

# Agriculture and Forestry

<b>Governor's Proposed Amendments</b>				
(\$ in millions)				
	FY 2019 Proposed		FY 2020 Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
<b>2018-20 Current Budget</b> (Ch. 2, 2018 Special Session I)	\$56.9	\$54.5	\$56.6	\$54.5
Proposed Increases	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Proposed Decreases	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
\$ Net Change	0.00	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>HB 1700/SB 1100, as Introduced</b>	<b>\$56.9</b>	<b>\$54.5</b>	<b>\$57.6</b>	<b>\$54.5</b>
% Change	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%
FTEs	498.59	337.41	499.59	337.41
# Change	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

- **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**
  - *Animal Care Emergency Response Coordinator.* Proposes an additional \$138,237 GF and 1.00 FTE the second year for an emergency preparedness coordinator for livestock, companion animals, crops and food products.
  - *Animal Health and Dairy Laboratory.* Recommends 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.* Proposes an additional \$0.2 million GF the second year to provide broadband coverage to five agency field offices including: Abingdon, Appomattox, New Kent, Salem, and Tappahannock.

- ***Fund Additional Positions.*** Recommends a total of \$0.5 million GF the second year in order to staff three existing positions and establish an agency apprenticeship program. The three roles that would be staffed under the proposal include a land conservation easement coordinator, a watershed program manager, and a hardwood management coordinator.
  
- ***Vehicle Service Center.*** Proposes an additional \$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 would be provided by the University of Virginia as part of an agreement to swap parcels owned by UVA and the Department of Forestry.