Texas A&M AgriLife Research Summary of Budget Recommendations - Senate

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Method of Financing	2022-23 Base	2024-25 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$127,191,486	\$141,011,627	\$13,820,141	10.9%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$911,424	\$911,424	\$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$128,102,910	\$141,923,051	\$13,820,141	10.8%
Federal Funds	\$19,384,122	\$19,461,610	\$77,488	0.4%
Other	\$14,387,162	\$14,387,162	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$161,874,194	\$175,771,823	\$13,897,629	8.6%

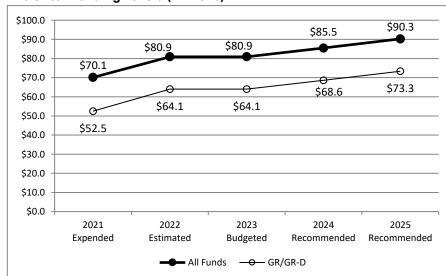
	FY 2023	FY 2025	Biennial	Percent
	Budgeted	Recommended	Change	Change
FTEs	790.0	790.0	0.0	0.0%

Agency Budget and Policy Issues and/or Highlights

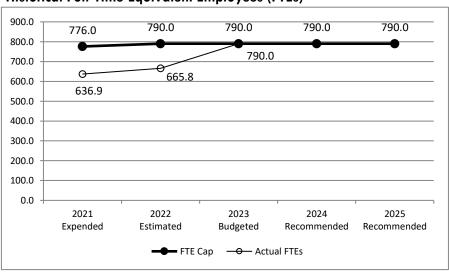
Texas A&M AgriLife Research conducts research in agricultural, environmental, and life sciences. The agency's research is on human nutrition, livestock, plants, crops, and processing techniques to ensure Texas' agriculture system is competitive. AgriLife Research focuses on conserving natural resources and research that addresses air, soil, and water quality. The agency also administers the honey bee regulation program and feed and fertilizer control service program. In the Eighty-seventh Legislature, 2021, the agency was also charged with conducting research advancing the scientific evidence-base connecting food and nutrition for health promotion and chronic disease prevention through the Advancing Health Through Agriculture program.

The bill pattern for this agency (2024-25 Recommended) represents an estimated 35.4% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2024-25 biennium.

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



Texas A&M AgriLife Research Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2024-25 Biennium compared to the 2022-23 Base Spending Level (in millions)	General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A	
SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):							
A) Decrease of \$27,011 in General Revenue due to updated formula for infrastructure support inside Brazos County.	(\$0.0)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$0.0)	C.1.2	
OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are put. B) Increase of \$13,847,152 in General revenue due to statewide salary adjustments.	rovided in Appea	ndix A):	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$13.8	E.1.1	
C) Projected increase of \$77,488 in available Federal Funds across strategies.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.1	A.1.1, C.1.1, D.1.1	
TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions)	\$13.8	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$13.9	As Listed	
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases	\$13.8	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$13.9	As Listed	
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases	(\$0.0)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$0.0)	As Listed	

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Section 3

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate

1. Infrastructure Support. Funding to Texas A&M System agencies for Infrastructure Support Within Brazos County is calculated using the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Support formula rate. Texas A&M System agricultural agencies (including AgriLife Research) also receive funding for Infrastructure Support Outside Brazos County through a sum-certain appropriation. The infrastructure support funds included in the recommendations for within Brazos County are calculated using the 2024-25 Texas A&M University formula rate, multiplied by the agencies' fiscal 2021 predicted square footage.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate

		2024-25 Biennial Total					
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2026-27
Age	ncy Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)						
1)	Increasing Texas A&M AgriLife Research Capability. The agency is requesting funds to invest in lab space and equipment and to pay stipends to graduate students to aid the centers' work.	\$1 <i>5</i> ,000,000	\$1 <i>5</i> ,000,000	30.0	No	No	\$15,000,000
2)	Rebuilding the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Vernon after Tornado Damage. The agency is requesting funds for clean up, replacement of lost equipment, and repair and renovation of infrastructure for multiple facilities damaged by a tornado on May 4, 2022.	\$1 <i>5,</i> 000,000	\$1 <i>5,</i> 000,000	0.0	No	Yes	\$0
TO	OTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	30.0			\$15,000,000

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Appendices - Senate

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^{*} Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2022-23 Base	2024-25 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH A.1.1	\$101,928,073	\$101 <i>,7</i> 18,826	(\$209,247)	E	Recommendations include: • \$216,747 reduction in General Revenue due to a shift across strategies A.1.1, B.1.1, and C.1.1; • \$6,741 projected increase in Federal Funds available; and • \$759 increase in Other Funds due to shift of sales revenue across strategies A.1.1 and D.1.1.
ADVANCING HEALTH THROUGH AG A.1.2 Total, Goal A, AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH	\$18,000,000 \$119,928,073	\$18,000,000 \$119,718,826	\$0 (\$209,247)	0.0% (0.2%)	
HONEY BEE REGULATION B.1.1	\$488,467	\$500,848	\$12,381		Recommendations include an increase in General Revenue due to a shift of funds across strategies A.1.1 and B.1.1.
FEED AND FERTILIZER PROGRAM B.2.1	\$10,682,988	\$10,627,192	(\$55,796)		Recommendations include a reduction of \$43,769 from the Feed Control Fund and \$12,027 from the Fertilizer Control Fund due to a shift across strategies B.2.1, C.1.1, and D.1.1.
Total, Goal B, REGULATORY SERVICES	\$11,171,455	\$11,128,040	(\$43,415)	(0.4%)	
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION C.1.1	\$10,584,776	\$10,863,349	\$278,573	•	Recommendations include: • \$204,366 increase in General Revenue due to a shift of funds across strategies A.1.1 and C.1.1; • \$41,021 increase in Federal Funds; and • Increase of \$23,181 in Feed Control Fund revenue and \$10,005 in Fertilizer Control revenue due to a shift across strategies B.2.1, C.1.1, and D.1.1.
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO C.1.2	\$11,662,759	\$11,635,748	(\$27,011)	-	Recommendations include a reduction in General Revenue due to the updated infrastructure support formula calculation.
INFRASTRUCT SUPP OUTSIDE BRAZOS CO C.1.3 Total, Goal C, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$6,353,708 \$28,601,243	\$6,353,708 \$28,852,805	\$0 \$251,562	0.0% 0.9%	

Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal STAFF GROUP INSURANCE D.1.1	2022-23 Base \$2,173,423	2024-25 Recommended \$2,225,000	Biennial Change \$51,577		Comments Recommendations include: • \$29,726 increase in Federal Funds; • Increase of \$20,588 in Feed Control Fund revenue and \$2,022 in Fertilizer Control Fund revenue due to a shift across strategies B.2.1, C.1.1, and D.1.1; and • \$759 reduction in Other Funds due to a shift of sales revenues across strategies A.1.1 and D.1.1.
Total, Goal D, STAFF BENEFITS	\$2,173,423	\$2,225,000	\$51,577	2.4%	
SALARY ADJUSTMENTS E.1.1	\$0	\$13,847,152	\$13,847,152	100.0%	Recommendations include an increase in General Revenue due to statewide salary adjustments.
Total, Goal E, SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$13,847,152	\$13,847,152	100.0%	•
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$161,874,194	\$175,771,823	\$13,897,629	8.6%	

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Texas A&M AgriLife Research FTE Highlights - Senate

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2021	Estimated 2022	Budgeted 2023	Recommended 2024	Recommended 2025
Сар	776.0	790.0	790.0	790.0	790.0
Actual/Budgeted	636.9	665.8	790.0	NA	NA

Notes:

a) Actual FTEs for FY 2022 reflect the amount reported by the State Auditor's Office.