



Department of Agriculture (65-00-00)
Fiscal Year 2027 Governor's Recommended Budget Summary

Requested Items Description/Detail	Recommended FTEs			Recommended \$		Not Recommended			Not Recommended \$	
	NSF	ASF	GF	ASF	GF	NSF	ASF	GF	ASF	GF
Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Base Budget)	19.7	48.7	82.6	\$8,357.9	\$12,736.8					
Fiscal Year 2026 Personnel Contingency					\$357.7					
Discretionary 1% Requests										
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Inspections										
Additional funding for the Weights and Measures Section to test EV charging stations for accuracy.										\$16.8
Agriculture Education Program										
Additional funding to provide support to Delaware farmers in four areas:										\$110.5
* Alternative Energy Sources - Collaborate with other states through the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) to organize a regional initiative.										
* Underutilized Parcels - Analyze vacant or underutilized land for use by young farmers.										
* Education and Outreach - partner with the University of Delaware and Delaware State University to raise awareness of the opportunities in aquaculture.										
* Value-Added Agriculture - partner with Food Export Northeast to research and develop new market opportunities for Delaware farmers.										
Other Adjustments										
Technical Adjustment										
Reallocation to Office of the Governor (10-01-01) for the Delaware Council on Farm and Food Policy. Initially created in 2018 within the Department of Agriculture, the Council has been recreated by Executive Order #5 to provide statewide coordination of multiple state agencies and nonprofit organizations to address system gaps, optimize food security and improve nutrition for Delawareans.					(\$64.0)					
Agriculture Development Program										
Reduction to the Agriculture Development Marketing which would reduce advertising and marketing to reflect actual expenditures.					(\$30.0)					
Carvel Center Irrigation										
Reduction to the Carvel Center/Irrigation pass through to the University of Delaware (UD).					(\$15.0)					
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Increase/Decrease					\$248.7					
% Increase/Decrease					2.0%					
% Increase/Decrease without Personnel Contingency					-0.9%					