

**Agriculture Commissioner  
Budget 602  
Senate Bill Nos. 2009, 2128**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2011-13 legislative appropriation	77.00	\$8,196,746	\$14,801,251	\$22,997,997
2009-11 legislative appropriation	<u>74.50</u>	<u>7,547,383</u>	<u>14,381,466<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>21,928,849</u>
2011-13 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriation	2.50	\$649,363	\$419,785	\$1,069,148

<sup>1</sup>This amount reflects a \$200,000 deficiency appropriation from the game and fish fund provided to the Agriculture Commissioner for the Wildlife Services program.

**Item Description**

**Anhydrous ammonia inspection duties** - House Bill No. 1321 (2011) transferred anhydrous ammonia inspection duties from the Insurance Commissioner to the Agriculture Commissioner, eliminated the anhydrous ammonia storage facility inspection fund, and deposited anhydrous ammonia tonnage fees in the environment and rangeland protection fund. The Legislative Assembly provided the Agriculture Commissioner with funding for 2 FTE anhydrous ammonia inspector positions and related operating expenses. The funding for the positions is from the environment and rangeland protection fund.

**Wildlife Services funding** - The 2011-13 biennium appropriation includes \$1,417,400 for Wildlife Services, an increase of \$150,000 from the 2009-11 biennium adjusted appropriation of \$1,267,400. The 2011-13 biennium appropriation includes \$868,800 from the game and fish fund, \$298,600 from the general fund, and \$250,000 to be transferred from the State Water Commission.

Section 3 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 2009 provided a \$200,000 deficiency appropriation from other funds received from the Game and Fish Department for the Wildlife Services program for the 2009-11 biennium.

**Status/Result**

The Department of Agriculture has assumed the anhydrous ammonia inspection duties. The department has hired 2 FTE inspector positions related to the duties.

The Department of Agriculture received and disbursed the \$200,000 deficiency appropriation from the game and fish fund for 2009-11 biennium operations of the Wildlife Services program. The department has not yet received 2011-13 biennium funding allocations from the game and fish fund and State Water Commission for the 2011-13 biennium operations of the Wildlife Services program.

The Department of Agriculture entered into a new contract with the United State Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services program for the 2011-13 biennium. The new contract provides more accountability through increased reporting frequency, the ability to audit relevant records, and customer satisfaction surveys.