

Agriculture and Forestry

Adopted Amendments				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2019 Adopted		FY 2020 Adopted	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2018-20 Current Budget	\$56.9	\$54.5	\$56.6	\$54.5
(Chapter 2, 2018 Special Session I)				
Increases	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Decreases	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
\$ Net Change	0.00	0.0	0.4	0.0
Chapter 854 (HB 1700, as Adopted)	\$56.9	\$54.5	\$57.0	\$54.5
% Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%
FTEs	498.59	337.41	498.59	337.41
# Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

- **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

- *Animal Health and Dairy Laboratory.* Provides an increase of \$150,000 GF the second year to establish an ongoing laboratory equipment replacement program under the Commonwealth’s Master Equipment Leasing Program for the state’s four regional animal health and food safety laboratories. Much of the bacteriological and molecular testing equipment costs upwards of \$50,000-\$100,000 each. The requested support will allow for a plan to gradually fill equipment needs of \$1.0 million.

- **Department of Forestry**

- *Broadband Capacity.* Includes an additional \$200,000 GF the second year to provide broadband coverage to five agency field offices including: Abingdon, Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, New Kent, Salem, and Tappahannock.
- *Vehicle Service Center.* Authorizes \$4.3 NGF in Capital Outlay for construction of a new vehicle service center for the Department of Forestry. Funding for the construction of the service center is to be provided by the University of Virginia as part of an agreement to swap parcels owned by UVA and the Department of Forestry.