

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY
1997 - 1999

The budget request of the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board for the 1997-99 Biennium will be funded entirely by special revenues collected from a checkoff on all wheat produced in Arkansas. The checkoff rate is one cent per bushel.

An appropriation of the special revenues will be used for funding of wheat-related research through the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and for promotion and market development.

The appropriation request reflects anticipated collections from the checkoff based on production estimates for the state. An increase in base level for research and promotion is requested due to an expected increase in funds collected because of an increase in the checkoff rate, effective July 1, 1995, and the potential for increased production because of high prices for wheat and increased planting flexibility provided by the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act.

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ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1995

Assets										Liabilities			Total Equity
Cash and Investments	Fixed		Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total	Total Equity					
\$ 24,790	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 24,790	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 24,790						

Revenues				Expenditures						Other Sources (Uses)
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	Other Sources (Uses)
\$ 153,686	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 153,686	\$ 0	\$ 170,881	\$ 0	\$ 7,156	\$ 178,037	\$ 0

Findings	Recommendations
None.	None.

Audited by Division of Legislative Audit
SA0934495

SUMMARY

STATUS OF NEW PROGRAMS/EXPANSIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE 80TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

PROGRAM AUTHORIZED	# POS. AUTH.	ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION		STATUS
		FY 95-96	FY 96-97	

APPROPRIATION: 999 - ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

The Board received additional appropriation of \$149,528 each fiscal year for wheat research and market development.

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The additional appropriation was not utilized during FY96; however, \$139,160 is budgeted in FY97.

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST
1997 - 1999**

The Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board has requested a Base Level and Priority budget totaling \$808,032 each fiscal year. The requested priority will provide additional appropriation for wheat related research and market development. The Wheat Promotion Board is funded entirely by special revenues collected from a check-off on all wheat produced in Arkansas. In 1995 the Legislature increased the check-off rate from one-half cent to one cent per bushel, and also increased the Board's research and development appropriation. However, with the passage of the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act, which provides producers increased planting flexibility, the Board is anticipating an increase in collections. The priority request for \$300,000 each fiscal year would allow for an increase in the amount expended for wheat research and development.

Expenditure of this appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request.

AGENCY	APPROPRIATION	TREASURY FUND	ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST	PAGE
Name: Wheat Promotion Board Promotion Board	Name: Wheat Promotion Board Promotion Board	Name: Wheat Promotion Board		316
Code: 344	Code: 999	Code: SWP	BR20	

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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----97-98 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----98-99 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	95-96 ACTUAL	96-97 BUDGETED	96-97 AUTHORIZED APPRO	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
										97-98	98-99	97-98	98-99
OPERATING EXPENSES	6,759	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	16,000	16,000	0	16,000	16,000	16,000		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	0	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	2,400	2,400	0	2,400	2,400	2,400		
RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	194,804	489,632	500,000	489,632	300,000	789,632	489,632	300,000	789,632	789,632	789,632		
TOTAL	201,563	508,032	518,400	508,032	300,000	808,032	508,032	300,000	808,032	808,032	808,032		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES	24,818	35,254	*****	335,254		335,254	335,254		335,254	335,254	335,254		
GENERAL REVENUES			*****										
SPECIAL REVENUES	211,999	808,032	*****	508,032	300,000	808,032	508,032	300,000	808,032	808,032	808,032		
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
OTHER			*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	236,817	843,286	*****	843,286	300,000	1,143,286	843,286	300,000	1,143,286	1,143,286	1,143,286		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)	(35,254)	(335,254)	*****	(335,254)		(335,254)	(335,254)		(335,254)	(335,254)	(335,254)		
TOTAL	201,563	508,032	*****	508,032	300,000	808,032	508,032	300,000	808,032	808,032	808,032		

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 AGY 344 ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD
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PROGRAM/SERVICE INFORMATION LIST

RANK BY APPROPRIATION

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
ANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	-----EXPENDITURES-----		-----1997 - 99 BIENNIUM REQUESTS-----						-----RECOMMENDATIONS-----					
					-----ACTUAL-----		-----FY 1997 - 98-----		-----FY 1998 - 99-----		-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----					
					95-96	BUDGETED-- 96-97	REQUEST	REQUEST	1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99						
00		SWP	344 999	B	201,563 0	508,032 0	508,032 0					508,032 0	508,032 0					
01		SWP	344 999	P01		0 0	300,000 0					300,000 0	300,000 0					
<p>The Legislature doubled the checkoff rate in 1995. At the time, the appropriation was increased, though not doubled. Also, the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act provides producers increased planting flexibility which could result in larger wheat acreage in Arkansas. The appropriation level needs to be adequate to allow expenditure of any increased collections.</p>																		

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