



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

| Requested Items | Recommended FTEs | | | Recommended \$ | | Not Recommended | | Not Recommended \$ | |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----|--------------------|----------------|
| | NSF | ASF | GF | ASF | GF | NSF | ASF | GF | ASF |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | \$16.8 |
| Additional funding for the Weights and Measures Section to test EV charging stations for accuracy. | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture Education Program | | | | | | | | | \$110.5 |
| Additional funding to provide support to Delaware farmers in four areas: | | | | | | | | | |
| * 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) |
| Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget | 19.7 | 48.7 | 82.6 | \$8,357.9 | \$12,985.5 | | | | \$127.3 |



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|---|------------------|-----|----|----------------|---------|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----|
| | NSF | ASF | GF | ASF | GF | NSF | ASF | GF | ASF | GF |
| Increase/Decrease | | | | | \$248.7 | | | | | |
| % Increase/Decrease | | | | | 2.0% | | | | | |
| % Increase/Decrease without Personnel Contingency | | | | | -0.9% | | | | | |