

# FY21 Budget Request

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
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- Update on COVID Activities
  - Meat Inspection and Dairy Farm and Plant Inspection and VAEL Laboratory considered Essential Employees
  - Carrying out all duties throughout the pandemic
  - Warm weather added outdoor inspection activities
    - Weights and Measures - Gas pumps and truck scales
    - Water Quality - on farm inspections and engineering assistance
    - Animal Health – import of animals up from Midwest
    - PHARM – feed testing, pesticide monitoring, pesticide testing and certification
  - Limited staff in buildings
    - 116 State Street – 4 to 6 people daily Administration and Water Quality
  - Work from home
    - Productivity has been excellent approximately 1/3 of Agency Staff working from home on a regular basis

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- Granting Programs
- Agency has developed and launched applications for three major programs
- Dairy Producer (farm) and Processor - \$25 million
- Agricultural Fairs - \$500,000
- Non-Dairy and Working Lands - \$6 million - \$8.5 million
  - MOA with ACCD to manage \$2.5 million appropriation through one application for Working Lands
- 32 Agency employees are working on these granting programs



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- Changes to the Agency's Budget

- \$750,000 request for one time additional funds to support the Working Lands Program. This has been withdrawn.
- \$25,000 one-time request for RFID ear tag pilot program. This has been withdrawn.
- \$64,309 Internal Service Fees cost reduction - Internal Services Fees (WC, ADS, Finance, Human Resources, VISION, GL, Prop.Ins) were reduced across all divisions.
- \$1,510,714 - Use of CARES Act funding. The Agency has documented \$1,510,714 in CARES Act funding needs at the Agency of Agriculture. These funds will be used to offset general fund expenditures across four of the six appropriations at the Agency. Funds will be specifically used for PPE, offset for COVID related leave, employee time dedicated to the administration, implementation and financial review and maintenance of the COVID Agricultural Assistance Programs.

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## Cross Walk Overview - Administration

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	CRF \$\$	Total \$\$
<b>Administration: FY 2021 Governor Recommend</b>	<b>1,026,528</b>	<b>886,366</b>	<b>458,586</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,371,480</b>
<b>Total Approp. After FY 2021 Other Changes</b>	<b>1,026,528</b>	<b>886,366</b>	<b>458,586</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,371,480</b>
Personal Services:					
Worker's Compensation Insurance Premium-505200			(4,539)		(4,539)
CRF Grant Administration Costs	 (101,372)			209,162	107,790
Operating:					
Internal Services Fees (ADS,FFS,DHR,VISION,GL,Prop.Ins)			 (27,980)		(27,980)
<b>Subtotal of Increases/Decreases</b>	<b>(101,372)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(32,519)</b>	<b>209,162</b>	<b>75,271</b>
FY 2021 Governor Recommend Addendum	925156	886366	426067	209162	2446751

- CRF Grant Administration Costs – staff and operating costs for PPE, COVID Leave time and Granting program costs
- Reduction in Internal Service Fees

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- Cross Walk Overview – Food Safety Consumer Protection

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Interdept'l Transfer \$\$	CRF \$\$	Total \$\$
<b>Food Safety Consumer Protection: FY 2021 Governor Recommend</b>	<b>2,925,978</b>	<b>3,610,358</b>	<b>1,122,085</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,665,421</b>
Total Approp. After FY 2021 Other Changes	2,925,978	3,610,358	1,122,085	7,000	0	7,665,421
Personal Services:						
<b>CRF Grant Administration Costs</b>	 (63,986)				120,560	<b>56,574</b>
Operating:						
<b>Internal Services Fees (ADS,FFS,DHR,VISION,GL,Prop.Ins)</b>	 (2,234)	 (2,069)				<b>(4,303)</b>
Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	-66,220	-2,069	0	0	120,560	52,271
<b>FY 2021 Governor Recommend Addendum</b>	<b>2,859,758</b>	<b>3,608,289</b>	<b>1,122,085</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>120,560</b>	<b>7,717,692</b>

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- Cross Walk Review - Agricultural Development

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	CRF \$\$	Total \$\$
<b>Agricultural Development: FY 2021 Governor Recommend</b>	<b>2,164,231</b>	<b>706,100</b>	<b>1,657,616</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,527,947</b>
Total Approp. After FY 2021 Other Changes	2,164,231	706,100	1,657,616	0	4,527,947
Personal Services:					
Worker's Compensation Insurance Premium-505200	(3,114)				(3,114)
CRF Grant Administration Costs	 (234,629)			653,907	<b>419,278</b>
<b>COVID-19 Paid Leave Costs</b>				24,713	<b>24,713</b>
Operating:					
Internal Services Fees (ADS,FFS,DHR,VISION,GL,Prop.Ins)	 (4,426)				(4,426)
<b>COVID-19 PPE Costs</b>				<b>5,186</b>	<b>5,186</b>
Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	-242,169	0	0	683,806	441,637
<b>FY 2021 Governor Recommend Addendum</b>	<b>1,922,062</b>	<b>706,100</b>	<b>1,657,616</b>	<b>683,806</b>	<b>4,969,584</b>

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- Cross Walk Review – Public Health Ag Resource Management PHARM

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Interdept'l Transfer \$\$	CRF \$\$	Total \$\$
<b>Public Health &amp; Ag Resource Management: FY 2021 Governor Recommend</b>	789,609	2,029,947	492,242	279,606	0	3,591,404
<b>Total Approp. After FY 2021 Other Changes</b>	789,609	2,029,947	492,242	279,606	0	3,591,404
<b>Personal Services:</b>						
CRF Grant Administration Costs	 (8,418)				89,437	81,019
COVID-19 Paid Leave Costs					28,227	28,227
<b>Operating:</b>						
Internal Services Fees (ADS,FFS,DHR,VISION,GL,Prop.Ins)	(458)	(2,697)				 (3,155)
COVID-19 PPE Costs					5,094	5,094
<b>Subtotal of Increases/Decreases</b>	<b>(8,876)</b>	<b>(2,697)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,758</b>	<b>111,185</b>
<b>FY 2021 Governor Recommend Addendum</b>	780,733	2,027,250	492,242	279,606	122,758	3,702,589

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- Cross Walk Review – VT Ag and Environmental Laboratory - VAEEL

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Interdept'l Transfer \$\$	CRF \$\$	Total \$\$
<b>VT Agriculture &amp; Environmental Lab: FY 2021 Governor Recommend</b>	894,361	1,614,498	65,029	0	2,573,888
<b>Total Approp. After FY 2021 Other Changes</b>	894,361	1,614,498	65,029	0	2,573,888
<b>Personal Services:</b>					
CRF Grant Administration Costs				53,812	53,812
COVID-19 Paid Leave Costs				15,124	15,124
<b>Operating:</b>					
Internal Services Fees (ADS,FFS,DHR,VISION,GL,Prop.Ins)	(16,720)	(911)			(17,631)
COVID-19 PPE Costs				5,478	5,478
<b>Subtotal of Increases/Decreases</b>	<b>(16,720)</b>	<b>(911)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74,414</b>	<b>56,783</b>
<b>FY 2021 Governor Recommend Addendum</b>	<b>877,641</b>	<b>1,613,587</b>	<b>65,029</b>	<b>74,414</b>	<b>2,630,671</b>

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- Cross Walk Review – Water Quality

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Interdept'l Transfer \$\$	CRF \$\$	Total \$\$
<b>Ag Clean Water Initiative: FY 2021 Governor Recommend</b>	<b>1,212,113</b>	<b>5,609,609</b>	<b>131,927</b>	<b>471,206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,424,855</b>
<b>Total Approp. After FY 2021 Other Changes</b>	<b>1,212,113</b>	<b>5,609,609</b>	<b>131,927</b>	<b>471,206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,424,855</b>
<b>Personal Services:</b>						
CRF Grant Administration Costs				→ 206,128		<b>206,128</b>
COVID-19 Paid Leave Costs					78,886	<b>78,886</b>
<b>Operating:</b>						
Internal Services Fees (ADS,FFS,DHR,VISION,GL,Prop.Ins)		→ (2,275)				<b>(2,275)</b>
COVID-19 PPE Costs					15,000	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Grants:</b>						
WQ Grants to Partners and Farmers		→ (619,999)				<b>(619,999)</b>
<b>Subtotal of Increases/Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(622,274)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300,014</b>	<b>(322,260)</b>
<b>FY 2021 Governor Recommend Addendum</b>	<b>1,212,113</b>	<b>4,987,335</b>	<b>131,927</b>	<b>471,206</b>	<b>300,014</b>	<b>7,102,595</b>

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- Reduction in Internal Service Fees
- Clean Water Fund Grant Reductions

# SFY21 Clean Water Fund Adjustment: Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets



Table 1

SFY21 AAFM CWF Adjusted August 2020 Appropriation Line Items		
	CWF	Capital Bill (Act 139 of 2020)
1. Agronomy Conservation Assistance Program	\$ 235,000	\$ -
2. Water Quality Grants to Partners and Farmers	\$ 2,450,498	\$ 4,294,503
3. Operating	\$ 722,502	\$ -
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 3,408,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,294,503</b>
Total Requested	\$7,702,503	

## Budget Areas

- 1. ACAP:** Agronomy Technical Assistance
- 2. CWF WQ Grants:** On-farm implementation grants & funding for partner organization who provide education, outreach and technical assistance necessary to support on-farm implementation
- 3. Operating:** Funding for AAFM WQ regulatory and implementation programming.
- 4. Capital Bill WQ Grants\*:** \$4.29M in grants for on-farm implementation

## Discussion

- This proposed adjustment represents a \$619,999 reduction from CWF Line #2: WQ Grants.
- This reduction prioritized programs that directly fund Water Quality On-Farm Implementation Grants while maintaining ongoing commitments to foundational programs and services which lead to direct, on the ground water quality implementation.
- Existing financial commitments will be met under the proposed SFY21 budget. New commitments will be scaled back where appropriate.
- AAFM understands the challenges the pandemic has created across the landscape. The Agency is committed to improving WQ under challenging budget times.



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- Questions?

