

Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill Senate File 494

Conference Committee Report

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

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

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Funding Summary: Senate File 494, as proposed by the Conference Committee, appropriates a total of \$43.1 million from the General Fund and 1,569.0 FTE positions for FY 2016. This is no change in funding and an increase of 96.5 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2015. Senate File 494 also appropriates \$89.0 million from other funds. This is an increase of \$1.2 million compared to estimated FY 2015. Funding for FY 2017 is appropriated at 50.0% of the FY 2016 level with the exceptions of:

- No action is taken on REAP for FY 2017. This leaves the \$20.0 million standing appropriation in place for FY 2017.
- No appropriation for the Data Collection Program at Iowa State University as the \$1.2 million for FY 2016 is one-time funding.

See the attached tracking document for funding totals and difference comparisons for individual budget unit items.

FUNDING SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS: The Conference Committee recommends the House recede from amendment S-3157, and that Senate 494 as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate be amended as follows:

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs): General Fund appropriations and FTE position changes:

- Water Quality Initiative FTE Positions – 0.0 FTEs for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR): General Fund appropriations:

- Floodplain Management Program – \$1,950,000 for FY 2016.
- Forestry Health Management Program – \$500,000 for FY 2016.

Environment First Fund (EFF):

- Soil and Water Conservation – \$2,700,000 for FY 2016.
- Volunteers Keepers of the Land Program – \$0 for FY 2016.
- Forestry Health Management Program – \$0 for FY 2016 as the Program will be funded with a \$500,000 General Fund appropriation.

Supplemental General Fund FY 2015 Appropriation: Removes the supplemental FY 2015 to the DALs for a study on Avian Influenza.

Language Summary:

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

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs):

- Changes the name of the Soil Conservation Division to the Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality as directed in [HF 634](#) (FY 2016 DALs Departmental Act).
- Removes language related to salaries and support for the elimination of the Water Quality Initiative FTE positions for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Adds Park Managers, in addition to Park Rangers, as job positions not impacted by the 50.0 FTE positions allocated for maintenance and upkeep at State Parks.

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Blufflands Protection and Revolving Fund: Reestablishes the Blufflands Protection and Revolving Fund that is repealed on July 1, 2015, and changes the Fund repeal date to July 1, 2030.

Avian Influenza Waste Disposal: Exempts an entity with a 28E agreement from outside claims when disposing of special waste received from a government unit in response to a disaster emergency. Also requires a 28E entity that accepts avian flu waste for landfill disposal that receives reimbursement from the federal Department of Agriculture to provide a report to the General by January 1, 2016, that summarizes total revenues and expenditures related to the disposal of the waste.

Effective Dates:

- The Blufflands Protection and Revolving Fund provision is effective on enactment.
- The claim exemption for a 28E entity disposing of avian influenza waste is effective on enactment.

Senate Action (pink copy) NOBA: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/NOBA/86_SF494_SF.pdf

House Action NOBA: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/NOBA/86_S3157_HF.pdf

Summary Data

General Fund

	Estimated FY 2015 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2016 (2)	Senate Action FY 2016 (3)	House Action FY 2016 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 (5)	Conf. Comm. vs. Est. FY 2015 (6)	Conf. Comm. FY 2017 (7)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 43,111,995	\$ 44,611,995	\$ 43,111,995	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 43,111,995	\$ 0	\$ 21,555,998
Grand Total	<u>\$ 43,111,995</u>	<u>\$ 44,611,995</u>	<u>\$ 43,111,995</u>	<u>\$ 42,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 43,111,995</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 21,555,998</u>

Agriculture and Natural Resources

General Fund

	Estimated FY 2015 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2016 (2)	Senate Action FY 2016 (3)	House Action FY 2016 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 (5)	Conf. Comm. vs. Est. FY 2015 (6)	Conf. Comm. FY 2017 (7)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>							
Agriculture and Land Stewardship							
Administrative Division	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 17,405,804	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 0	\$ 8,827,746
Milk Inspections	189,196	189,196	189,196	189,196	189,196	0	94,598
Farmers with Disabilities	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	0	65,000
Local Food and Farm	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	37,500
Agricultural Education	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	12,500
Water Quality Initiative	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,400,000	0	2,200,000
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 22,225,000	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 0	\$ 11,237,344
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>							
Natural Resources							
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 0	\$ 6,431,154
Floodplain Management Program	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,950,000	1,950,000	-50,000	975,000
Forestry Health Management	450,000	450,000	450,000	0	500,000	50,000	250,000
Air Quality Program Support	0	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	\$ 15,312,307	\$ 16,812,307	\$ 15,312,307	\$ 14,450,000	\$ 15,312,307	\$ 0	\$ 7,656,154
<u>Regents, Board of</u>							
Regents, Board of							
ISU - Iowa Nutrient Research Center	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 0	\$ 662,500
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	2,000,000
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,662,500
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 43,111,995	\$ 44,611,995	\$ 43,111,995	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 43,111,995	\$ 0	\$ 21,555,998

Summary Data

Other Funds

	Estimated FY 2015 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2016 (2)	Senate Action FY 2016 (3)	House Action FY 2016 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 (5)	Conf. Comm. vs. Est. FY 2015 (6)	Conf. Comm. FY 2017 (7)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 87,784,573	\$ 87,784,573	\$ 89,014,573	\$ 89,014,573	\$ 89,014,573	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 35,892,289
Grand Total	<u>\$ 87,784,573</u>	<u>\$ 87,784,573</u>	<u>\$ 89,014,573</u>	<u>\$ 89,014,573</u>	<u>\$ 89,014,573</u>	<u>\$ 1,230,000</u>	<u>\$ 35,892,289</u>

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Other Funds

	Estimated FY 2015 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2016 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2016 <u>(3)</u>	House Action FY 2016 <u>(4)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 <u>(5)</u>	Conf. Comm. vs. Est. FY 2015 <u>(6)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2017 <u>(7)</u>
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>							
Agriculture and Land Stewardship							
Native Horse & Dog Prog-Unclaimed Winnings	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 0	\$ 152,758
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	250,000
Conservation Reserve Enhance - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	500,000
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	0	450,000
Farm Management Demo - EFF	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	0	312,500
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	2,550,000	2,550,000	2,550,000	3,550,000	2,700,000	150,000	1,350,000
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	500,000
Cost Share - EFF	6,750,000	6,750,000	6,750,000	7,000,000	6,750,000	0	3,375,000
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 13,630,516	\$ 13,630,516	\$ 13,630,516	\$ 14,880,516	\$ 13,780,516	\$ 150,000	\$ 6,890,258
Loess Hills Dev. and Conservation							
Loess Hills - EFF	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 0	\$ 300,000
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 14,230,516	\$ 14,230,516	\$ 14,230,516	\$ 15,480,516	\$ 14,380,516	\$ 150,000	\$ 7,190,258

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Other Funds

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<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>							
Natural Resources							
Fish & Game- DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 41,223,225	\$ 41,223,225	\$ 41,223,225	\$ 41,223,225	\$ 41,223,225	\$ 0	\$ 20,611,613
GWF - Storage Tanks Study	100,303	100,303	100,303	100,303	100,303	0	50,152
GWF - Household Hazardous Waste	447,324	447,324	447,324	447,324	447,324	0	223,662
GWF - Well Testing Admin 2%	62,461	62,461	62,461	62,461	62,461	0	31,231
GWF - Groundwater Monitoring	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	0	843,376
GWF - Landfill Alternatives	618,993	618,993	618,993	618,993	618,993	0	309,497
GWF - Waste Reduction and Assistance	192,500	192,500	192,500	192,500	192,500	0	96,250
GWF - Solid Waste Authorization	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	25,000
GWF - Geographic Information System	297,500	297,500	297,500	297,500	297,500	0	148,750
Snowmobile Registration Fees	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	50,000
Administration Match - UST	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	100,000
Volunteers and Keepers of Land - EFF	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	-100,000	0
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	6,135,000	6,135,000	6,135,000	7,035,000	6,135,000	0	3,067,500
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	195,000	195,000	195,000	0	97,500
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	0	1,477,500
Water Quality Protection - EFF	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	250,000
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	0	660,000
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - EFF	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	0	212,500
Water Quantity - EFF	495,000	495,000	495,000	495,000	495,000	0	247,500
Geological and Water Survey - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	100,000
Keep Iowa Beautiful - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	100,000
REAP - EFF	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	13,500,000	16,000,000	0	0
Forestry Health Management - EFF	50,000	50,000	50,000	500,000	0	-50,000	0
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	\$ 73,554,057	\$ 73,554,057	\$ 73,554,057	\$ 72,304,057	\$ 73,404,057	\$ -150,000	\$ 28,702,031
<u>Regents, Board of</u>							
Regents, Board of							
GWF - ISU Data Collection	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 0
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 0
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 87,784,573	\$ 87,784,573	\$ 89,014,573	\$ 89,014,573	\$ 89,014,573	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 35,892,289

Summary Data

FTE Positions

	Estimated FY 2015 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2016 (2)	Senate Action FY 2016 (3)	House Action FY 2016 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 (5)	Conf. Comm. vs. Est. FY 2015 (6)	Conf. Comm. FY 2017 (7)
Agriculture and Natural Resources	1,472.45	1,472.45	1,570.95	1,568.95	1,568.95	96.50	1,568.95
Grand Total	<u>1,472.45</u>	<u>1,472.45</u>	<u>1,570.95</u>	<u>1,568.95</u>	<u>1,568.95</u>	<u>96.50</u>	<u>1,568.95</u>

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FTE Positions

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<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>							
Agriculture and Land Stewardship							
Administrative Division	313.50	313.50	372.00	372.00	372.00	58.50	372.00
Water Quality Initiative	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	<u>313.50</u>	<u>313.50</u>	<u>374.00</u>	<u>372.00</u>	<u>372.00</u>	<u>58.50</u>	<u>372.00</u>
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>							
Natural Resources							
Natural Resources Operations	1,107.95	1,107.95	1,145.95	1,145.95	1,145.95	38.00	1,145.95
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	<u>1,107.95</u>	<u>1,107.95</u>	<u>1,145.95</u>	<u>1,145.95</u>	<u>1,145.95</u>	<u>38.00</u>	<u>1,145.95</u>
<u>Regents, Board of</u>							
Regents, Board of							
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00	0.00	51.00
Total Regents, Board of	<u>51.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	<u><u>1,472.45</u></u>	<u><u>1,472.45</u></u>	<u><u>1,570.95</u></u>	<u><u>1,568.95</u></u>	<u><u>1,568.95</u></u>	<u><u>96.50</u></u>	<u><u>1,568.95</u></u>

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General Fund

	Estimated FY 2015 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2016 <u>(2)</u>	Supp-Senate Action FY 2015 <u>(3)</u>	Supp-House Action FY 2015 <u>(4)</u>	Supp-Conf Comm FY 2015 <u>(5)</u>
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>					
Agriculture and Land Stewardship					
Administrative Division	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Milk Inspections	189,196	189,196	0	0	0
Farmers with Disabilities	130,000	130,000	0	0	0
Local Food and Farm	75,000	75,000	0	0	0
Agricultural Education	25,000	25,000	0	0	0
Water Quality Initiative	4,400,000	4,400,000	0	0	0
Avian Influenza Study	0	0	0	50,000	0
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>					
Natural Resources					
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Floodplain Management Program	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	0
Forestry Health Management	450,000	450,000	0	0	0
Air Quality Program Support	0	1,500,000	0	0	0
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	\$ 15,312,307	\$ 16,812,307	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<u>Regents, Board of</u>					
Regents, Board of					
ISU - Iowa Nutrient Research Center	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	0
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 43,111,995	\$ 44,611,995	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 0