



OVERVIEW

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is requesting a total budget increase of **\$1.3 million** for FY27. This reasonable increase of **1.6%** will help sustain essential operations that achieve IDALS' statutory mission, advance state water quality efforts, and grow Iowa's local food and market development initiatives.

FY27 REQUEST DETAIL

OPERATIONS

\$1,035,298

- Supports core services in animal health, consumer protection, food safety, and soil and water conservation.
- Covers unavoidable costs increases outside of IDALS' control, for salaries, health insurance, workers' compensation, and DAS association fees.
- Ensures operational stability amid uncertain federal funding for meat and poultry inspection, pesticide enforcement, NRCS agreements, and FDA food safety programs.

Salaries
\$631,382

Health Insurance
\$340,691

Workers Comp
\$45,473

DAS Association Fees
\$17,752

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\$300,000

- Enables further expansion of a popular program that grows Iowa's ag economy by connecting local farmers and producers with consumers and retail businesses.
- Helps farmers and agribusinesses diversify operations and capture more value from what they produce.
- Additional funding would support the program's retail strategy and enhance marketing efforts for the Choose Iowa brand with consumers.

IMPACT

Animal Health

FAD preparedness and response
Animal welfare inspections
Horse breeder award program

Consumer Protection

Choose Iowa
Market reporting
Fuel quality and dispensing accuracy
Grain examinations
Scale inspections
Organic certification
Label guarantee

Food Safety

Meat and poultry inspection
Dairy inspection
Pesticide investigations and enforcement

Soil and Water

Water Quality Initiative
Urban conservation
Soil conservation