

SECTION 13

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

SEC. 13 APPROPRIATIONS: AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

The following sum of \$3,950,000 is requested in total to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The Secretary is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this Section to the projects contained in this Section.

1. Best Management Practices & Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)..... \$3,800,000

Funds are being requested for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and the Best Management Practice Implementation Cost Share Program to continue to reduce nonpoint source pollution in Vermont. Cost share funds for the Best Management Practices Implementation Cost Share Program shall not exceed 90 percent of the total cost of a project. Whenever possible, state funds shall be combined with federal funds to complete projects.

2. Produce Safety Infrastructure Improvement Program \$150,000

Funds are being requested for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Produce Safety Infrastructure Improvement Program to continue providing cost share payments and technical assistance to produce operations seeking to improve on-farm food safety capabilities. Priorities will be given to operations seeking to meet federal food safety requirements.

Total Request for FY 2018	\$1,875,000
Total Request for FY 2019	\$2,075,000
Total Request for Section 13 FY 2018 and FY 2019	\$3,950,000