

# ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

## Enabling Laws

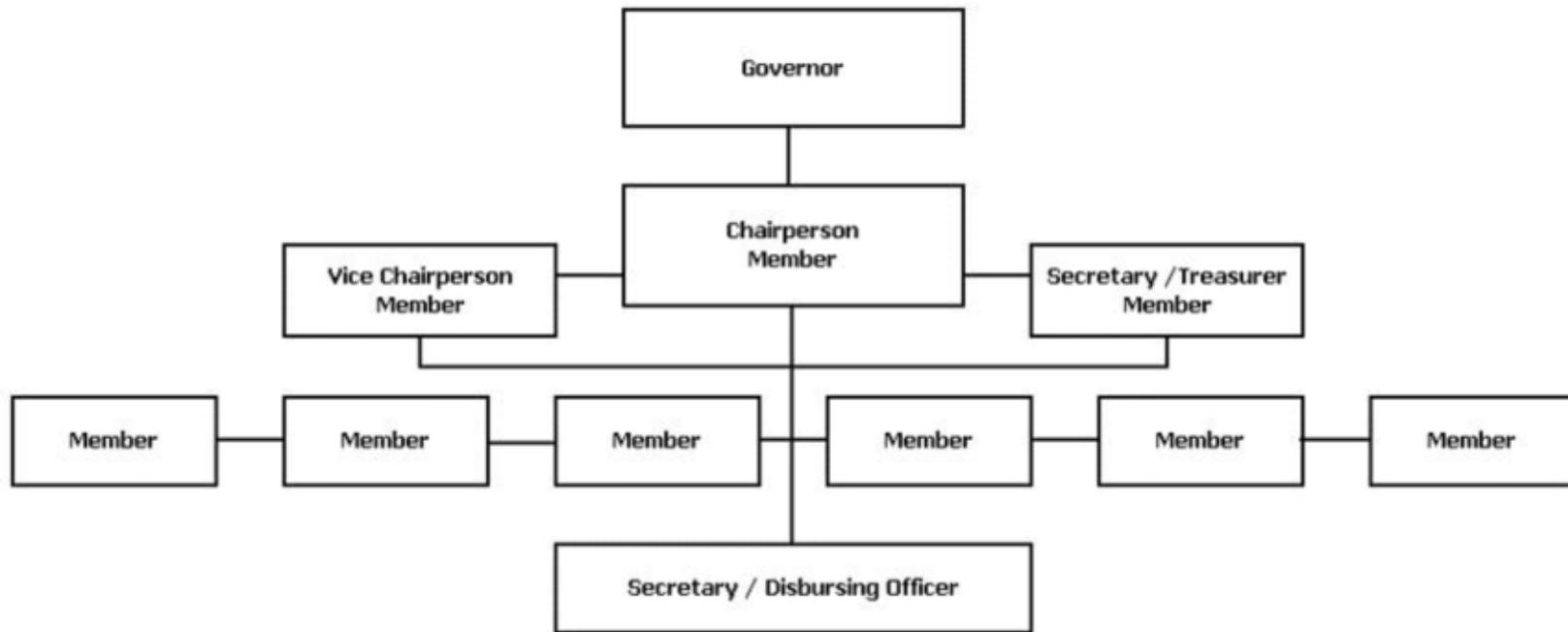
Act 168 of 2014  
A.C.A. §2-20-604 et seq.

## 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.

The Board is requesting Base Level appropriation.

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, 2012

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

## State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2014

None

## Publications

### A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

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## Agency Position Usage Report

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## **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 Board is requesting Base Level of \$450,895 each year of the 2015-2017 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

## Appropriation Summary

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### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2015-2016			2016-2017		
		2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	1,391	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	291,085	440,895	781,871	440,895	440,895	440,895	440,895	440,895	440,895
<b>Total</b>		<b>292,476</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>791,871</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	22,192	100,895		0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Revenue	4000030	371,179	350,000		350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>393,371</b>	<b>450,895</b>		<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(100,895)	0		100,895	100,895	100,895	100,895	100,895	100,895
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>292,476</b>	<b>450,895</b>		<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>	<b>450,895</b>

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