

# AR CORN & GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD

## Enabling Laws

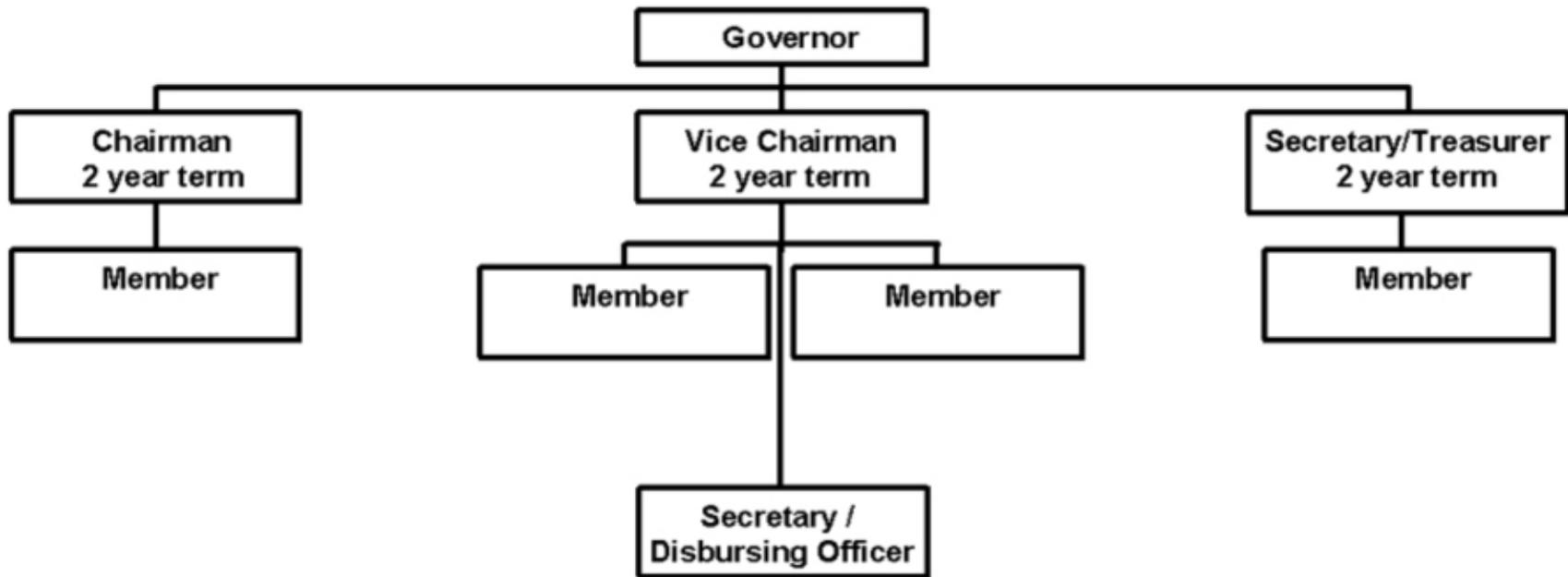
Act 37 of 2010  
A.C.A. §2-20-804 et seq.

## History and Organization

The Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Board was created by Act 271 of 1997. Its mission is to promote the growth and development of the corn and grain sorghum industries in Arkansas by research, extension, promotion and market development, thereby promoting the general welfare of the people of Arkansas.

The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor. Three are nominated by and represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and two each are nominated by and represent Riceland Foods, Inc. and The Agriculture Council of Arkansas. The Board is administered by the Executive Vice President of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.

The Board administers a one cent per bushel assessment on all corn and grain sorghum grown in Arkansas for market. The funds enter the State Treasury, and are disbursed by the Board to fund corn and grain sorghum research and promotion efforts.



**Agency Commentary**

The Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Board is requesting a continuation of the Base Level of \$1.2 million each year of the 2011-2013 biennium.

Base Level is funded entirely by special revenues collected from a one cent per bushel check off on all corn and grain sorghum produced in Arkansas for market.

An allocation of these special revenue funds will be used to fund corn and grain sorghum related research projects through the University of Arkansas and private research companies as the Board sees fit. Projects will be individually approved and monitored by the Board. The Board welcomes project proposals at their first quarter meeting.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
AR CORN & GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD

Findings

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Recommendations

## Publications

**A.C.A. 25-1-204**

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		Governor	General Assembly		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

## Agency Position Usage Report

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## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 686 - Corn and Grain Sorghum

**Funding Sources:** SGS - AR Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board Fund

The purpose of the Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board is to promote the growth and development of the corn and grain sorghum industries in the State of Arkansas. The funds are primarily used to maintain a program of research through the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. A small portion is used for other programs designed to enhance the Arkansas corn and grain sorghum industries.

The Board is funded entirely by Special Revenues collected from a one cent per bushel assessment at the first point of sale or when the corn or grain sorghum enters the USDA loan program and is applicable to all corn and grain sorghum produced in Arkansas for market. The Board utilizes these funds to finance operating expenses and to conduct a program of research, market development and promotion. In recent years, fluctuations in both crop prices and in the number of corn acres farmed in Arkansas have caused the Board's revenues to increase from approximately \$209,000 in FY2007 to over \$950,000 in FY2008 and almost \$600,000 in FY2009.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation of \$1.2 million each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

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### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2011-2012			2012-2013		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	16,935	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Research/Development	5900031	556,965	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>573,900</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	404,305	354,623		354,623	354,623	354,623	354,623	354,623	354,623
Special Revenue	4000030	524,218	1,200,000		1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>928,523</b>	<b>1,554,623</b>		<b>1,554,623</b>	<b>1,554,623</b>	<b>1,554,623</b>	<b>1,554,623</b>	<b>1,554,623</b>	<b>1,554,623</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(354,623)	(354,623)		(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)	(354,623)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>573,900</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>		<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>