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Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Forestry

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry

FY 2025 Budget Hearing Presentation

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Secretary

*The **Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry*** serves as the primary regulatory agency for Oklahoma's agriculture industry. ODAFF administers a broad array of programs to promote Oklahoma agriculture and protect Oklahomans and our natural resources.

- Managing the herd health of the state's livestock
- Licensing businesses and individuals that provide services to farmers and ranchers such as pesticide application
- Inspecting food products such as meat, poultry, and dairy products to maintain safety standards
- Fighting wildland fire
- Licensing confined animal feeding operations to ensure stewardship of natural resources
- Providing investigative services for livestock and ag equipment theft and arson
- Promoting Oklahoma agriculture businesses and products domestically and internationally

Founded in **1907,** this agency now encompasses the following divisions: Administrative Services, Agriculture Environmental Management Services, Animal Industry Services, Consumer Protection Services, Food Safety, Forestry Services, Office of General Counsel, Laboratory Services, Market Development, and Wildlife Services**.**

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2023 Highlights

Accomplishments

1) Launched USDA's Local Food for Schools
   1) $3M+ to assist Oklahoma schools with purchasing Oklahoma produced food products
   2) 143 school districts approved and over 70 producers participating
2) Increased participation in Made in Oklahoma Program and Coalition
   1) 37% increase from 2022; 117% increase from 2020
3) Secured $6.4M in Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program Funding
   1) To build resilience mid-supply chain and strengthen local and regional food systems by creating new revenue streams for Oklahoma producers.
   2) Competitive grant program
4) Partnership with National Weather Service to develop and implement Fire Warning System
   1) Research and coordination has allowed response planning and prepositioning of resources 3-7 days before event.
   2) Improves firefighter and public safety.
5) Leading National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
   1) Secretary Arthur elected NASDA President in September 2023

Savings & Efficiencies

Savings or Efficiency Name	Brief description of how savings were achieved	Savings in Unit of Measurement*	FY 2023 (Actual $ Savings)	FY 2024 (Projected $ Savings)	FY 2025 (Projected $ Savings)
Electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection	*Partner with 17 states to develop electronic CVI to provide to OK veterinarians at no cost; Saves staff time and increases accuracy*	40% to 49% of total CVI's submitted electronically	**$6,000**	**$14,500**	**$20,000**
Internal content creation	*Utilized agency staff and digital tools to create promotional content within the agency*	Dollars saved	**$21,575.98**	**$25,000**	**$28,000**
Electrical Installation	*Agency procurement process throughout first floor renovation*	Dollars Saved	**$0**	**$10,000**	**$0**
Internal equipment installation	Utilized agency staff to install auto vehicle locators	Dollars saved	**$10,725**	**$1,500**	**$1,500**
Lab Turnaround Time	*Invested in equipment and improved staff productivity to decrease turnaround time across laboratories*	38.25 to 28.75 Days to Report	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**

** Hours, FTE, square feet, etc.*

Projects for FY 2024 - 2025

1) Improve Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness with increased enrollment of producers in U.S. Swine Health Improvement Plan
2) Deploy Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure funds
3) Continue to streamline licensing and registration processes and provide online options
4) Grow grape and wine industry with new expertise and resources through Viticulture and Enology Fund
5) Highlight Oklahoma ag industry and elevate Oklahoma ag issues federally and globally
    1) Emerging Markets Program
    2) Made in Oklahoma event in Washington D.C.
    3) Host NASDA Annual Meeting

Agency Goals and Key Performance Metrics

Goal		Metric	FY 22 Actuals	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Target	FY 29 Target
1	Improve animal disease traceability efficiency and accuracy by increasing adoption of electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection	**% of total CVI's that are electronic**	34%	40%	49%	75%
2	Improve testing turnaround time by laboratory for state agency and private samples	**Avg. # of days for report**	40.6 days	38.25 days	28.75 days	20 days
3	Grow market opportunity for Oklahoma businesses through expansion of Made in Oklahoma Program and Coalition	**# of member companies in MIO Program and Coalition**	696	870	1,192	2,000
4	Curtail crop loss, property damage, and animal disease risk through removal of feral hogs	**# of feral hogs removed**	26,659	27,073	28,000	35,000
5	Increase global market access and sales of Oklahoma food companies	**$ sales of Oklahoma companies participating in international shows and events**	$266M	$284M	$305M	$350M

Challenges

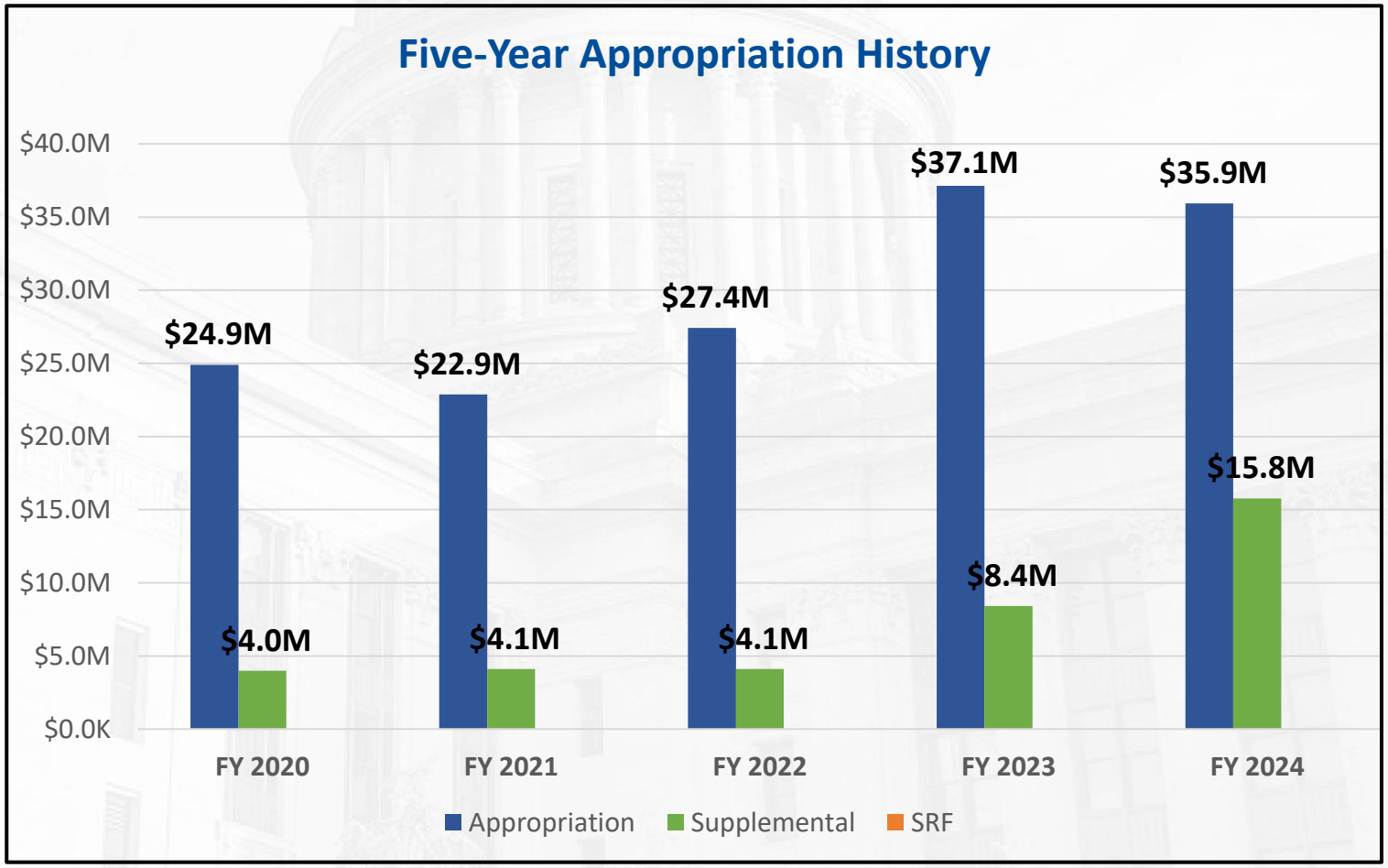
1) Animal and Plant Health
   1) Animals: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Equine Infectious Anemia; African Swine Fever
   2) Plant: Spotted Lantern Fly
2) Labor
3) Veterinarian and Ag Teacher Shortages
4) Federal Uncertainty
   1) Farm Bill
   2) Shutdown
   3) Changing Regulations

FY 2024 Budgeted Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

	FY 2024 Budgeted FTE
Total FTE	394
Supervisor FTE	69
Supervisors to Total FTE Ratio (%)	17.5%

Appropriation History

Fiscal Year	Legislated Appropriation ($) *(Includes supplementals and SRF/ARPA.)*
FY 2020	$28,905,612
FY 2021	$26,989,607
FY 2022	$31,527,896
FY 2023	$45,560,748
FY 2024	$51,714,202



**Includes Supplemental and Statewide Recovery Fund (ARPA) appropriations.*

Financial Resource Analysis

Carryover	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total appropriated carryover amount expended ($)	N/A	N/A	FY 2020 -$1,428,800 FY 2021 - $168,336	$683,679

Historical Cash Balances	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Year End Revolving Fund Cash Balances *(All Revolving Funds)*	$7,879,003	$11,302,452	$16,428,950	$19,674,193

Class Fund # *(Unrestricted only)*	Class Fund Name *(Unrestricted only)*	Current cash balance ($)
20500	Rural Fire Defense Equipment Revolving Fund	$225,736
21000	Agriculture Revolving Fund	$14,593,052
22000	Gifts and Donations Fund	$20,765
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total Current Unrestricted Fund Cash balance:	$

Fiscal Year	Agency's plan to deploy unrestricted cash (including amounts):
FY 2024	Fund 20500 will be used replace outdated fire defense equipment. Fund 21000 was budgeted to help cover operating and payroll expenses.
FY 2025	To be determined.
FY 2026	To be determined.

Unrestricted funds are those that are not limited by state or federal law, rule, regulation, other legally binding method, or donor restriction.

FY 2023 Incremental Appropriation Review

Purpose of appropriation increase / decrease	*Amount of increase or decrease ($)*	*Included in FY24 appropriation? (Yes/No)*	*If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose? (Yes/No)*	*If not included for same purpose, please explain.*
FY 2023				
Five Meat Processing Plant Inspectors	$330,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
Made in Oklahoma	$170,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
OSU Veterinary College ($4 million in base now)	$1,000,000	No	N/A	Paid thru OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority and Trust in fiscal year 2024
Veterinary Diagnostic Lab	$1,500,000	No	N/A	Paid thru OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority and Trust in fiscal year 2024
OCIA Lease Payment Change	$7,852	No	N/A	Lease payment decreased by $6,548 for fiscal year 2024
Rural Fire Grants Increase - $5,000/district	$4,310,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
80/20 Fire Grants	$1,675,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
Total adjustment	See next slide			

**Do not include SRF / ARPA appropriation increases.*

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FY 2023				
Rural Fire Coordinators	$190,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
Natural Gas Community Payments	$5,000,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
Cattlemen's Congress	-$150,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total adjustment	$14,032,852			

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FY 2024 Incremental Appropriation Review

Purpose of appropriation increase / decrease	*Amount of increase or decrease ($)*	*Does this need to be included in your FY 2025 appropriation? (Yes/No)*	*If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose? (Yes/No)*	*If not included for same purpose, please explain.*
FY 2024				
Debt Service Adjustment	-$6,546	N/A	N/A	N/A
Remove one-time natural gas community payments (possible reduction due to towns left out)	-$2,900,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Remove OSU Vet School Ops	-$5,500,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Operations	$5,500,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Program	$10,000	Yes	Yes	N/A
Wildland Fire Response Resources	$2,000,000	No	N/A	N/A
Rural Fire Chassis Program	$6,950,000	No	N/A	N/A
Wet Hydrants	$100,000	No	N/A	N/A
Total adjustment	$6,153,454			

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Budget & Supplemental Request Summary

	Request Name	FY 2025 Appropriated Request Amount ($) *{or FY 2024 for Supplementals}*	Type of Request: Operating, One-time, or Supplemental
1	No additional requests		
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