 4 28 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged
 4 29 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home
 4 30 modification consultations, peer support services, services
 4 31 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan
 4 32 services.

4 33 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
 4 34 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
 4 35 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
 5 1 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
 5 2 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Farmers With Disabilities Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

5 3 6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

General Fund appropriation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.

5 4 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
 5 5 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2:
 5 6 \$ 300,000

DETAIL: This is a decrease of \$100,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The funds are used by the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Authority to protect natural resources in the deep loess soil region of western Iowa.

5 7 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
 5 8 \$270,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons
 5 9 account.

Allocates \$270,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account.

DETAIL: This is a decrease of \$90,000 in funding compared to FY 2025.

5 10 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this
 5 11 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$27,000) of the funds allocated to the Hungry Canyons Account for administration.

5 12 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,
 5 13 \$30,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
 5 14 account.

Allocates \$30,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund to the Loess Hills Alliance Account.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

<p>5 15 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this 5 16 paragraph may be used for administrative costs.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$3,000) of the funds allocated to the Loess Hills Alliance Account for administration.</p>
<p>5 17 7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND 5 18 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and 5 19 conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.12: 5 20 \$ 100,000</p>	<p>General Fund appropriation to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund.</p> <p>DETAIL: This is a decrease of \$100,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority (SIDCA) was established in 1999 in response to soil erosion, water resource degradation, and stream channel destabilization linked to disturbance of the fragile glacial till soils of southern Iowa.</p>
<p>5 21 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in 5 22 this subsection may be used for administrative costs.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$10,000) of the funds appropriated to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund for administration.</p>
<p>5 23 8. GRAIN REGULATION 5 24 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203 5 25 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and 5 26 miscellaneous purposes: 5 27 \$ 350,000</p>	<p>General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the administration and enforcement of grain dealer regulation and agricultural product warehouses.</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The program was first funded in with the enactment 2020 Iowa Acts, chapter 1121 (FY 2021 Omnibus Appropriations Act).</p>
<p>5 28 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND 5 29 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section 5 30 187.201: 5 31 \$ 1,813,000</p>	<p>Appropriates \$1,813,000 from the General Fund to the Choose Iowa Fund.</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. On April 17, 2024, the General Assembly passed Iowa Acts 2024, HF 2641 (Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Act), which combined the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program, Choose Iowa Promotional Program, and Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program into the Choose Iowa Fund, which is used to administer those three programs.</p>
<p>5 32 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, 5 33 the department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the 5 34 value-added agricultural grant program created in section 5 35 187.321.</p>	<p>Requires DALs to use \$500,000 from the Choose Iowa Fund for the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program.</p> <p>DETAIL: This is an increase in funding of \$37,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The purpose of the Program is to identify,</p>

evaluate, and support programs that add value to agriculture products, enable new technologies, and support marketing strategies.

6 1 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
6 2 department may use up to \$813,000 to support the choose Iowa
6 3 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,
6 4 part 1.

Allows DALs to use \$813,000 from the Choose Iowa Fund for the Choose Iowa Promotional Program.

DETAIL: This is an increase in funding of \$213,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The funds are for the State branding program to advertise food items that contain agricultural commodities grown in Iowa.

6 5 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the
6 6 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the dairy
6 7 innovation and revitalization program created in section
6 8 187.311.

Requires DALs to use to \$500,000 from the Choose Iowa Fund for the Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program.

DETAIL: This is a decrease in funding of \$250,000 compared to estimated FY 2025. The Program provides financial assistance to businesses related to the dairy industry to help expand or refurbish or establish new milk plants and mobile dairy processing units, rent buildings or equipment, or incorporate methods or technologies that reduce farm labor.

6 9 c. The department may increase or decrease the amount of
6 10 moneys used to support a program described in paragraph "b"
6 11 based on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating
6 12 in the program. The department shall publish a notice of the
6 13 department's action to increase or decrease the amount on the
6 14 department's internet site where the programs are advertised at
6 15 least thirty days prior to the day that the department takes
6 16 such action.

Allows the DALs to increase or decrease the amount of moneys used to support a program based on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating in the program and requires the DALs to publish a notice of any increase or decrease 30 days prior to the change.

6 17 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM
6 18 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food
6 19 purchasing program to assist eligible participants in
6 20 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to section 187.304,
6 21 as enacted by this Act:
6 22 \$ 200,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding for estimated FY 2025. The Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program provides assistance to schools and food banks for the purchase of locally sourced foods. In FY 2025, the Program also received a \$100,000 appropriation from the Blufflands Protection Revolving Loan Fund.

6 23 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
 6 24 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
 6 25 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
 6 26 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
 6 27 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

6 28 11. MARKET REPORTING

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for continuing data collection and reporting of daily grain and livestock reports.

6 29 a. For purposes of continuing data collection and reporting
 6 30 for a daily grain or livestock report:
 6 31 \$ 200,000

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$200,000 for FY 2026. In calendar year (CY) 2024, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) discontinued several statistical market reports in which the DALs cooperated. This appropriation would be used by the DALs to continue the collection of data and for these reports.

6 32 b. The department shall report data at a minimum at
 6 33 the county level and make the report available for public
 6 34 consumption.

Requires the DALs to report data at a minimum of the county level and make the report available for public consumption.

6 35 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION 187.304 CHOOSE IOWA FOOD PURCHASING
 7 1 PROGRAM.

CODE: Creates Iowa Code section 187.304, which provides direction on the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program.

7 2 1. There is created within the department a choose Iowa food
 7 3 purchasing program.

7 4 2. The department shall administer the program according to
 7 5 all of the following:

CODE: Requires the DALs to administer the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program according to the following conditions:

- 7 6 a. A farm or business that owns or operates the farm
 7 7 source shall be given a preference to participate in the
 7 8 program if the farm or business is currently participating
 7 9 in the choose Iowa promotional program as provided in this
 7 10 part 1 of subchapter III. Otherwise, a farm or business may
 7 11 participate in the program if the farm or business has applied
 7 12 to participate in the choose Iowa promotional program and the
 7 13 department determines that the application will be approved.
- 7 14 b. An eligible participant is limited to any Iowa food bank
 7 15 or an Iowa emergency feeding organization, recognized by the
 7 16 department.
- 7 17 c. A qualified food product is limited to meat and poultry,
 7 18 dairy products, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and produce.
- 7 19 d. The department is not required to follow a requirement in
 7 20 chapter 190A that the department determines is not practical
 7 21 for the program.

- A farm or business that owns or operates the farm source shall be given a preference to participate in the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program if the farm or business is currently participating in the Choose Iowa Promotional Program, or has applied to the Choose Iowa Promotional Program and the DALs has determined the application will be approved.
- Eligible participants are limited to any Iowa food bank or an Iowa emergency feeding organization recognized by the DALs.
- Qualified products are limited to meat and poultry, dairy products, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and produce.
- The DALs is not required to follow a requirement in Iowa Code chapter [190A](#) (Farm-To-School Act) that the DALs determines is not practical for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program.
- No more than \$150,000 of the moneys appropriated each year can be used to reimburse Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency feeding organizations, and eligible participants are

7 22 3. a. Of the moneys appropriated to support the program in
 7 23 a fiscal year, not more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars
 7 24 shall be used to reimburse Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency
 7 25 feeding organizations.
 7 26 b. An eligible participant shall be reimbursed on a matching
 7 27 basis with the department contributing one dollar for every one
 7 28 dollar expended by the eligible participant.
 7 29 c. An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization
 7 30 shall not receive more than twenty-five thousand dollars per
 7 31 fiscal year for participating in the program.

reimbursed on a matching basis by the DALS, which will contribute \$1 for every \$1 expended by an eligible participant.

- An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization cannot receive more than \$25,000 per fiscal year for participating in the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program.

7 32 4. The department may use not more than five percent of the
 7 33 moneys appropriated to support the program in a fiscal year to
 7 34 pay for the costs of administering the program.

CODE: Prohibits the use of more than 5.00% of the funds appropriated to the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program for administration.

7 35 5. The department shall prepare and submit a report
 8 1 regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and
 8 2 general assembly not later than January 15 of each year.

CODE: Requires the DALS to submit a report on its findings and recommendations for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15 of each year.

8 3 6. This section is repealed July 1, 2030.

CODE: Repeals the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program under Iowa Code section 187.304 on July 1, 2030.

8 4 DIVISION II
 8 5 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

8 6 Sec. 7. GENERAL FUND.

General Fund appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for operations.

8 7 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
 8 8 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
 8 9 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
 8 10 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
 8 11 purposes designated:
 8 12 For purposes of supporting the department, including its
 8 13 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
 8 14 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
 8 15 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
 8 16 \$ 12,816,738
 8 17 FTEs 1,145.95

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$316,738 and 120.25 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2025. The increase in funding will be used for the general operations of the DNR. The increase of 120.25 FTE positions is to restore the FTE positions to the previously authorized amount in [SF 2421](#) (FY 2025 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act).

8 18 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions
 8 19 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00
 8 20 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the

Requires the DNR to allocate 50.00 FTE positions to State park operations for seasonal maintenance and upkeep. This does not affect the number of Conservation Officer, Park Ranger, or Park Manager

8 21 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing
 8 22 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.
 8 23 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park
 8 24 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

FTE positions.

8 25 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of
 8 26 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department
 8 27 of management. The report shall describe in detail the
 8 28 expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to
 8 29 support the department's administration, regulation, and
 8 30 programs.

Requires the DNR to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the DOM detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for DNR administration, regulation, and programs.

8 31 Sec. 8. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION
 8 32 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

State Fish and Game Protection Fund appropriation to the law enforcement, fisheries, and wildlife programs of the DNR.

8 33 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
 8 34 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the
 8 35 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning
 9 1 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount,
 9 2 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 9 3 designated:

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

9 4 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of
 9 5 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,
 9 6 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,
 9 7 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and
 9 8 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
 9 9 and miscellaneous purposes:

9 10 \$ 51,404,790

9 11 2. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
 9 12 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
 9 13 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
 9 14 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of
 9 15 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation
 9 16 who retire, pursuant to section 97B.49B.

CODE: Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund to provide funding of insurance premiums from unused sick leave balances of retiring conservation peace officers.

9 17 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may
 9 18 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish
 9 19 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July
 9 20 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as is necessary to fund
 9 21 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the
 9 22 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in
 9 23 subsection 1.

CODE: Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustment costs for FY 2026.

9 24 Sec. 9. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
 9 25 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
 9 26 in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for
 9 27 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
 9 28 2026, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to
 9 29 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
 9 30 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
 9 31 For purposes of supporting the department’s protection
 9 32 of the state’s groundwater, including for administration,
 9 33 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
 9 34 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:
 9 35 \$ 3,455,850

Groundwater Protection Fund appropriation to the DNR for programs specified in Iowa Code section [455E.11](#).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The allocations include:

- \$100,303 for the Storage Tanks Program. The funds are used for the administration of the State Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program.
- \$447,324 for the Household Hazardous Waste Program. The funds are allocated to regional collection centers and for administration of the Program.
- \$62,461 for administration of the Private Well Testing Program. The funds are used by the DNR for administering the closure of private wells.
- \$1,686,751 for groundwater monitoring. The funds are used for monitoring groundwater at sanitary disposal projects.
- \$618,993 for the Landfill Alternatives Program. The Program is now called the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP), and the funds are used to provide financial assistance to local governments; public and private groups, businesses, and individuals for education; market development projects; and utilization of best practices to reduce landfill waste.
- \$192,500 for the Waste Reduction and Assistance Program. The Program is now called the Pollution Prevention Services Program and provides confidential and nonregulatory assistance to facility operators.
- \$50,000 to administer the SWAP.
- \$297,518 for the Geographic Information System (GIS) Program. The funds are used to maintain the GIS Program and a comprehensive water resource data system that can be used by the public.

10 1 Sec. 10. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE
 10 2 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
 10 3 fund created under section 321G.7 to the department of natural
 10 4 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
 10 5 ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof
 10 6 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
 10 7 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
 10 8 snowmobile programs:
 10 9 \$ 100,000

Special Snowmobile Fund appropriation to the DNR for administration and enforcement of the State Snowmobile Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. These funds are used for snowmobile safety education and trail maintenance and to provide cost-share grants to local snowmobile organizations.

10 10 Sec. 11. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND TO
 10 11 DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
 10 12 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
 10 13 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
 10 14 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
 10 15 used for the purposes designated:

10 16 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY
 10 17 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam
 10 18 safety:
 10 19 \$ 1,510,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. Section 17 of the Bill appropriates an additional \$375,000 from the Environment First Fund (EFF) for the Program. The goal of the Program is the protection of life and property from damage by flooding. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.
- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on more than 3,800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

10 20 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
 10 21 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install
 10 22 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood
 10 23 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood
 10 24 frequency analysis.

Allocates up to \$400,000 for the purchase and installation of stream gauges to assist with predicting flood events.

10 25 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
 10 26 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
 10 27 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
 10 28 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
 10 29 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows the unexpended funds from the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

10 30 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT
 10 31 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management
 10 32 programs:
 10 33 \$ 525,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for forestry health management programs.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. Forestry health management programs are dedicated to monitoring, managing, and reducing insects and diseases that

damage and harm Iowa's forests.

10 34 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
10 35 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
11 1 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
11 2 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
11 3 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Forestry Health Management appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2027.

11 4 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS
11 5 For supporting operations at state parks, including
11 6 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:
11 7 \$ 1,000,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR to support operations at State parks, including maintenance and repair of facilities.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

11 8 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE
11 9 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:
11 10 \$ 500,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for structural and infrastructure repairs in State parks.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$500,000 for FY 2026.

11 11 DIVISION III
11 12 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

11 13 Sec. 12. SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. There is
11 14 appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state
11 15 university of science and technology for the fiscal year
11 16 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following
11 17 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
11 18 purposes designated:

11 19 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY
11 20 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
11 21 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
11 22 laboratory, and for not more than the following full-time
11 23 equivalent positions:
11 24 \$ 4,899,898
11 25 FTEs 51.00

General Fund appropriation to ISU for operations at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$399,898 and an increase of 1.00 FTE position compared to estimated FY 2025. The increase in funding will be used for the general operations of the laboratory. The increase of 1.00 FTE position is to restore the FTE positions to the previously authorized amount in [SF 2421](#) (FY 2025 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act).

11 26 b. (1) Iowa state university of science and technology

Prohibits ISU from reducing funding from other sources to the

11 27 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the
 11 28 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
 11 29 appropriation made in this subsection.

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory as a result of this appropriation.

11 30 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to a reduction made
 11 31 to support the college of veterinary medicine if the same
 11 32 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary
 11 33 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of
 11 34 science and technology's budget units.

Allows ISU to reduce funding to the College of Veterinary Medicine if the same percentage of reduction is applied to other ISU budget units.

11 35 c. If by June 30, 2026, Iowa state university of science
 12 1 and technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in
 12 2 this subsection to the college of veterinary medicine in
 12 3 accordance with this subsection, the moneys appropriated in
 12 4 this subsection for that fiscal year shall revert to the
 12 5 general fund of the state.

Requires the appropriation for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2026 if the moneys are not allocated to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

12 6 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS

General Fund appropriation to ISU for forestry management.

12 7 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative
 12 8 extension service in agriculture and home economics in
 12 9 providing technical support to landowners and loggers regarding
 12 10 the management of private forests in northeast Iowa, and for
 12 11 not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

DETAIL: Maintains current level of funding and FTE positions for FY 2025. The appropriation is to support the ISU Extension and Outreach in providing technical support to landowners and loggers in the management of private forests in northeast Iowa.

12 12 \$ 150,000

12 13 FTEs 1.00

12 14 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with
 12 15 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home
 12 16 economics in administering this subsection.

Requires the DNR to cooperate with the ISU Extension and Outreach.

12 17 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

General Fund appropriation to the Livestock Disease Research Fund.

12 18 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund
 12 19 created in section 267.8:

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

12 20 \$ 291,390

12 21 b. Moneys appropriated under this subsection shall be used
 12 22 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
 12 23 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock
 12 24 producers.

Requires the funds to be used by ISU to support animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.

12 25 Sec. 13. IOWA NUTRIENT REDUCTION FUND — VETERINARY
 12 26 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there

Appropriates \$120,000 from the Iowa Nutrient Research Fund to the College of Veterinary Medicine at ISU.

12 27 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created
 12 28 in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and
 12 29 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
 12 30 ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof
 12 31 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
 12 32 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
 12 33 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
 12 34 laboratory:
 12 35 \$ 120,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. This appropriation is used to provide additional support to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

13 1 DIVISION IV
 13 2 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

13 3 Sec. 14. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
 13 4 (I-CASH).
 13 5 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
 13 6 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
 13 7 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount,
 13 8 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 13 9 designated:
 13 10 For supporting the operations of Iowa's center for
 13 11 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university's
 13 12 college of public health, and in cooperation with the
 13 13 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,
 13 14 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among
 13 15 members of the agricultural community:
 13 16 \$ 128,154

General Fund appropriation to Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) at the University of Iowa (UI) as part of the College of Public Health.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

13 17 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in
 13 18 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the
 13 19 director of Iowa's center for agricultural safety and health
 13 20 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for
 13 21 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning
 13 22 July 1, 2025, as worked by the director during the fiscal year
 13 23 beginning July 1, 2024.

Requires the UI to retain the I-CASH Director and to pay for the same number of hours during FY 2026 as in FY 2025.

13 24 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection
 13 25 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount
 13 26 allocated to support Iowa's center for agricultural safety and
 13 27 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in
 13 28 subsection 1.

Specifies that the UI cannot reduce other funding that supports the I-CASH due to this appropriation.

13 29 3. If by June 30, 2026, the state university of Iowa fails
 13 30 to use the moneys appropriated in subsection 1 in accordance
 13 31 with the purposes and conditions of subsections 1 and 2, any
 13 32 unencumbered or unobligated moneys appropriated in subsection
 13 33 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June
 13 34 30, 2026, shall revert to the general fund of the state. In
 13 35 addition, if moneys revert as required pursuant to section
 14 1 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall transfer to the
 14 2 general fund of the state from any otherwise unencumbered or
 14 3 unobligated moneys from any other general fund appropriation or
 14 4 from any moneys available from other funding sources an amount
 14 5 equal to the amount appropriated in subsection 1 less any
 14 6 amount that reverted to the general fund of the state pursuant
 14 7 to section 8.33.

Specifies that any unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated in FY 2026 to the I-CASH will revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2026. If moneys are reverted, the UI is required to transfer to the General Fund from other unencumbered General Fund appropriations or other funds the difference between the amount reverted and the amount appropriated.

14 8 Sec. 15. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY — GROUNDWATER PLANNING AND
 14 9 RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

General Fund appropriation to the UI to support groundwater planning and resource assessment.

14 10 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
 14 11 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning
 14 12 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount,
 14 13 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 14 14 designated:

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$200,000 for FY 2026. The assessment project will involve mapping groundwater aquifers and measuring the amount of water contained within. In FY 2025, funding for this assessment came from an appropriation of \$250,000 from the Blufflands Revolving Loan Fund.

14 15 For purposes of supporting a groundwater planning and
 14 16 resource assessment project to be administered by the Iowa
 14 17 geological survey of the state as created pursuant to section
 14 18 456.1:
 14 19 \$ 200,000

14 20 2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used
 14 21 by the Iowa geological survey to map and assess the condition
 14 22 of this state's aquifers. The Iowa geological survey may
 14 23 measure the volume of groundwater that is available for various
 14 24 uses, the current and predicted allocations of groundwater to
 14 25 support those uses, the recharge rate for the aquifers, and
 14 26 the development of models for budgeting this state's water
 14 27 resources.

Specifies that the appropriation will be used by the Iowa Geological Survey to map and assess the condition of the State's aquifers to measure the volume of groundwater available for various uses, allocations of groundwater to support those uses, the recharge rate of aquifers, and the development of models for budgeting the State's water resources.

14 28 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
 14 29 subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
 14 30 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
 14 31 available for expenditure for the purposes designated in
 14 32 subsection 1.

CODE: Allows the unexpended funds from the Iowa Geological Survey appropriation to carry forward for expenditure.

14 33 DIVISION V
 14 34 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

14 35 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND
 15 1 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
 15 2 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
 15 3 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 15 4 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so
 15 5 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 15 6 designated:

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. The Bill appropriates a total of \$17,300,000 to the DALs from the EFF for FY 2026.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

15 7 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)
 15 8 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
 15 9 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
 15 10 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
 15 11 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
 15 12 \$ 1,000,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The CREP is a federally administered voluntary program for agricultural landowners that provides financial incentives to establish wetlands for water quality improvement in tile-drained regions of Iowa. The Program includes 37 counties in north central Iowa in an area that has been identified as a contributor to high nitrate loads in the Mississippi River Basin. The Program is administered by the federal Farm Services Agency (FSA) in the USDA.

15 13 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
 15 14 in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and
 15 15 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$100,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

15 16 c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
 15 17 department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection,
 15 18 in combination with other appropriate environment first
 15 19 fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States
 15 20 department of agriculture, natural resources conservation
 15 21 service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding
 15 22 available to Iowa.

Permits funds to be used in combination with other EFF appropriations or as cost-share funds for federal projects.

15 23 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION
 15 24 a. For continuation of a program that provides
 15 25 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
 15 26 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Watershed Protection Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated

15 27 \$ 900,000

FY 2025. The purpose of the Program is to provide financial assistance for projects that establish permanent soil and water conservation practices. Project practices are integrated into a larger watershed plan and meet multiple objectives. This appropriation offers watershed grants to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for locally led watershed projects.

15 28 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
 15 29 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
 15 30 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$90,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

15 31 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)
 15 32 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
 15 33 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and
 15 34 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to
 15 35 improve water quality and habitat:

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

16 1 \$ 900,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The CRP is a voluntary program administered by the federal government for agricultural landowners. The CRP provides landowners with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for removing agricultural land from production and establishing conservation practices. The CRP is administered by the federal FSA in the USDA and is a major federal conservation program. Land enrolled in the CRP increases wildlife habitat, reduces soil erosion, and improves water quality.

16 2 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
 16 3 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
 16 4 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$90,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

16 5 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
 16 6 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water
 16 7 conservation:
 16 8 \$ 8,325,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Soil and Water Conservation Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

16 9 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for
 16 10 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills
 16 11 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:
 16 12 \$ 140,000

Transfers \$140,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account of the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.

16 13 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred in
 16 14 subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$14,000) of the funds for administration costs.

16 15 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
 16 16 for use by the department in providing for soil and water
 16 17 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
 16 18 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
 16 19 districts:
 16 20 \$ 8,185,000

Allocates \$8,185,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program funding provides financial incentives to landowners who implement approved soil and water conservation practices. State funds are divided among the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The landowner pays for at least 50.00% of the cost of the conservation practice.

16 21 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the
 16 22 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,
 16 23 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the
 16 24 purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73
 16 25 to establish management practices for the control of soil
 16 26 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited
 16 27 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring
 16 28 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation
 16 29 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be
 16 30 expended by the district for that same purpose.

Permits each Soil and Water Conservation District to use up to \$15,000 of the allocation to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on row-cropped land. Also permits up to 30.00% of remaining funds to be expended for the same purpose.

16 31 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
 16 32 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address
 16 33 complaints filed under section 161A.47.

Permits the DALs to use up to 5.00% (\$409,250) of the cost-share funds to address complaints filed for land erosion caused by sediment.

16 34 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent
 16 35 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
 17 1 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
 17 2 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
 17 3 161A.73.

Requires 5.00% (\$409,250) of cost-share funds to be used for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes from soil erosion and sediment.

17 4 g. The division of soil conservation and water quality
 17 5 created within the department pursuant to section 159.5 may
 17 6 allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph "c" to conduct
 17 7 research and demonstration projects to promote conservation
 17 8 tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

Permits the State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee to allocate funds for research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

17 9 h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as
 17 10 provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with
 17 11 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

Permits financial incentive payments to be used in combination with funds from the DNR.

17 12 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated
 17 13 in paragraph "c" may be used for costs of administration and
 17 14 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Prohibits the use of more than 15.00% (\$1,227,750) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

17 15 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for soil and water conservation administration.

17 16 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and
 17 17 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:
 17 18 \$ 3,800,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

17 19 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", \$150,000
 17 20 is allocated to support field staff providing technical
 17 21 assistance.

Allocates \$150,000 of the above appropriation to support field staff providing technical assistance.

17 22 Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
 17 23 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
 17 24 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
 17 25 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the
 17 26 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
 17 27 used for the purposes designated:

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. The Bill appropriates a total of \$24,005,000 to the DNR from the EFF for FY 2025.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

17 28 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
 17 29 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and
 17 30 staff time associated with these activities:
 17 31 \$ 6,235,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for State park maintenance and operations.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. State parks are under the administration of the Parks Bureau in the DNR. Funding pays for seasonal staff, facilities maintenance, equipment replacement, and other related expenditures.

17 32 2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)
 17 33 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
 17 34 information system data for their use in developing,
 17 35 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:
 18 1 \$ 195,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the GIS Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The GIS Program is responsible for the development, management, and coordination of the Natural Resources Geographic Information System (NRGIS) for the DNR. The NRGIS is used to provide local watershed managers with data to develop, monitor, and display watershed improvements.

18 2 3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING
 18 3 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
 18 4 quality monitoring stations:
 18 5 \$ 2,955,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Water Quality Monitoring Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. Appropriated dollars are allocated for the administration, research, and operation of water quality monitoring stations. The DNR contracts with experts from the U.S. Geological Survey and State universities for water quality research, analysis, and modeling. The appropriation supports six water quality monitoring programs. Water samples are collected to develop a baseline of information on Iowa streams, lakes, and wetlands. The DNR tracks water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and many other physical conditions and chemicals. The Water Quality Monitoring Program records fish kills and statewide water data and assesses the ability of water bodies to meet their intended uses (impaired waters) as defined by the federal Clean Water Act.

18 6 4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT
 18 7 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
 18 8 water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:
 18 9 \$ 500,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Public Water Supply System Account of the Water Quality Protection Fund.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. A public water supply is defined as a system that has at least 15 service connections or serves at least 25 persons for at least 60 days throughout the year. These systems are regulated by the Water Supply Engineering Section of the DNR.

18 10 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS
 18 11 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including
 18 12 as provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:
 18 13 \$ 1,320,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Animal Feeding Operations Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. This appropriation is used to regulate animal feeding operations. This includes processing permits for the construction of new sites and reviewing nutrient management plans. Other activities include inspection of earthen basins, construction sites, and operations as well as inspecting and investigating manure, fertilizer, and chemical spills.

18 14 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY
 18 15 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:
 18 16 \$ 375,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated

FY 2025. Section 11 of the Bill appropriates an additional \$1,510,000 from the General Fund for the Program. The goal of the Program is the protection of life and property from damage by flooding. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.
- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on 3,800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

18 17 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY
 18 18 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
 18 19 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
 18 20 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
 18 21 standards from particulate matter:
 18 22 \$ 425,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Ambient Air Quality Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. Appropriated funds finance the administration of ambient air monitoring activities and an annual contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) at the UI to conduct air monitoring. The SHL collects air monitoring data, provides quality assurance results, and reports data to the public.

18 23 Sec. 18. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL
 18 24 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first
 18 25 fund created in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa
 18 26 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June
 18 27 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
 18 28 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. The Bill appropriates a total of \$695,000 to the UI from the EFF for FY 2026.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

18 29 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS
 18 30 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa
 18 31 geological survey of the state as created within the state
 18 32 university of Iowa pursuant to section 456.1, including but not
 18 33 limited to providing analysis; data maintenance, collection,
 18 34 and compilation; investigative programs; and information for
 18 35 water supply development and protection:
 19 1 \$ 200,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the UI for the Water Quantity Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. The Water Quantity Program was established due to an increase in the number of industries that are dependent on large quantities of water for their operations (ethanol plants). The goal of the Program is to provide long-term planning for water use for industrial operations, drinking water, and other water uses.

19 2 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
 19 3 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in
 19 4 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water
 19 5 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural
 19 6 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter
 19 7 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B
 19 8 and 456.14:
 19 9 \$ 495,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the UI for the Geological and Water Survey Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025. This appropriation funds the development of programs that provide comprehensive information regarding mineral and water resources in Iowa. This includes educational programs as well as technology transfer programs and an emphasis on new water supply developments and monitoring water quality. The Geological and Water Survey Program provides information to the federal government and State agencies.

19 10 Sec. 19. REVERSION.

19 11 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph “b”, and
 19 12 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the
 19 13 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of this
 19 14 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
 19 15 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
 19 16 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
 19 17 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the
 19 18 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

CODE: Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2027 or until a specific project is completed, whichever is earlier.

19 19 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for
 19 20 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in this division of
 19 21 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
 19 22 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of
 19 23 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain
 19 24 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
 19 25 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
 19 26 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year
 19 27 beginning July 1, 2028.

CODE: Allows the unexpended funds from the EFF appropriations for soil and water conservation practices to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2029.

19 28 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred
 19 29 pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills
 19 30 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2,
 19 31 which shall not revert as provided in that section.

Specifies that the Hungry Canyons allocation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund in the Bill is exempt from reversion.

19 32 DIVISION VI

19 33 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

19 34 Sec. 20. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF
19 35 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

20 1 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund
20 2 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
20 3 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
20 4 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so
20 5 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
20 6 designated:
20 7 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in
20 8 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality
20 9 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation
20 10 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including
20 11 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:
20 12 \$ 2,375,000

20 13 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be
20 14 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the
20 15 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified
20 16 by the water resources coordinating council established
20 17 pursuant to section 466B.3.

20 18 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to
20 19 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional
20 20 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority
20 21 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating
20 22 council established pursuant to section 466B.3.

20 23 3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds
20 24 as provided in subsection 2, all of the following apply:

20 25 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality
20 26 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy
20 27 as defined in section 455B.171.

20 28 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as
20 29 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by
20 30 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in
20 31 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide
20 32 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a
20 33 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same
20 34 subwatershed.

20 35 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Water Quality Initiative (WQI).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding from the EFF compared to estimated FY 2025.

The [Nutrient Reduction Strategy Report](#) was introduced in November 2012 as a collaborative effort by the DALs, the DNR, and ISU to assess and reduce nutrient flow into Iowa waters. The WQI was created in [SF 435](#) (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC).

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in watersheds.

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in high-priority watersheds as identified by the WRCC.

Specifies criteria for projects in high-priority watersheds as follows:

- Requires demonstration projects to utilize water quality practices described in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy as defined in Iowa Code section [455B.171](#).
- Requires the DALs to collaborate with agricultural landowners in targeted watersheds.
- Prohibits the State's cost-share amount of water quality protection practices from exceeding 50.00% of the value of the practices, except for edge-of-field practices.
- Requires demonstration projects to educate the public about water quality practices.
- Requires the DALs to conduct water quality evaluations within targeted watersheds and to create a database of water quality

<p>21 1 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, 21 2 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the 21 3 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of 21 4 establishing the practice as determined by the division or 21 5 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice, 21 6 whichever is less. 21 7 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other 21 8 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar 21 9 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day 21 10 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish 21 11 water quality practices on their agricultural land. 21 12 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations 21 13 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period 21 14 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the 21 15 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality 21 16 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a 21 17 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural 21 18 land shall be a confidential record under section 22.7.</p>	<p>practices. Specifies that all information received is to be a confidential record and exempt from public access.</p>
<p>21 19 4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used 21 20 to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages 21 21 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for 21 22 farming to implement water quality practices, including the 21 23 establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and 21 24 not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.</p>	<p>Requires the DALs to use funds to support education and outreach to encourage agricultural producers to establish water quality practices.</p>
<p>21 25 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used 21 26 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of 21 27 efforts provided in this section.</p>	<p>Permits the DALs to use funds for contracts that will assist with the implementation of the WQI.</p>
<p>21 28 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by 21 29 the department to support urban soil and water conservation 21 30 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management 21 31 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of 21 32 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. 21 33 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided 21 34 in chapter 161A.</p>	<p>Permits the DALs to use funds to support urban soil and water conservation practices and to allocate funds on a cost-share basis.</p>
<p>21 35 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 22 1 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in 22 2 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a 22 3 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to</p>	<p>Permits the DALs to use funds as cost-share moneys for projects.</p>

22 4 the department from a state or federal source.

22 5 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
22 6 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering
22 7 and implementing the water quality initiative by the
22 8 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as
22 9 provided in section 466B.42 and this section.

Prohibits the DALs from using more than 10.00% (\$237,500) of the funds appropriated for administration and implementation of WQI practices.

22 10 DIVISION VII
22 11 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES

22 12 Sec. 21. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In
22 13 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is
22 14 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
22 15 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund
22 16 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June
22 17 30, 2026, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in
22 18 section 455A.19:
22 19 \$ 12,000,000

Appropriates \$12,000,000 from the EFF to the Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20,000,000 General Fund standing appropriation.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

22 20 Sec. 22. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK
22 21 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.
22 22 Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
22 23 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces
22 24 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,
22 25 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural
22 26 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,
22 27 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July
22 28 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026.

CODE: Allows the DNR to use up to \$1,000,000 from the Open Spaces Account for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment in FY 2026.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated FY 2025.

22 29 Sec. 23. Section 455A.18, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
22 30 2025, is amended to read as follows:
22 31 a. For each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning
22 32 July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2031, there is
22 33 appropriated from the general fund, to the Iowa resources
22 34 enhancement and protection fund, the amount of twenty million
22 35 dollars, to be used as provided in this chapter. However,
23 1 in any fiscal year of the fiscal period, if moneys from the
23 2 lottery are appropriated by the state to the fund, the amount
23 3 appropriated under this subsection shall be reduced by the
23 4 amount appropriated from the lottery.

CODE: Extends the \$20,000,000 General Fund standing appropriation to the REAP Fund through FY 2031

23 5 DIVISION VIII
 23 6 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

23 7 Sec. 24. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — SPECIAL
 23 8 APPROPRIATIONS.

23 9 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
 23 10 prevention fund created in section 165.18, as amended by this
 23 11 Act, to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for
 23 12 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
 23 13 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
 23 14 to be used for the purposes designated:

23 15 a. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment
 23 16 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease
 23 17 preparedness and response strategy developed under section
 23 18 163.3C:
 23 19 \$ 250,000

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund (IADPF) appropriation to the DALs to purchase and maintain equipment to further the implementation of the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$250,000 for FY 2026. The DALs is required to develop the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy in order to prevent, control, or eradicate the transmission of foreign animal diseases among populations of animals. The strategy is required to provide additional expertise and resources to increase biosecurity efforts that assist in the prevention of a foreign animal disease outbreak in the State. This appropriation previously received funding from the General Fund.

23 20 b. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines
 23 21 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that
 23 22 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:
 23 23 \$ 100,000

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the DALs to assist in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$100,000 for FY 2026. This appropriation previously received funding from the General Fund in FY 2024.

23 24 c. (1) For purposes of providing grants to assist livestock
 23 25 producers in employing technologies or practices that deter
 23 26 and drive away bird species known to be a reservoir for highly
 23 27 pathogenic avian influenza and for repairing or renovating
 23 28 buildings to prevent the intrusion of species that may carry
 23 29 highly pathogenic avian influenza:
 23 30 \$ 100,000

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the DALs to provide grants that assist livestock producers in employing technologies or practices that drive away bird species that are known to be reservoirs for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and for repairing or renovating buildings to prevent the intrusion of species that may carry HPAI.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$100,000 for FY 2026.

23 31 (2) The moneys appropriated in subparagraph (1) shall
 23 32 be distributed by the department through the issuance of
 23 33 grants to livestock producers pursuant to all of the following
 23 34 conditions:
 23 35 (a) A livestock producer shall submit an application to the
 24 1 department that shall include all of the following information:
 24 2 (i) The requested grant amount.
 24 3 (ii) The amount the livestock producer has spent or plans to
 24 4 spend on projects under subparagraph (1).
 24 5 (iii) A general description of the project.
 24 6 (iv) Any other information the department deems necessary.
 24 7 (b) The department shall not approve a grant application
 24 8 unless the livestock producer contributes to the project an
 24 9 amount that is at least one dollar for every dollar provided
 24 10 by the grant. At the request of the department, the livestock
 24 11 producer shall provide proof of expenditures for the project.
 24 12 (c) An applicant shall not receive more than \$5,000 in
 24 13 grants issued pursuant to this paragraph.

24 14 d. For purposes of upgrading information technology
 24 15 resources used by the department:
 24 16 \$ 450,000

24 17 2. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease
 24 18 prevention fund created in section 165.18, as amended by this
 24 19 Act, to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
 24 20 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,
 24 21 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
 24 22 used for the purposes designated:

24 23 a. To assist the college of veterinary medicine veterinary
 24 24 diagnostic laboratory in installing and moving equipment into
 24 25 its refurbished facility:
 24 26 \$ 250,000

24 27 b. (1) For deposit in the livestock disease research fund
 24 28 created in section 267.8:
 24 29 \$ 100,000

24 30 (2) Moneys appropriated under this paragraph shall be used
 24 31 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support
 24 32 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock

Requires the DALs to distribute moneys through the issuance of grants to livestock producers pursuant to the following conditions:

- Livestock producers must submit an application to the DALs that includes the requested amount of the grant, the amount the livestock producer has spent or plans to spend on employing technologies or practices that drive away bird species that are known to be reservoirs for HPAI and for repairing or renovating buildings to prevent the intrusion of species that may carry HPAI, and a general description of the project and any other information the DALs seems necessary.
- The DALs shall not approve a grant application unless the livestock producer contributes \$1 for every \$1 provided by the grant. The livestock producer must also provide proof of expenditures of the project at the DALs's request.
- An applicant cannot receive more than \$5,000 in grants.

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the DALs for the upgrade of information technology resources.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$450,000 for FY 2026.

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to assist in the installation and moving of equipment into its refurbished facility.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$250,000 for FY 2026.

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the Livestock Disease Research Fund.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$100,000 for FY 2026. The

24 33 producers.	Livestock Disease Research Fund is used by the the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine to conduct research on diseases affecting livestock.
24 34 Sec. 25. Section 159.5, subsection 11, paragraph a, 24 35 subparagraph (5), Code 2025, is amended by striking the 25 1 subparagraph.	CODE: Removes the requirement of the DALs to establish a swine tuberculosis eradication program.
25 2 Sec. 26. Section 163.3B, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended 25 3 to read as follows: 25 4 3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department and 25 5 shall be used exclusively to develop, establish, and implement 25 6 for the following purposes: 25 7 <u>a. Developing, establishing, and implementing a foreign</u> 25 8 <u>animal disease preparedness and response strategy as described</u> 25 9 <u>in section 163.3C, and shall not require further special</u> 25 10 <u>authorization by the general assembly.</u> 25 11 <u>b. Supporting activities related to animal health and</u> 25 12 <u>disease response that strengthen the state's overall ability</u> 25 13 <u>to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emerging or reemerging</u> 25 14 <u>animal diseases, including but not limited to salaries,</u> 25 15 <u>support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes.</u>	CODE: Allows the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Fund to be used to support activities related to animal health and disease response that strengthen the State's overall ability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emerging or re-emerging animal disease, and allows the funding to be used for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes.
25 16 Sec. 27. Section 163.10, Code 2025, is amended to read as 25 17 follows: 25 18 163.10 QUARANTINING OR DESTROYING ANIMALS. 25 19 The department may quarantine or destroy any animal exposed 25 20 to or afflicted with an infectious or contagious disease. 25 21 However, cattle exposed to or infected with tuberculosis shall 25 22 not be destroyed without the owner's consent, unless there 25 23 are sufficient moneys to reimburse the owner for the cattle, 25 24 which may be paid as an expense authorized as provided in 25 25 section 163.15, from moneys in the brucellosis and tuberculosis 25 26 eradication fund created in section 165.18, or from moneys made 25 27 available by the United States department of agriculture.	CODE: Removes references to the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund in the Iowa Code.
25 28 Sec. 28. Section 164.6, Code 2025, is amended to read as 25 29 follows: 25 30 164.6 EXPENSE OF TEST. 25 31 The expense for an inspection and official test of a 25 32 designated animal other than for bovine animals shall be borne	CODE: Removes references to the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund in the Iowa Code.

25 33 by the owner. If the designated animal is a bovine animal, and
 25 34 the owner agrees to comply with and carry out the provisions
 25 35 of this chapter and the rules adopted by the department under
 26 1 section 164.4, the expense of the inspection and test shall be
 26 2 borne by the United States department of agriculture; or by the
 26 3 department, ~~or by the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication~~
 26 4 ~~fund~~ or any combination of these sources.

26 5 Sec. 29. Section 164.21, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2025, are
 26 6 amended to read as follows:

26 7 2. The owner shall be indemnified ~~to the extent that money~~
 26 8 ~~is available in the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication~~
 26 9 ~~fund as created in section 165.18 and indemnification is also~~
 26 10 ~~made~~ by the United States department of agriculture. However,
 26 11 if the United States department of agriculture is unable to
 26 12 indemnify the owner, the department may indemnify the owner, if
 26 13 ~~money is~~ moneys are available.

26 14 3. In the case of individual payment, all cattle shall
 26 15 be individually appraised and the amount of indemnity shall
 26 16 be equal to the difference between the slaughter value and
 26 17 the appraisal price, less the amount of indemnity paid by
 26 18 the United States department of agriculture. Bison shall
 26 19 be appraised as if the bison are beef cattle. ~~The total~~
 26 20 ~~amount of indemnity paid by the brucellosis and tuberculosis~~
 26 21 ~~eradication fund for a grade animal or a purebred animal shall~~
 26 22 ~~not exceed two hundred dollars. However, if~~ If purebred cattle
 26 23 are purchased and owned for at least one year before testing
 26 24 and the owner can verify the actual cost, the department may
 26 25 ~~further~~ indemnify the owner. The amount of the indemnification
 26 26 shall not exceed five hundred fifty dollars or the actual cost
 26 27 of the animal when purchased, whichever is less.

26 28 Sec. 30. Section 165.18, Code 2025, is amended to read as
 26 29 follows:

26 30 ~~165.18 BRUCELLOSIS AND TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION~~ IOWA ANIMAL
 26 31 DISEASE PREVENTION FUND.

26 32 ~~1. A brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication fund is~~
 26 33 ~~created in the office of the secretary of agriculture, to be~~
 26 34 ~~used together with state and federal funds available to pay:~~

26 35 ~~a. The indemnity and other expenses provided in this~~
 27 1 ~~chapter:~~

27 2 ~~b. The indemnity as set out in section 164.21 and other~~

CODE: Removes references to the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund in the Iowa Code.

CODE: Repeals and replaces the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund with the IADPF.

27 3 expenses provided in chapter 164.
 27 4 ~~c. The expenses of the inspection and testing program~~
 27 5 ~~provided in chapter 163A, but only to the extent that the~~
 27 6 ~~moneys in the fund are not required for expenses incurred under~~
 27 7 ~~chapter 164 or this chapter.~~
 27 8 ~~d. Indemnities as provided in section 159.5, subsection~~
 27 9 ~~11, but only to the extent that the moneys in the fund are not~~
 27 10 ~~required to pay expenses under chapter 163A, chapter 164, or~~
 27 11 ~~this chapter.~~
 27 12 ~~2. If it appears to the secretary of agriculture that the~~
 27 13 ~~balance in the fund on January 20 is insufficient to carry~~
 27 14 ~~on the work in the state for the following fiscal year, the~~
 27 15 ~~secretary shall notify the board of supervisors of each county~~
 27 16 ~~to levy an amount sufficient to pay the expenses estimated to~~
 27 17 ~~be incurred under subsection 1 for the following fiscal year,~~
 27 18 ~~subject to a maximum levy of thirty-three and three-fourths~~
 27 19 ~~cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of all taxable~~
 27 20 ~~property in the county.~~
 27 21 ~~3. Not later than December 15 or June 15 of a year in which~~
 27 22 ~~the tax is collected, the county treasurer shall transmit the~~
 27 23 ~~amount of the tax levied and collected to the treasurer of~~
 27 24 ~~state, who shall credit it to the brucellosis and tuberculosis~~
 27 25 ~~eradication fund.~~

27 26 1. An Iowa animal disease prevention fund is created in
 27 27 the state treasury under the control and management of the
 27 28 department.

CODE: Creates the IADPF under the control of the DALs.

27 29 2. The fund shall include moneys appropriated by the general
 27 30 assembly credited to the fund. The fund may include other
 27 31 moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the department
 27 32 as provided in section 159.6A, including but not limited to the
 27 33 federal government, other public sources, or private sources.

CODE: Requires the IADPF to include moneys appropriated to the Fund by the General Assembly. The IADPF may also include other moneys the DALs has obtained or accepted.

27 34 3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department to
 27 35 develop, establish, and implement an animal disease prevention
 28 1 strategy.

CODE: Requires moneys in the IADPF to be used by the DALs to develop, establish, and implement an animal disease prevention strategy.

28 2 4. a. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings
 28 3 on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
 28 4 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that

CODE: Requires interest collected by the IADPF to be credited to the Fund and provides that moneys in the Fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year do not revert.

28 5 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year
 28 6 shall not revert.

28 7 Sec. 31. Section 331.512, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
 28 8 2025, is amended by striking the paragraph.

CODE: Repeals the requirement that county auditors include the levy of taxes for the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund on the tax list.

28 9 Sec. 32. Section 331.559, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
 28 10 amended by striking the subsection.

CODE: Repeals the duty of county treasurers to collect taxes levied for the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund.

28 11 Sec. 33. TRANSFER OF MONEYS. There is transferred from the
 28 12 brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication fund created pursuant
 28 13 to section 165.18, Code 2025, to the Iowa animal disease
 28 14 prevention fund created pursuant to section 165.18, as amended
 28 15 by this Act, all unencumbered or unobligated moneys remaining
 28 16 on the effective date of this division of this Act.

Transfers all unencumbered or unobligated moneys in the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund to the IADPF on the effective date of Division VIII of this Bill.

DETAIL: As of April 30, 2025, the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Fund has a balance of approximately \$2,500,000.

28 17 DIVISION IX
 28 18 PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF TIMBER AND REAL PROPERTY —
 28 19 ~~EXISTING PARAS~~

28 20 Sec. 34. Section 461A.31A, Code 2025, is amended to read as
 28 21 follows:

28 22 461A.31A SALE OF TIMBER.

28 23 1. If the estimated quantity of timber grown in a state
 28 24 park or a preserve to be sold by the department in a sixty-day
 28 25 period is ten thousand board feet or more or if the estimated
 28 26 value of the timber grown in a state park or a preserve to
 28 27 be sold by the department during the same period of time is
 28 28 five thousand dollars or more, the department shall conduct a
 28 29 public hearing on the proposed sale. Notice of the hearing
 28 30 shall be published as provided in section 331.305. After the
 28 31 public hearing, the department may proceed with the sale of the
 28 32 timber.

28 33 2. Moneys generated from the sale of timber grown in a
 28 34 state park and sold by the department shall be deposited in
 28 35 the state conservation fund created in section 456A.17 and are
 29 1 appropriated to the department to be used for purposes of that
 29 2 fund at the specific state park from which the moneys were
 29 3 generated.

CODE: Requires moneys collected from the sale of timber grown in a State park and sold by the DNR to be deposited in the State Conservation Fund to be used by the DNR at the specific State park in which the moneys were generated.

29 4 Sec. 35. Section 461A.32, subsection 1, Code 2025, is
 29 5 amended to read as follows:
 29 6 1. The commission may sell or exchange such parts of public
 29 7 lands or structures under the jurisdiction of the commission as
 29 8 in its judgment may be undesirable for conservation purposes,
 29 9 excepting state-owned meandered lands already surveyed and
 29 10 platted at state expense as a conservation plan and project
 29 11 tentatively adopted and now in the process of rehabilitation
 29 12 and development authorized by a special legislative Act. The
 29 13 sale or exchange shall be made upon the terms, conditions,
 29 14 or considerations as the commission may approve, whereupon
 29 15 the secretary of state shall issue a patent therefor in the
 29 16 manner provided by law in other cases. Moneys generated from
 29 17 any such sale from a state park shall be deposited in the
 29 18 state conservation fund created in section 456A.17 and are
 29 19 appropriated to the department to be used for purposes of that
 29 20 fund at the specific state park from which the moneys were
 29 21 generated. The proceeds of any other such sale or exchange
 29 22 shall become a part of the funds moneys to be expended under
 29 23 the provisions of this chapter.

CODE: Allows the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to sell or exchange public structures under the jurisdiction of the NRC and requires any moneys made by a sale of public land or structures to be deposited into the State Conservation Fund to be used by the DNR are the State park in which the moneys were generated.

29 24 DIVISION X
 29 25 MISBRANDING OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

29 26 Sec. 36. Section 137F.3A, subsection 1, paragraph a,
 29 27 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as
 29 28 follows:
 29 29 The department may employ additional full-time equivalent
 29 30 positions to enforce the provisions of this chapter and
 29 31 chapters 137A, 137C, 137D, ~~and~~ 137E, and 137H, with the
 29 32 approval of the department of management, if either of the
 29 33 following apply:

CODE: Adds Iowa Code section 137H to the Iowa Code chapters. The Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) can employ additional FTE positions to enforce provisions of the chapter.

29 34 Sec. 37. Section 137F.3A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
 29 35 2025, is amended to read as follows:
 30 1 b. Before approval may be given, the director of the
 30 2 department of management must have determined that the expenses
 30 3 exceed the funds budgeted by the general assembly for food
 30 4 inspections to the department. The department may hire no more
 30 5 than one full-time equivalent position for each six hundred
 30 6 inspections required pursuant to this chapter and chapters

CODE: The Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) cannot hire more than one additional FTE position for each 600 inspections required to enforce the provisions of Iowa Code chapters [137A](#), [137C](#), [137D](#), [137E](#), and 137H.

30 7 137A, 137C, 137D, ~~and~~ 137E, and 137H.

30 8 Sec. 38. NEW SECTION 137F.4B DAIRY PRODUCTS.

30 9 1. A regulatory authority shall not suspend or revoke a
30 10 license issued to a food processing plant under this chapter
30 11 for offering for sale or selling a food product that is
30 12 misbranded as a dairy product in violation of section 137H.4.

30 13 2. A license issued to a food processing plant under section
30 14 137F.4 also covers the operation of a food processing plant
30 15 under chapter 137H.

CODE: Specifies that a regulatory authority will not suspend or revoke a license issued to a food processing plant for offering for sale or selling a food product that is misbranded as a dairy product. Also allows a license issued to a food processing plant under Iowa Code section [137F.4](#) to also cover the operation of a food processing plant under Iowa Code chapter 137H.

30 16 Sec. 39. NEW SECTION 137H.1 DEFINITIONS.

30 17 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
30 18 requires:

30 19 1. "Agricultural food animal" means the same as defined in
30 20 section 137E.1.

30 21 2. "Dairy product" means a food product derived from milk as
30 22 defined in this section.

30 23 3. "Department" means the department of inspections,
30 24 appeals, and licensing.

30 25 4. "Fabricated dairy product" means a food product that has
30 26 one or more sensory attributes that resemble a dairy product
30 27 but that, in lieu of being derived from milk, is derived from
30 28 manufactured plants or other organic materials.

30 29 5. "Food processing plant" means the same as defined in
30 30 section 137F.1.

30 31 6. "Food product" means the same as defined in section
30 32 137E.1.

30 33 7. "Identifying dairy term" includes but is not limited to
30 34 any of the following:

30 35 a. Any word or phrase that states, indicates, suggests, or
31 1 describes milk or a dairy product, regardless of whether the
31 2 word or phrase is used individually, as a portmanteau, or as a
31 3 compound word.

31 4 b. A common name for the species of the hooved agricultural
31 5 food animal, including but not limited to cow, sheep, or goat.

31 6 c. A common name for a characteristic of a species of a
31 7 hooved agricultural food animal based on age, breed, or sex.

31 8 d. A common name that a reasonable purchaser would
31 9 immediately and exclusively associate with a dairy product
31 10 prepared for sale in normal commercial channels, including but
31 11 not limited to butter, cheese, cream, custard, dairy, gelato,

CODE: Specifies definitions for the misbranding of dairy products.

31 12 ghee, milk, whey, and yogurt.

31 13 e. A comparable word or phrase as approved by the
31 14 department.

31 15 8. "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic
31 16 matter placed upon any container storing a food product that
31 17 is offered for sale or sold on a wholesale or retail basis,
31 18 regardless of whether the label is printed on the container's
31 19 packaging or a sticker affixed to the container.

31 20 9. "Milk" means a food product that is the lacteal
31 21 secretion, practically free from colostrum, obtained by
31 22 the milking of one or more healthy hooved agricultural food
31 23 animals.

31 24 10. a. "Qualifying term" means a word, compound word, or
31 25 phrase that would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser of
31 26 dairy products from a food processing plant that a food product
31 27 is not a dairy product.

31 28 b. "Qualifying term" includes but is not limited to almond,
31 29 cashew, coconut, dairy-free, fake, imitation, hazelnut, hemp,
31 30 nut, oat, pea, plant, plant-based, quinoa, rice, soy, vegan,
31 31 vegetable, vegetarian, veggie, or a comparable word or phrase
31 32 as approved by the department.

31 33 11. "Regulatory authority" means the same as defined in
31 34 section 137F.1.

31 35 Sec. 40. NEW SECTION 137H.2 ADMINISTRATION.

32 1 1. In conducting a routine inspection of the premises of a
32 2 food processing plant licensed under chapter 137F, a regulatory
32 3 authority is not required to determine if any food product
32 4 located on the premises is misbranded as a dairy product as
32 5 provided in section 137H.3.

32 6 2. A regulatory authority shall inspect an inventory of
32 7 food products offered for sale or sold at a food processing
32 8 plant based on a credible complaint that the food products are
32 9 misbranded as dairy products as provided in section 137H.3.

32 10 3. A regulatory authority shall have the same powers to
32 11 inspect a food processing plant under this chapter as it does
32 12 under chapter 137F.

32 13 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A

CODE: Specifies that a regulatory authority conducting a routine inspection of a food processing plant licensed under Iowa Code chapter [137F](#) is not required to determine if any food product located on the premises is misbranded as a dairy product.

CODE: Requires regulatory authorities to inspect the inventory of food products offered for sale or sold at a food processing plant based on a credible complaint that the food products are misbranded as dairy products.

CODE: Specifies that a regulatory authority has the same powers to inspect a food processing plant under Iowa Code chapter 137H as it does under Iowa Code chapter 137F.

CODE: Requires the DIAL to adopt administrative rules to administer

32 14 that are necessary or desirable to administer and enforce this
32 15 chapter.

and enforce Iowa Code chapter 137H.

32 16 Sec. 41. NEW SECTION 137H.3 MISBRANDED FOOD PRODUCT.

CODE: A food product is misbranded as a dairy product if all of the following apply:

32 17 A food product is misbranded as a dairy product if all of the
32 18 following apply:

32 19 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", the food product
32 20 is a fabricated dairy product or the food product contains a
32 21 fabricated dairy product.

- The food product is a fabricated dairy product or the food product contains a fabricated dairy product.
- The food product is not misbranded as a dairy product only because it contains a trace amount of one or more plant-protein food products as determined by the DIAL.
- The food product is offered for sale or sold by a food processing plant.
- A label that is part of or placed on the package or other container storing the food product includes an identifying dairy term, but does not apply if the label contains a conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close proximity to an identifying dairy term.

32 22 b. The food product is not misbranded as a dairy product
32 23 only because it contains a trace amount of one or more
32 24 plant-protein food products as determined by the department.

32 25 2. The food product is offered for sale or sold by a food
32 26 processing plant.

32 27 3. a. A label that is part of or placed on the package
32 28 or other container storing the food product includes an
32 29 identifying dairy term.

32 30 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply if the label contains a
32 31 conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close proximity
32 32 to an identifying dairy term.

32 33 Sec. 42. NEW SECTION 137H.4 PROHIBITION — SALE.

CODE: Prohibits a food processing plant from offering for sale or selling a food product that is misbranded as a dairy product.

32 34 A food processing plant shall not offer for sale or sell a
32 35 food product that is misbranded as a dairy product as provided
33 1 in section 137H.3.

33 2 Sec. 43. NEW SECTION 137H.5 ENFORCEMENT — STOP ORDER.

CODE: Allows a regulatory authority that has reasonable cause to believe a food processing plant is offering for sale or selling a food product misbranded as a dairy product to issue a stop order. Upon being issued the stop order, the food processing plant shall not offer for sale or sell the food product until the regulatory authority determines whether the food product is or is not a misbranded dairy product.

33 3 1. If a regulatory authority has reasonable cause to believe
33 4 that a food processing plant is offering for sale or selling a
33 5 food product that is misbranded as a dairy product in violation
33 6 of section 137H.4, the regulatory authority may issue a stop
33 7 order. Upon being issued the stop order, the food processing
33 8 plant shall not offer for sale or sell the food product until
33 9 the regulatory authority determines that the food product is or
33 10 is not misbranded as a dairy product.

33 11 2. The regulatory authority may require that the food
33 12 product be held by the food processing plant and be secured
33 13 from purchase.

CODE: Allows the regulatory authority to require the food product be held by the food processing plant and secured from purchase.

33 14 3. If a regulatory authority determines that the food
33 15 product being offered for sale or sold by a food processing

CODE: If a regulatory authority determines the food product is misbranded as a dairy product, the regulatory authority may issue an

<p>33 16 plant is misbranded as a dairy product, the regulatory 33 17 authority may issue an embargo order requiring the food 33 18 processing plant to dispose of the misbranded dairy product 33 19 other than by sale to purchasers in this state.</p>	<p>embargo order requiring the food processing plant to dispose of the misbranded dairy product.</p>
<p>33 20 4. The department, the attorney general, or the county 33 21 attorney in the county where the food product is being offered 33 22 for sale or sold may enforce the stop order or embargo order by 33 23 petitioning the district court of that county.</p>	<p>CODE: Allows the DIAL, Attorney General, or county attorney in the county where the food product is being offered for sale to enforce the stop order or embargo order by petitioning the district court of that county.</p>
<p>33 24 Sec. 44. NEW SECTION 137H.6 VIOLATION — MISBRANDING — 33 25 CIVIL PENALTY. 33 26 1. A food processing plant shall not misbrand a food product 33 27 as a dairy product as provided in section 137H.3 as determined 33 28 by the department. 33 29 2. A food processing plant violating subsection 1 is subject 33 30 to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars, not 33 31 to exceed ten thousand dollars total for violations arising 33 32 out of the same transaction or occurrence. Each day that a 33 33 violation continues constitutes a separate offense.</p>	<p>CODE: A food processing plant that is found to have misbranded a dairy product is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 and not to exceed more than \$10,000 total for violations of the same occurrence. Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.</p>
<p>33 34 3. The department shall impose the civil penalty provided 33 35 in subsection 2. A food processing plant may contest the 34 1 imposition of the civil penalty by initiating a contested case 34 2 proceeding pursuant to chapter 17A.</p>	<p>CODE: Requires the DIAL to impose civil penalties and allows a food processing plant to contest the imposition of the civil penalty by initiating a contested case proceeding pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A.</p>
<p>34 3 4. Civil penalties collected under this section shall be 34 4 deposited in the general fund of the state.</p>	<p>CODE: Requires civil penalties collected to be deposited into the State General Fund.</p>

Agriculture and Natural Resources

General Fund

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated FY 2025 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2026 (3)	House Subcom FY 2026 (4)	Hse Sub FY26 vs Est FY 2025 (5)	Page and Line # (6)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u>						
Agriculture and Land Stewardship						
Administrative Division	\$ 19,210,194	\$ 20,162,310	\$ 20,377,294	\$ 20,377,294	\$ 214,984	PG 1 LN 3
Milk Inspections	189,196	189,196	189,196	189,196	0	PG 3 LN 5
Local Food and Farm	75,000	75,000	75,000	125,000	50,000	PG 3 LN 15
Agricultural Education	75,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	PG 3 LN 34
Foreign Animal Disease	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,250,000	200,000	PG 4 LN 9
Foreign Animal Disease Capitals	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	-250,000	
Foreign Animal Disease Vaccine Development	250,000	0	500,000	0	0	
Farmers with Disabilities	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000	0	PG 4 LN 15
Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund	400,000	400,000	400,000	300,000	-100,000	PG 5 LN 3
Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund	150,000	200,000	200,000	100,000	-100,000	PG 5 LN 17
Grain Regulation	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	PG 5 LN 23
Value Added Agriculture Grant Program	463,000	0	0	0	0	
Choose Iowa Promotion Program	500,000	0	0	0	0	
Dairy Innovation Program	750,000	0	0	0	0	
Choose Iowa Fund	0	1,813,000	1,813,000	1,813,000	0	PG 5 LN 28
Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	PG 6 LN 17
Butchery Innovation and Revitalization	0	249,695	0	0	-249,695	
Market Reporting	0	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	PG 6 LN 28
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of	\$ 23,892,390	\$ 25,319,201	\$ 25,984,490	\$ 25,284,490	\$ -34,711	
<u>Natural Resources, Department of</u>						
Natural Resources						
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 11,922,293	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,816,738	\$ 12,816,738	\$ 316,738	PG 8 LN 6
Floodplain Management Program	1,510,000	1,510,000	1,510,000	1,510,000	0	PG 10 LN 16
Forestry Health Management	500,000	525,000	525,000	525,000	0	PG 10 LN 30
State Park Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	PG 11 LN 4
State Park Maintenance	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	PG 11 LN 8
Total Natural Resources, Department of	\$ 14,932,293	\$ 15,535,000	\$ 15,851,738	\$ 16,351,738	\$ 816,738	

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General Fund

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated FY 2025 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2026 (3)	House Subcom FY 2026 (4)	Hse Sub FY26 vs Est FY 2025 (5)	Page and Line # (6)
<u>Regents, Board of</u>						
Regents, Board of						
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 4,899,898	\$ 399,898	PG 11 LN 19
ISU - Management of Private Forests	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	PG 12 LN 6
ISU - Livestock Disease Research	191,390	291,390	291,390	291,390	0	PG 12 LN 17
UI - Iowa Center for Ag Safety & Health (I-CASH)	128,154	128,154	128,154	128,154	0	PG 13 LN 3
UI - Groundwater Plan & Resource Assess.	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	PG 14 LN 8
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 4,719,544	\$ 5,069,544	\$ 6,069,544	\$ 5,669,442	\$ 599,898	
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 43,544,227	\$ 45,923,745	\$ 47,905,772	\$ 47,305,670	\$ 1,381,925	

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Other Funds

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated FY 2025 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2026 (3)	House Subcom FY 2026 (4)	Hse Sub FY26 vs Est FY 2025 (5)	Page and Line # (6)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u>						
Agriculture and Land Stewardship						
Native Horse & Dog Prog - Unclaimed Winnings	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 0	PG 1 LN 25
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	PG 2 LN 2
Butchery Innovation and Revitalization - SWJCF	0	0	249,695	249,695	249,695	PG 2 LN 12
Conservation Reserve Enhancement - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	PG 15 LN 7
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	0	PG 15 LN 23
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	0	PG 15 LN 31
Cost Share - EFF	8,325,000	8,325,000	8,325,000	8,325,000	0	PG 16 LN 5
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	0	PG 17 LN 15
Fuel Inspection - UST	250,000	0	0	0	0	
Water Quality Initiative - EFF	2,375,000	2,375,000	2,375,000	2,375,000	0	PG 19 LN 34
Choose Iowa Food Program - Blufflands	0	100,000	0	0	-100,000	
Foreign Animal Disease Cap. - IADPF	0	0	0	250,000	250,000	PG 23 LN 15
Foreign Animal Disease Vac. - IADPF	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	PG 23 LN 20
Livestock Security Grants — IADPF	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	PG 23 LN 24
DALS IT Upgrades — IADPF	0	0	0	450,000	450,000	PG 24 LN 14
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of	\$ 18,355,516	\$ 18,205,516	\$ 18,355,211	\$ 19,255,211	\$ 1,049,695	

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Other Funds

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated FY 2025 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2026 (3)	House Subcom FY 2026 (4)	Hse Sub FY26 vs Est FY 2025 (5)	Page and Line # (6)
<u>Natural Resources, Department of</u>						
Natural Resources						
Fish & Game - DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 49,752,093	\$ 51,404,790	\$ 51,404,790	\$ 51,404,790	\$ 0	PG 8 LN 31
GWPF - Storage Tanks Study	100,303	100,303	100,303	100,303	0	
GWPF - Household Hazardous Waste	447,324	447,324	447,324	447,324	0	
GWPF - Well Testing Admin 2%	62,461	62,461	62,461	62,461	0	
GWPF - Groundwater Monitoring	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	0	
GWPF - Landfill Alternatives	618,993	618,993	618,993	618,993	0	
GWPF - Waste Reduction and Assistance	192,500	192,500	192,500	192,500	0	
GWPF - Solid Waste Alternatives	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	
GWPF - Geographic Information System	297,518	297,518	297,518	297,518	0	
Snowmobile Registration Fees Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	PG 10 LN 1
Administration Match - UST	200,000	200,000	0	0	-200,000	
Technical Tank Review - UST	200,000	0	0	0	0	
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	6,235,000	6,235,000	6,235,000	6,235,000	0	PG 17 LN 28
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	195,000	195,000	0	PG 17 LN 32
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	0	PG 18 LN 2
Water Quality Protection - EFF	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	PG 18 LN 6
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	0	PG 18 LN 10
Floodplain Mgmt and Dam Safety - EFF	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	0	PG 18 LN 14
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - EFF	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	0	PG 18 LN 17
REAP - EFF	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	0	PG 22 LN 12
State Park Accessibility - Blufflands	0	296,228	0	0	-296,228	
Total Natural Resources, Department of	\$ 77,712,943	\$ 79,461,868	\$ 78,965,640	\$ 78,965,640	\$ -496,228	
<u>Regents, Board of</u>						
Regents, Board of						
ISU - Vet Diagnostic Lab - Iowa Nutrient Research Fund	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 0	PG 12 LN 25
UI - Water Resource Management - EFF	495,000	495,000	495,000	495,000	0	PG 18 LN 29
UI - Geological and Water Survey Oper. - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	PG 19 LN 2
ISU Vet Lab Moving Assistance — IADPF	0	0	0	250,000	250,000	PG 24 LN 17
Livestock Disease Research — IADPF	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	PG 24 LN 27
UI - Groundwater Plan. & Resource Assess. - Blufflands	0	250,000	0	0	-250,000	
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 815,000	\$ 1,065,000	\$ 815,000	\$ 1,165,000	\$ 100,000	
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 96,883,459	\$ 98,732,384	\$ 98,135,851	\$ 99,385,851	\$ 653,467	

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FTE Positions

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated FY 2025 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2026 (3)	House Subcom FY 2026 (4)	Hse Sub FY26 vs Est FY 2025 (5)	Page and Line # (6)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u>						
Agriculture and Land Stewardship						
Administrative Division	302.41	342.30	342.30	420.00	77.70	PG 1 LN 3
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of	302.41	342.30	342.30	420.00	77.70	
<u>Natural Resources, Department of</u>						
Natural Resources						
Natural Resources Operations	936.80	1,025.70	1,025.70	1,145.95	120.25	PG 8 LN 6
Total Natural Resources, Department of	936.80	1,025.70	1,025.70	1,145.95	120.25	
<u>Regents, Board of</u>						
Regents, Board of						
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	50.00	50.00	50.00	51.00	1.00	PG 11 LN 19
ISU - Management of Private Forests	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	PG 12 LN 6
Total Regents, Board of	50.00	51.00	51.00	52.00	1.00	
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	1,289.21	1,419.00	1,419.00	1,617.95	198.95	