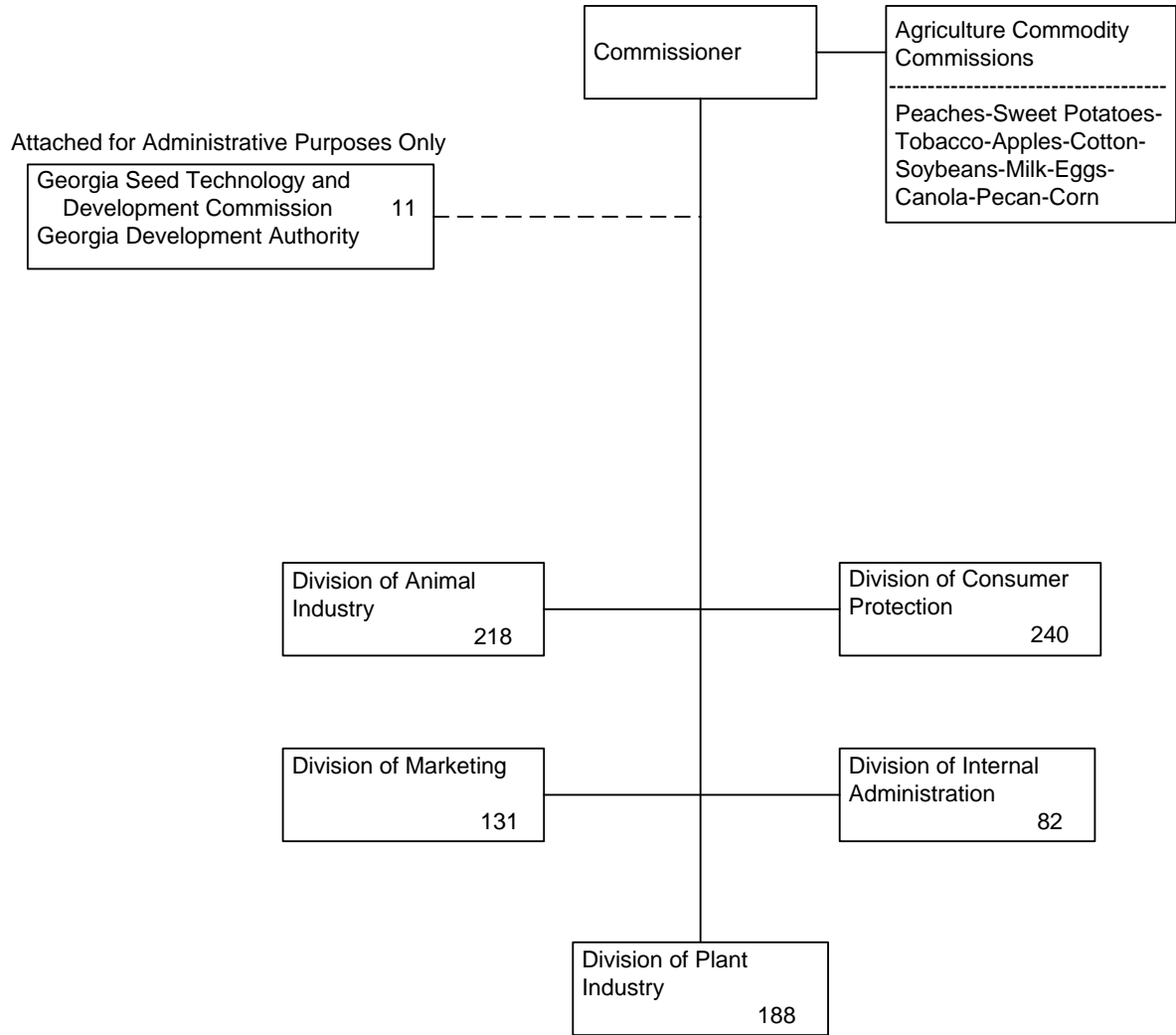


# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Total Budgeted Positions -- 870



# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Financial Summary

### Expenditures, Current Budget, and Agency Requests

Budget Classes / Fund Sources	FY 2000 Expenditures	FY 2001 Expenditures	FY 2002 Current Budget	FY 2003 Agency Requests		
				Adjusted Base	Enhancements	Totals
Personal Services	\$33,331,352	\$33,945,134	\$35,535,875	\$35,028,103	\$1,051,790	\$36,079,893
Regular Operating Expenses	4,831,381	4,561,293	4,343,606	4,355,040	86,102	4,441,142
Travel	1,059,662	1,237,974	1,027,928	1,027,928	144,000	1,171,928
Motor Vehicle Purchases	356,855	1,260,185	287,963	287,963		287,963
Equipment	585,894	695,678	512,082	512,082		512,082
Real Estate Rentals	817,817	826,569	1,132,197	1,132,197		1,132,197
Per Diem and Fees	1,650,975	1,712,803	33,500	33,500		33,500
Contracts			1,923,644	1,923,644	390,000	2,313,644
Computer Charges	825,753	666,979	667,341	667,341	776,291	1,443,632
Telecommunications	414,906	422,676	398,176	398,176	351,008	749,184
Capital Outlay			100,000			
Market Bulletin Postage	1,048,240	1,143,240	1,143,240	1,143,240		1,143,240
Athens & Tifton Vet Laboratories	3,127,000	3,487,158	3,612,106	3,755,153	71,984	3,827,137
Poultry Vet Diagnostic Laboratories	3,200,470	3,368,613	3,228,689	3,248,099	64,962	3,313,061
Veterinarian Fees	224,994	163,561	250,000	250,000		250,000
Indemnities	22,594	810	30,000	30,000		30,000
Advertising Contract	175,000	425,000	525,000	525,000		525,000
Payments to Georgia Agrirama Development Authority	829,290	918,598				
Repairs to Major & Minor Markets	1,636,882	3,792,385	703,000	703,000	2,000,000	2,703,000
Southern Cooperative Contract	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000		40,000
Year 2000 Projects	4,840					
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$54,183,905</b>	<b>\$58,668,656</b>	<b>\$55,494,347</b>	<b>\$55,060,466</b>	<b>\$4,936,137</b>	<b>\$59,996,603</b>
Less Federal & Other Funds:						
Federal Funds						
Other Funds	\$9,512,162	\$11,938,759	\$7,827,594	\$7,827,594	\$194,900	\$8,022,494
Governor's Emergency Funds	20,000					
<b>Total Federal &amp; Other Funds</b>	<b>\$9,532,162</b>	<b>\$11,938,759</b>	<b>\$7,827,594</b>	<b>\$7,827,594</b>	<b>\$194,900</b>	<b>\$8,022,494</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$44,651,743</b>	<b>\$46,729,897</b>	<b>\$47,666,753</b>	<b>\$47,232,872</b>	<b>\$4,741,237</b>	<b>\$51,974,109</b>
Positions	871	870	870	870	17	887
Motor Vehicles	295	295	295	295		295

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Financial Summary**

**Current Budget and Governor's Recommendations**

Budget Classes / Fund Sources	FY 2002 Current Budget	FY 2003 Governor's Recommendations				Totals
		Annualizers and Adjustments	Budget Reductions	Adjusted Base	Enhancements	
Personal Services	\$35,535,875	(\$600,553)	(\$1,294,042)	\$33,641,280	\$305,840	\$33,947,120
Regular Operating Expenses	4,343,606			4,343,606	48	4,343,654
Travel	1,027,928			1,027,928	41,500	1,069,428
Motor Vehicle Purchases	287,963			287,963		287,963
Equipment	512,082		(50,000)	462,082		462,082
Real Estate Rentals	1,132,197			1,132,197		1,132,197
Per Diem and Fees	33,500			33,500		33,500
Contracts	1,923,644		(200,000)	1,723,644		1,723,644
Computer Charges	667,341			667,341		667,341
Telecommunications	398,176			398,176		398,176
Capital Outlay	100,000	(100,000)				
Market Bulletin Postage	1,143,240			1,143,240		1,143,240
Athens & Tifton Vet Laboratories	3,612,106	143,047	(180,605)	3,574,548		3,574,548
Poultry Vet Diagnostic Laboratories	3,228,689	19,410	(161,434)	3,086,665		3,086,665
Veterinarian Fees	250,000		(90,000)	160,000		160,000
Indemnities	30,000		(10,000)	20,000		20,000
Advertising Contract	525,000		(100,000)	425,000		425,000
Payments to Georgia Agrirama Development Authority						
Repairs to Major & Minor Markets	703,000		(50,000)	653,000		653,000
Southern Cooperative Contract Year 2000 Projects	40,000			40,000		40,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$55,494,347</b>	<b>(\$538,096)</b>	<b>(\$2,136,081)</b>	<b>\$52,820,170</b>	<b>\$347,388</b>	<b>\$53,167,558</b>
<b>Less Federal &amp; Other Funds:</b>						
Federal Funds			\$323,174	\$323,174		\$323,174
Other Funds	\$7,827,594		275,000	8,102,594		8,102,594
Governor's Emergency Funds						
<b>Total Federal &amp; Other Funds</b>	<b>\$7,827,594</b>		<b>\$598,174</b>	<b>\$8,425,768</b>		<b>\$8,425,768</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$47,666,753</b>	<b>(\$538,096)</b>	<b>(\$2,734,255)</b>	<b>\$44,394,402</b>	<b>\$347,388</b>	<b>\$44,741,790</b>
Positions	870			870	8	878
Motor Vehicles	295			295		295

# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Budget Summary

Governor's  
Recommendations

### ADJUSTMENTS TO CURRENT BUDGET

FY 2002 STATE APPROPRIATIONS	\$47,666,753
Annualizers:	
1. Annualize the cost of the FY 2002 salary adjustment.	242,539
2. Annualize the cost of the FY 2002 salary adjustment for the Poultry Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratories (\$19,410) and Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories (\$143,047).	162,457
Non-recurring Items:	
3. Reduce capital outlay funds for the Poultry and Egg Grading Office Building.	(100,000)
Other Adjustments:	
4. Reduce personal services to reflect the 4.09 percentage point reduction to the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System.	(843,092)
Budget Reductions:	
5. Reduce personal services to reflect decreases in temporary help, liability rates, and other adjustments resulting from reorganization.	(294,042)
6. Increase other funds for Entomology fees in the Plant Industry Division.	(275,000)
7. Increase federal funds for the EPA Performance Partnership Grant.	(323,174)
8. Increase lapse in personal services to reflect vacant positions.	(1,000,000)
9. Reduce equipment in the Plant Industry and Consumer Protection Field Forces Divisions.	(50,000)
10. Reduce discretionary contracts in the Marketing Division.	(200,000)
11. Reduce the department's Advertising Contract.	(100,000)
12. Reduce funding for the Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories.	(180,605)
13. Reduce funding for the Poultry Veterinary Laboratories.	(161,434)
14. Reduce Veterinary Fees from \$250,000 to \$160,000.	(90,000)
15. Reduce Indemnities from \$30,000 to \$20,000.	(10,000)
16. Reduce repairs and maintenance at Regional and Seasonal Farmers' Markets.	(50,000)
ADJUSTED BASE	\$44,394,402

### ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

ENHANCEMENTS	
1. Add 4 pesticide field agent positions for increased enforcement in the Plant Industry Division	\$138,031
2. Add 2 equine inspector positions for increased enforcement in the Animal Industry Division.	98,352
3. Add 2 animal protection inspector positions and related travel for increased enforcement in the Internal Administration Division.	111,005
TOTAL ENHANCEMENT FUNDS	\$347,388
TOTAL FY 2003 STATE FUNDS	\$44,741,790

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Functional Budget Summary**

Functional Budgets	FY 2002 Appropriations		FY 2003 Recommendations	
	Total	State	Total	State
1. Plant Industry	\$9,492,849	\$8,861,849	\$9,292,213	\$8,063,039
2. Animal Industry	17,659,874	14,652,739	17,172,971	14,165,836
3. Marketing	8,291,683	8,216,683	7,594,036	7,519,036
4. Internal Administration	7,243,876	7,056,876	6,908,032	6,721,032
5. Consumer Protection Field Forces	12,127,526	8,878,606	11,521,767	8,272,847
<u>ATTACHED AGENCY:</u>				
6. Seed Technology and Development	678,539		678,539	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$55,494,347</b>	<b>\$47,666,753</b>	<b>\$53,167,558</b>	<b>\$44,741,790</b>

RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION: The Department of Agriculture is the budget unit for which the following State Fund Appropriation is recommended for FY 2003: \$44,741,790.

# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Roles and Responsibilities

The Department of Agriculture is responsible for enforcing laws and conducting programs safeguarding the quality of agricultural products and encouraging growth in the productivity and income of the state's agricultural industry. The department's efforts in these areas are also designed to protect farmers and consumers purchasing and selling agricultural products. The department's programs are operated jointly with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION

The role of this division is to administer and enforce federal and state laws relating to fertilizers, feeds, grains, seeds, pesticides and pest control, nursery and plant certification, honeybees, treated timber, boll weevil eradication, and other related programs for environmental protection. The division promotes Georgia's agricultural and horticultural interests, and inspects and tests sufficient quantities of each commodity to be sure that those commodities reaching the consumer meet minimum standards and are correctly labeled.

### ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION

The Animal Industry Division is responsible for eradicating brucellosis, tuberculosis, pseudorabies, etc., in livestock. Additional responsibilities include: promoting certification and accreditation of cattle herds, qualification and validation of swine herds, and maintaining strict surveillance programs to prevent reinfection through total testing at livestock markets; assisting livestock producers through disease surveillance programs and laboratory diagnostic work; and gathering and reporting information on the poultry markets of Georgia. The division enforces the Dead Animal Act, Poultry Carcass Regulations, Garbage Feed Law, Prompt Pay of Auctioned Livestock Bill and both inter-state and intra-state livestock movement. Additionally, the division procures fertilizer, feed and lime samples for laboratory testing, and enforces the provisions of the Georgia Meat Inspection Act of 1969.

### CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION

The primary function of this division is to inspect retail

food establishments (i.e., grocery stores) for contamination and adulteration of retail food products. To ensure that all requirements are being maintained according to minimum federal and state standards, the division operates a dairy inspection program on farm and processing plants operating in Georgia, and provides information and statistics about milk and the dairy program to the industry and consumers. Following a July 2001 reorganization, this division assumed administrative, retail, wholesale and weights and measures responsibilities from the Fuel and Measures program. This function ensures equity between buyers and sellers in commercial transactions by inspecting weighing and measuring devices to verify that the prescribed level of accuracy for these devices is maintained. It includes inspections and tests for commercial weighing devices, including scales, liquefied petroleum gas meters, milk tanks, moisture meters, gasoline pumps, transport tank trucks, fuel oil terminals and bulk plants.

### MARKETING DIVISION

The Marketing Division operates 6 regional markets (Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Savannah, Thomasville) and 17 seasonal/local market places. This division collects and distributes market information on Georgia agricultural products, administers various marketing programs, and locates and develops new international markets for Georgia products. They also provide supervision for the eight Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commissions. The division assumed the warehouse function from the Fuel and Measures program in the July, 2001 reorganization.

### SEED TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

This division produces, processes, treats, stores and distributes to seed producers and farmers foundation agricultural seed stocks of 18 or more different crops comprising 60 to 65 different varieties and hybrids.

### AUTHORITY

Title 2, Georgia Code Annotated.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Strategies and Services

The Department of Agriculture hosts a variety of programs and services in its regulation of agriculture and agriculture related industries, as well as in its education and protection of the public on agriculture and associated areas (i.e., retail food stores, petroleum products, meat and poultry inspections, etc.). The following strategies and services illustrate activities occurring in the Food and Milk Safety, Pesticide and Pesticide Container Disposal, Agriculture Product Promotion, Fuel and Measures, Structural Pest Control, and the Animal Protection programs.

### FOOD AND MILK SAFETY

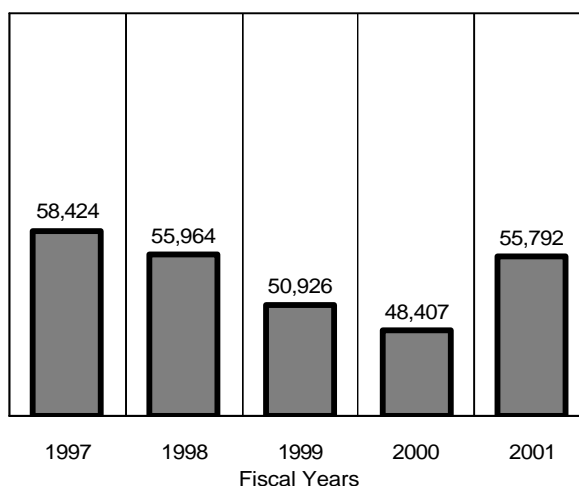
The Food and Milk Safety Program consists of the following types of inspections: retail food store, meat and milk. The rising number of non-traditional retail sales establishments expanding into the retail food sector prompted the department to begin implementing a new electronic inspection system to cope with the added workload and other demands these developments in the retail food industry have placed on the department's inspectors. Additionally, the department's retail food inspectors are also continuing to receive advanced level training in all areas of food processing, including in-store meat processing, seafood handling, deli operations and bakery operations in order to remain abreast of developments in the retail food field.

Meat inspectors currently inspect and license 148 red meat slaughter and processing facilities for the purpose of assuring the production of wholesome, unadulterated and properly labeled meat/poultry products. The Meat Inspection program's responsibilities were expanded in 1995 with the commencement of the voluntary inspection program concerning ratite (i.e. ostrich, emu, rhea) slaughter and processing. The ratite meat program allows red meat slaughter/processing plants to be approved to slaughter/process ratite meat for sale to the public. Another event affecting the entire meat inspection program is the federal government's stipulation that state meat inspection programs convert to the Performance Based Inspection System (PBIS). This system, now fully implemented, electronically generates an objective inspection schedule and criteria based on the specified meat establishment's processes and compliance history. The long range goal of the meat inspection program is to provide inspections that are comparable to those conducted at federally inspected establishments in degree and scope, and to effectively cross-utilize resources in performing these inspections whenever possible.

Milk safety inspectors inspect dairy facilities for compliance with health and safety regulations concerning milk and dairy products. The federal Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) has selected the Georgia Milk Safety Program as one of its state pilots in the development and

Food Establishment Inspections  
FY 1997- FY 2001



Note: The drop in FY 2000 inspections is due to a computerized reporting program that provides only active establishments.

development and testing of a new electronic inspection system to eventually be used nationwide.

### PESTICIDE AND PESTICIDE CONTAINER DISPOSAL

The Pesticide Division is coordinating a program in conjunction with local governments and organizations to collect plastic pesticide containers for recycling. Presently, 30 counties are involved in this endeavor. The program is projected to recycle 200,000 pounds of chipped plastic in FY 2001 through these efforts compared to the 180,000 pounds recycled in FY 2000. The division is also sponsoring a program known as Georgia Clean Day, through a grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and funds from the Department of Natural Resources, to collect pesticides which can no longer be legally used. In this program, targeted illegal pesticides are collected and disposed of by authorized disposal firms to prevent illegal disposal of and environmental contamination from these outlawed pesticides. Since FY 1995, pesticide collections amounting to 1,000,000 pounds have been made in 110 counties. Projected collections for FY 2002 represent an additional 250,000 pounds.

### AGRICULTURE PRODUCT PROMOTION

The department is continuing its activities to promote Georgia agricultural products in campaigns directed at the domestic and international markets. These campaigns use

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - Strategies and Services

the theme "Georgia...Always In Good Taste" in publicizing and displaying Georgia products at food and trade shows nationally and internationally. The department is also pursuing broadening the use of the "Georgia...Always In Good Taste" logo in concert with its product promotion efforts. The department is working with large retailers in identifying and marketing Georgia grown and processed items.

### FUEL AND MEASURES

The Fuel and Measures program within the Consumer Protection Division is responsible for regulating the accuracy of all commercial weighing and measuring devices, and the quality of petroleum products. The program has upgraded the 6 trucks used in inspecting and testing heavy weigh scales to comply with the latest revised federal Department of Commerce standards for large weigh scale testing. The program's petroleum fuel and antifreeze inspection and testing outfits inspected 7,949 service stations and tested approximately 12,763 petroleum fuel and antifreeze samples for FY 2001.

### STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL

The Structural Pest Control Program regulates firms,

certified operators and employees involved in supplying household pest control services for controlling ants, roaches and other insects, along with wood destroying organisms such as termites, wood destroying beetles and wood destroying fungi. Program staff also conducts inspections of dwellings and products treated for these pests. These inspections verify that the dwellings and products have been properly treated for the pest(s) in question.

### ANIMAL PROTECTION

The department enforces the Animal Protection Act, which requires pet industry operators (i.e. pet dealers/brokers, breeders, animal shelters, kennel operators, etc.) to satisfy a variety of standards before being issued an operating license. The Act's purposes are to prevent unhealthy pets from being sold to the public, and to protect animals from abuse or neglect while they are awaiting sale. Inspectors also enforce federal laws regarding the use of controlled drugs for euthanasia at animal shelters, and monitor federal certificates of veterinary inspection and rabies inoculation records. The 11 inspectors assigned to this licensing and enforcement program inspect over 2,500 establishments and respond to nearly 1,400 complaints annually.

Pesticide Treatment Inspections  
FY 1997 - FY 2001

