

# Agriculture and Forestry

<b>Adopted Adjustments</b> (\$ in millions)				
	<b>FY 2019 Adopted</b>		<b>FY 2020 Adopted</b>	
	<b><u>GF</u></b>	<b><u>NGF</u></b>	<b><u>GF</u></b>	<b><u>NGF</u></b>
2016-18 Base Budget, Ch. 836	\$53.9	\$53.3	\$53.9	\$53.3
Adopted Increases	3.1	1.7	2.9	1.7
Adopted Decreases	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>
\$ Net Change	3.0	1.2	2.7	1.2
<b>Ch. 2 (HB 5002, as Adopted)</b>	<b>\$56.9</b>	<b>\$54.5</b>	<b>\$56.6</b>	<b>\$54.5</b>
% Change	5.5%	2.2%	5.1%	2.2%
FTEs	498.59	337.41	498.59	337.41
# Change	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

- **Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry**

- *Secretariat Operating Costs.* Increases the appropriation to the Office of the Secretary by \$107,500 each year from the general fund to support operations of the Office.

- **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

- *Industrial Hemp Research Program.* Provides \$156,395 GF each year and 2.00 FTE positions for marketing, staffing, and expansion of the industrial hemp research program to be managed by institutions of higher education, pursuant to Chapters 689 and 690 of the 2018 Acts of Assembly (HB 532/SB 247).
- *Food Programs Study.* Directs VDACS, in collaboration with the Department of Health, to assess the long-term funding of the food safety and restaurant inspection programs with an emphasis on assessing the likelihood of additional general fund resources for this activity, the establishment of a flexible fee schedule, and the consolidation of the two programmatic activities to achieve programmatic efficiencies. The proposed plan, and accompanying draft legislation, is due no later than October 1, 2018. A companion amendment is included in the Department of Health.

- *Virginia Wine Promotion Fund.* Increases deposits to the Fund by \$256,198 GF each year to reflect increased wine liter tax collections that are dedicated by statute to the Fund, bringing the total deposit to approximately \$2.3 million per year.
- *Authorize Sale of Eastern Shore Produce Market.* Includes language in Part 3-1.01 to authorize VDACS, in cooperation with the Department of General Services, to sell the New Market Office Building and Produce Warehouse which is located in Melfa, Virginia. After any requisite remediation costs and bond defeasance costs, the remaining proceeds will be deposited to the general fund.
- *Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID).* Includes \$1.0 million from the general fund each year to support grants or loans for the AFID program. Also provides \$221,473 GF each year to support administrative costs of the program. Both are maintained at the level funded in Chapter 836 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly.
- *Farmland Preservation.* Provides level funding of \$250,000 GF each year to the Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund to be used to provide matching grants to local purchase of development rights programs.
- *Beehive Grant.* Provides \$125,000 GF each year to the Beehive Grant Fund to provide grants to eligible beekeepers for the purchase or construction of new hives.

- **Department of Forestry**

- *Enhance Nursery Capacity.* Provides a one-time increase of \$236,000 GF the first year for the Tree Restoration, Nurseries and State-Owned forest land program to begin production of containerized longleaf and loblolly pine seedlings.
- *Reforestation of Timberlands.* Adds \$112,000 GF each year of the biennium to fully match industry contributions to the Reforestation of Timberlands program fund, bringing total annual general fund amounts to \$1.95 million.
- *Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute (VNRLI).* Provides \$100,000 GF each year to support VNRLI. Funding will be used to provide scholarships and travel reimbursements to leaders from underserved populations and to increase access to speakers, trainers and event space.