

ARKANSAS BEEF COUNCIL

Enabling Laws

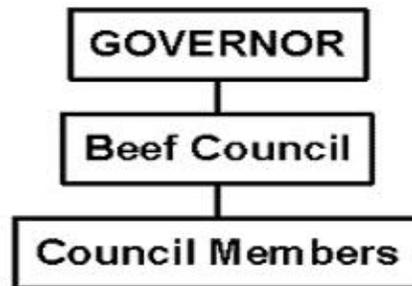
Act 71 of 2016
A.C.A. §2-35-303 et seq.

History and Organization

The Arkansas Beef Council was created by Act 160 of the 1983 General Assembly. Its mission is to promote the growth and development of the cattle industry in Arkansas through programs of research, promotion and market development activities.

The Council is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor. Three are nominated by the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, three by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and one member must be an Arkansas auction market operator. The Council is administered through an agreement between the Arkansas Beef Council and the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation.

The Council administers a \$1.00 per head assessment on all cattle sold in the State. The assessment is collected by the Miscellaneous Tax Section of the Department of Finance & Administration. Funds are deposited in a State Treasury account and are disbursed by the Council to fund beef research and promotion efforts.



Agency Commentary

The budget request for the Arkansas Beef Council for the 2017-2019 Biennium is Base Level and will be funded entirely by special revenues collected from a \$1.00 per head assessment on cattle sold in the State.

Allocation of these funds will be made and approved by the Arkansas Beef Council. Distributions will be made to fund beef-related research at the University of Arkansas and transmitted to the national organization (Cattlemen's Beef Board) as required by the federal Beef Research and Promotion Act.

Various promotion and information projects will be conducted within the State as approved and administered by the Council.

Projects are individually approved and monitored by the Council. Project proposals are addressed during the third quarter of the fiscal year and in the annual operating plan developed prior to the start of the next fiscal year.

The agency has evaluated selected programs and projects, as well as, overall operations for efficient use of time and resources. Budget efficiencies have been gained through expanded use of electronic media, less board member travel, and greater coordination among projects. Declining revenues available to the agency over the past three years has forced many of these changes; however, programming has been maintained at a productive level commensurate with the agencies budget. The above cited efficiencies will continue during the next biennium and enhance when and where possible.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS BEEF COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

Publications

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

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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 675 - Beef Council-Operations

Funding Sources: SBC - Arkansas Beef Council Fund

The purpose of the Arkansas Beef Council is to coordinate and implement a program of promotion, research and market development to enhance the image of beef and to improve the potential of Arkansas' cattle industry.

This appropriation is funded entirely by Special Revenues consisting of a federally established assessment rate of \$1.00 per head of cattle sold in the state. Half of the amount collected is forwarded to the national Beef Promotion and Research Board for consumer and industry information programs, advertising and research programs, and beef-related promotion. The remaining half of all fees received is retained by the Arkansas Beef Council to fund state-based programs which complement and extend the industry-wide effort.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation of \$1.1 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			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	20,968	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
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	701,218	1,037,000	1,037,000	1,037,000	1,037,000	1,037,000	1,037,000	1,037,000	1,037,000
Total		722,186	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	121,984	113,159		113,159	113,159	113,159	113,159	113,159	113,159
Special Revenue	4000030	713,361	1,100,000		1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Total Funding		835,345	1,213,159		1,213,159	1,213,159	1,213,159	1,213,159	1,213,159	1,213,159
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(113,159)	(113,159)		(113,159)	(113,159)	(113,159)	(113,159)	(113,159)	(113,159)
Grand Total		722,186	1,100,000		1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000