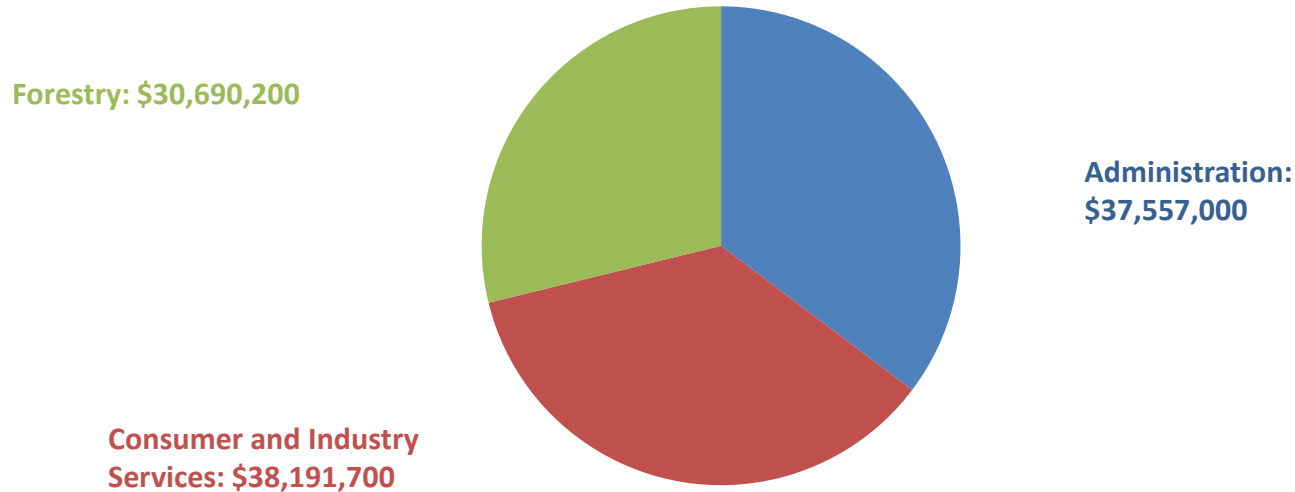


Department of Agriculture

Budget Request FY 2019-2020

About the Department

FY 2020 Base Budget



- Promotes domestic and international markets for food, farm and forest products
- Regulates food safety, pesticides, animal and plant health, and product quality and quantity
- Prevents and suppresses wildfires, manages State Forests and provides assistance to landowners
- Supports rural development

Rural Task Force

- Total Request: \$1,000,000 (state appropriation)
- Created in fiscal year 2018 as a partnership between the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Tourist Development, and the **Department of Agriculture**, it addresses deficiencies in rural areas and tries to improve the economy
- Requested funding for Agriculture Enterprise Fund based on Rural Task Force recommendation to help expand agribusiness development.
 - Through formal grant application process, Tennessee agribusinesses submit proposals, and they are reviewed by both ECD and Ag.
 - Provides grants to wood products businesses, dairies, meat processors distilleries, feed and grain dealers, ag innovation projects, etc.
 - Grants provide funding for expansion of current agribusinesses, as well as startups which increase markets for agricultural commodities and provide additional jobs for rural Tennesseans.

Cost Increases

		Total	State	Federal	Other	Positions
1.	Microsoft Office License: Provide recurring funding for updated Microsoft Office.	\$65,600	\$65,600	\$0	\$0	0
2.	Forestry Maintenance: Provide recurring funding for facilities maintenance.	500,000	500,000	0	0	0
3.	Administration and Grants: Provide recurring funding for Rural Development grants.	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0
4.	Administration and Grants: provide non-recurring funding for Agricenter International grant.	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0
	Total Cost Increases	\$4,060,400	\$4,060,400	\$0	\$0	0

Savings Plan

		Total	State	Federal	Other	Positions
1.	Forestry Operation: Funding swap replacing state revenue with current service revenue.	\$0	(\$450,000)	\$0	\$450,000	0
2.	Agricultural Advancement: Funding swap replacing state revenue with federal revenue.	0	(14,600)	14,600	0	0
3.	Agricultural Advancement: Reduce operational expenditures. (Dedicated State Funding)	(30,000)	(30,000)	0	0	0
4.	Consumer and Industry Services: Funding swap replacing state funding with Interdepartmental revenue.	0	(200,000)	0	200,000	0

Savings Plan

		Total	State	Federal	Other	Positions
5.	Consumer and Industry Services: Program administration consolidation reducing one fulltime position.	(\$80,000)	(\$80,000)	\$0	\$0	(1)
	Total Savings Plan	(\$110,000)	(\$774,600)	\$14,600	\$650,000	(1)