

	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimated	FY 2026 Requested	FY 2026 Recommended
<u>Expenditure By Object</u>				
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	14,279,523	15,159,676	16,691,150	15,031,908
Travel	99,384	147,218	421,003	122,218
Contractual Services	5,651,637	8,497,955	9,771,975	7,818,281
Commodities	1,113,854	1,361,496	2,057,846	1,361,496
Capital Outlay - Other Than Equipment	25,296	0	250,000	0
Capital Outlay - Equipment	362,989	1,376,038	1,037,450	1,206,038
Vehicles	789,727	685,350	755,000	685,350
Subsidies, Loans & Grants	4,558,155	2,158,500	3,216,500	2,158,500
Totals	26,880,565	29,386,233	34,200,924	28,383,791
<u>To Be Funded As Follows:</u>				
Cash Balance - Unencumbered	4,003,139	3,892,337	3,892,337	3,892,337
State Appropriations	8,790,616	9,805,062	12,691,150	9,161,058
State Support Special Funds	68,118	300,000	0	0
Federal Funds	7,388,242	3,108,942	4,536,173	3,079,631
Agriculture Operating Fund	5,213,826	8,013,009	8,067,290	7,373,889
Seed Lab	320,745	492,946	500,000	500,000
Fairgrounds	4,794,095	7,367,934	8,000,000	8,000,000
Other Special Funds	194,121	298,340	400,000	269,213
Less: Est Cash Available	-3,892,337	-3,892,337	-3,886,026	-3,892,337
Totals	26,880,565	29,386,233	34,200,924	28,383,791
General Fund Lapse	345,800	0	0	0
State Support Fund Lapse	131,882	0	0	0
<u>Summary Of Headcounts</u>				
Permanent	217	219	229	219
Time-Limited	13	13	13	13
Totals	230	232	242	232
<u>Summary Of Funding</u>				
General Funds	8,790,616	9,805,062	12,691,150	9,161,058
State Support Funds	68,118	300,000	0	0
Special Funds	18,021,831	19,281,171	21,509,774	19,222,733
Totals	26,880,565	29,386,233	34,200,924	28,383,791

Agency Description and Programs

The Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) was established under Section 69-1-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, to regulate and promote agricultural-related businesses within the state and to promote Mississippi products throughout the state and the rest of the world for the benefit of all Mississippi citizens. Agriculture is Mississippi's number one industry, employing approximately 17.4% of the state's workforce and significantly contributing to all eighty-two (82) counties.

1. Plant Industry

This program protects the agriculture and horticulture interests of the state against damaging insect pests and plant diseases. It provides the inspection and certification of all nursery establishments and producers of certified vegetable plants to ensure compliance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. The Bureau of Plant

Industry also carries out the duties and responsibilities of regulating the sale and use of pesticides in the state. It ensures compliance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

2. Museum

This program provides an entertaining experience for the citizens of the State of Mississippi, all the other 49 states, and international visitors. The Museum was established as an educational and cultural symbol of years past in Mississippi. Opportunities exist to participate in wholesome, family-oriented activities in a unique agricultural and educational setting.

3. Regulatory

This program ensures that the establishments under each division adhere to state and federal laws to protect the health and welfare of consumers. The program includes the Meat Inspection Division, Consumer Protection Division, Weights and Measures Division, Inspection and Licensure, Petroleum Products Inspection Division, Fruit and Vegetable Inspection, and Organic Certification.

4. Marketing

This program promotes agricultural commodities, explores new domestic and export markets, and educates the consumers of Mississippi's agricultural products. The primary functions are encouraging economic development in Mississippi's agricultural industry by identifying value-added production practices and increasing awareness of Mississippi-produced commodities and resources. This includes timber marketing.

5. Administration

This program provides policy development, guidance, management, leadership, and control. All business administration functions are provided through this program by the Commissioner's Office and the Bureau of Administration. This program includes outreach, education, and nuisance wildlife components to communicate information to counties, municipalities, and the public.

6. Livestock Theft

This program provides the enforcement of all the laws of the state enacted to prevent the theft of livestock, agricultural and aquacultural products, and to make investigations of violations thereof and arrest persons violating same. The program also enforces the law on the transportation of livestock on the state's public highways, roads, and streets.

7. Farmer's Market

This program provides facilities for efficiently handling farm products in the interest of the farmers, the consumer, the general public, and the state. MDAC accomplishes this goal by obtaining and retaining full-time occupancy of all farmer's stalls, merchants' buildings, offices, warehouses, and other rental spaces.

8. Seed Testing Lab

This program performs regulatory, certification, and services testing for the Mississippi Seed Industry. The program regulates the sale and use of seed in Mississippi and ensures compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

9. Mississippi State Fairgrounds

This program manages public facilities for entertainment, education, and marketing events, such as livestock shows, equestrian events, trade shows, job fairs, sporting events, and concerts. In addition, it produces and promotes the annual Mississippi State Fair and Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo.

10. Egg Marketing Promotion

This program acts through the Board to promote the sale and consumption of eggs through advertisements on the radio, television, brochures, demonstrations, and recipes.

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<u>Summary By Program</u>				
1. Plant Industry				
Total Funds	3,063,506	3,496,633	3,996,376	3,476,494
2. Museum				
Total Funds	1,059,836	1,701,616	1,779,985	1,692,861
3. Regulatory				
Total Funds	6,196,997	6,524,241	8,182,379	6,271,892
4. Marketing				
Total Funds	4,692,775	2,064,947	3,304,369	2,002,409
5. Administration				
Total Funds	5,342,484	6,796,166	7,183,993	6,207,427
6. Livestock Theft				
Total Funds	1,100,218	1,649,454	1,577,661	1,611,638
7. Farmer's Market				
Total Funds	189,058	219,108	391,305	193,607
8. Seed Testing Lab				
Total Funds	320,479	292,859	407,891	291,829
9. Mississippi State Fairgrounds				
Total Funds	4,865,602	6,579,184	7,314,940	6,573,609
10. Egg Marketing Promotion				
Total Funds	49,610	62,025	62,025	62,025
