

# ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

## Enabling Laws

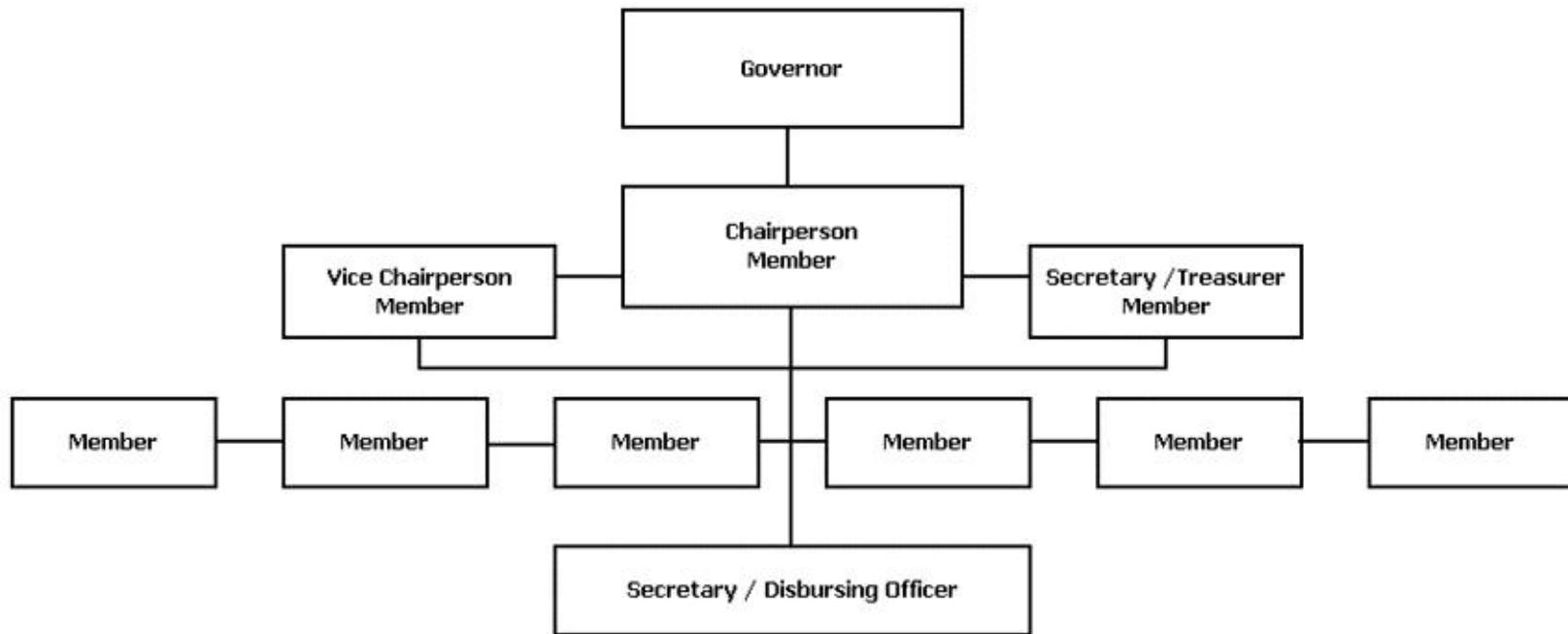
Act 168 of 2012  
A.C.A. §2-20-604 et seq.

## History and Organization

The Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board was created by Act 283 of 1985. The mission is to promote the growth and development of the wheat industry 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 nine 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., the Agriculture Council of Arkansas, and the Arkansas Association of Wheat Growers. 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 wheat grown in Arkansas for market. The assessment is collected at the first point of sale by the Arkansas State Miscellaneous Tax Department. The funds enter the State Treasury, and are disbursed by the Board to fund wheat research and promotion efforts.



**Agency Commentary**

The budget request of the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board is funded entirely by special revenues collected from a one cent per bushel check off on all wheat produced in Arkansas.

Base Level for the Board is \$373,938 each year of the 2013-2015 biennium. In addition, the Board requests Research/Development appropriation of \$417,933 each year to provide for increased costs in the promotion of research and development of wheat, and to enhance the Arkansas wheat industry.

An allocation of these special revenue funds will be used to fund wheat related research projects through the University of Arkansas and private research companies as the Board sees fit. Projects are individually approved and monitored by the Board. The Board welcomes project proposals at the first quarter meeting, usually held in August.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

## State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

## Publications

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

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012					FY2012 - 2013						
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 999 - Arkansas Wheat Promotion

**Funding Sources:** SWP - Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund

The purpose of the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board is to promote the growth and development of the wheat industry in the State of Arkansas.

The Wheat Promotion Board is funded entirely by Special Revenue collected from a one cent per bushel assessment on all wheat grown in Arkansas. The funds are primarily used to maintain a program of research through the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service and to support domestic and export promotion programs through memberships in national wheat promotion organizations. A small portion is used for other programs designed to enhance the Arkansas wheat industry.

The Agency Change Level Request reflects additional appropriation of \$417,933 each year for Research/Development to provide for increased costs in the promotion of research and development of wheat, and to enhance the Arkansas wheat industry. Expenditure of appropriation will be contingent upon available funding.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 999 - Arkansas Wheat Promotion  
**Funding Sources:** SWP - Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2013-2014			2014-2015		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	3,063	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
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	270,450	363,938	781,871	363,938	781,871	781,871	363,938	781,871	781,871
<b>Total</b>		<b>273,513</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>791,871</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	23,938	133,667		109,729	109,729	109,729	85,791	0	0
Cash Fund	4000045	383,242	350,000		350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>407,180</b>	<b>483,667</b>		<b>459,729</b>	<b>459,729</b>	<b>459,729</b>	<b>435,791</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(133,667)	(109,729)		(85,791)	332,142	332,142	(61,853)	441,871	441,871
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>273,513</b>	<b>373,938</b>		<b>373,938</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>791,871</b>

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 999 - Arkansas Wheat Promotion  
**Funding Sources:** SWP - Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund

### Agency Request

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	417,933	0	791,871	211.8	417,933	0	791,871	211.8

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373,938</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	417,933	0	791,871	211.8	417,933	0	791,871	211.8

### Justification

C01	Appropriation provides for increased costs in the promotion of research and development of wheat, and for enhancement of the Arkansas wheat industry.
-----	---