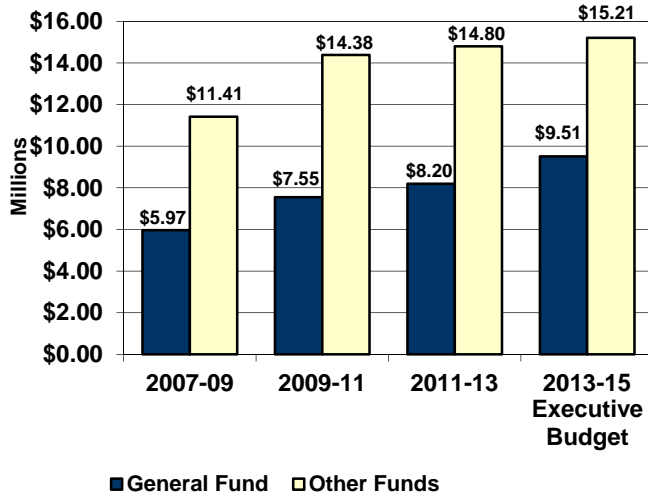


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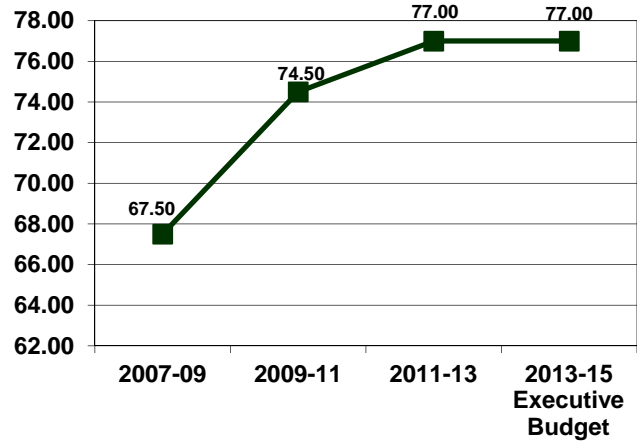
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 Executive Budget	77.00	\$9,512,066	\$15,209,546	\$24,721,612
2011-13 Legislative Appropriations	77.00	8,196,746	14,801,251	22,997,997 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$1,315,320	\$408,295	\$1,723,615

¹The 2011-13 appropriation amounts do not include \$36,000 of additional special funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2011-13 biennium.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2013-15 Executive Budget	\$9,512,066	\$0	\$9,512,066
2011-13 Legislative Appropriations	8,196,746	0	8,196,746
Increase (Decrease)	\$1,315,320	\$0	\$1,315,320

Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding to hire an emergency program specialist to fill an existing vacant FTE position	\$30,000		\$30,000
2. Adds funding to increase animal disease investigating and surveillance	\$30,000		\$30,000
3. Adds funding from the environment and rangeland protection fund to hire a new administrative assistant to assist in livestock development duties. An existing vacant FTE position will be used for this position.		\$20,000	\$20,000
4. Adds funding for energy development mediation services	\$50,000		\$50,000
5. Adds funding to provide a grant to the centennial farms program	\$80,000		\$80,000
6. Adds funding for information technology desktop support services	\$48,000		\$48,000
7. Replaces a portion of funding from the game and fish fund with funding from the general fund to provide total funding from the game and fish fund of \$968,796	\$100,000	(\$100,000)	
8. Provides funding for state employee salary increases of which \$557,276 relates to performance increases and \$281,131 is for market equity adjustments	\$469,508	\$368,899	\$838,407

Other Sections in Bill

Game and fish funding - Section 3 provides \$968,796 from the game and fish operating fund for the State Board of Animal Health (\$199,996) and Wildlife Services Program (\$768,800) for the 2013-15 biennium. The 2011-13 legislative appropriations from the game and fish fund for these programs was \$1,068,261.

State Water Commission funding - Section 4 provides that \$250,000 be transferred from the State Water Commission to the Agriculture Commissioner for the Wildlife Services Program for the 2013-15 biennium. This represents the same level of funding transferred from the State Water Commission to the Agriculture Commissioner during the 2011-13 biennium.

Johne's Disease Funding Carryover - Section 5 provides an exemption to NDCC 54-44.1-11 to allow the Agriculture Commissioner to continue 2011-13 biennium appropriations for Johne's Disease control into the 2013-15 biennium.

Agriculture Commissioner's salary - Section 6 includes the statutory changes necessary to increase the Commissioner's salary as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the Legislative Assembly in 2011:

July 1, 2011	\$92,826
July 1, 2012	\$95,610

Proposed annual salary recommended in the 2013-15 executive budget:

July 1, 2013	\$99,435
July 1, 2014	\$103,412

The executive recommendation provides funding for elected officials' salary increases equal to 4 percent of salaries effective July 1, 2013, and 4 percent effective July 1, 2014.

Continuing Appropriations

Honey promotion fund - North Dakota Century Code Chapter 4.1-08 - Commodity checkoff for market development of honey

Turkey fund - Chapter 4.1-12- Commodity checkoff for market development of turkeys and turkey products

Minor use pesticide fund - Section 4-35-06.3 - For studies, investigations, and evaluations regarding registration and use of pesticides

Major Related Legislation

At this time, no major related legislation has been introduced affecting this agency.