

Agriculture and Forestry

Governor's Proposed Amendments (\$ in millions)				
	FY 2013 Proposed		FY 2014 Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2012-14 Current Budget (Ch. 3, Special Session I)	\$45.8	\$41.4	\$45.9	\$41.5
Proposed Increases	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2
Proposed Decreases	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.9)	(0.7)
\$ Net Change	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.5)
HB 1500/SB 800, as Introduced	\$45.6	\$41.4	\$45.8	\$41.0
% Change	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FTEs	486.39	312.61	486.59	303.41
# Change	0.00	0.00	3.20	-9.20

- **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

- *Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund.* Proposes an additional \$110,000 GF and 1.0 FTE position in the second year to administer the Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund which support localities in attracting and expanding agriculture and forestry processing and manufacturing facilities. Chapter 3 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I provided base funding of \$1.0 million GF each year for grants from the fund.
- *Weights and Measures Program.* Provides an additional \$250,000 GF the second year to increase the frequency of inspections under the weights and measures program.
- *Food Safety and Security.* Proposes an additional \$98,420 GF the second year to increase food safety and security services.
- *Coyote Control Matching Funds.* Provides an additional \$72,525 GF the second year to increase total annual state funding to \$192,525 GF to match federal funds for a cost-share program to protect sheep, goats and cattle from coyote predation. The additional funding would be used to expand the program into the eastern portion of the state.

- *Transfer Office of Consumer Affairs to Office of the Attorney General.* Implements the reorganization approved in Chapters 803 and 835 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly by transferring \$666,500 NGF and 10.0 FTE positions from VDACS to the OAG.
 - *Backup Generators for Regional Labs.* Eliminates \$208,751 GF the second year provided in Chapter 3 for debt service for the purchase of backup generators for regional laboratories, which were to be financed through the Master Equipment Lease Program. Due to needed structural modifications, the project is not eligible for the MELP program.
 - *Beehive Grant Fund.* Eliminates the first year appropriation of \$125,000 GF for the Beehive Grant Fund created pursuant to Chapters 412 and 473 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly. Proposed language overrides the *Code of Virginia* to delay implementation of the program until July 2013.
 - *Purchase of Development Rights Program.* Decreases support for the PDR program by \$400,000 GF in the second year, leaving \$800,000 GF in FY 2014. The funds would have been used to provide matching grants to localities to preserve farmland but local funding for this program has declined.
- **Department of Forestry**
 - *Integrated Forest Resource Information System (IFRIS).* Provides \$175,000 GF the second year to upgrade the IFRIS to address critical security issues identified by the Auditor of Public Accounts.
 - *Forest Firefighting Equipment.* Reduces funding by \$69,793 GF the second year for the purchase of additional fire protection and suppression equipment through the Master Equipment Lease Program. Equipment financing terms will be extended to seven years instead of five years, reducing the amounts required for MELP payments.
 - *Supplant Conservation Position with Nongeneral Funds.* Proposes a reduction of \$61,572 GF the second year in the Conserve the Forest Land Base Division, offset by a like amount of nongeneral funds from revenue received by DOF from a portion of fees collected from transfers of Land Preservation Tax Credits, based on the number of easements held by DOF.
 - *Reduce Discretionary Expenditures.* Includes a reduction of \$42,175 GF the second year by reducing support for training, office supplies, travel and equipment.