

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Summary of Budget Recommendations - Senate**

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Method of Financing	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$181,163,486	\$171,960,930	(\$9,202,556)	(5.1%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$911,424	\$911,424	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$182,074,910</i>	<i>\$172,872,354</i>	<i>(\$9,202,556)</i>	<i>(5.1%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$19,906,924	\$19,761,210	(\$145,714)	(0.7%)
Other	\$14,520,602	\$14,710,602	\$190,000	1.3%
All Funds	\$216,502,436	\$207,344,166	(\$9,158,270)	(4.2%)

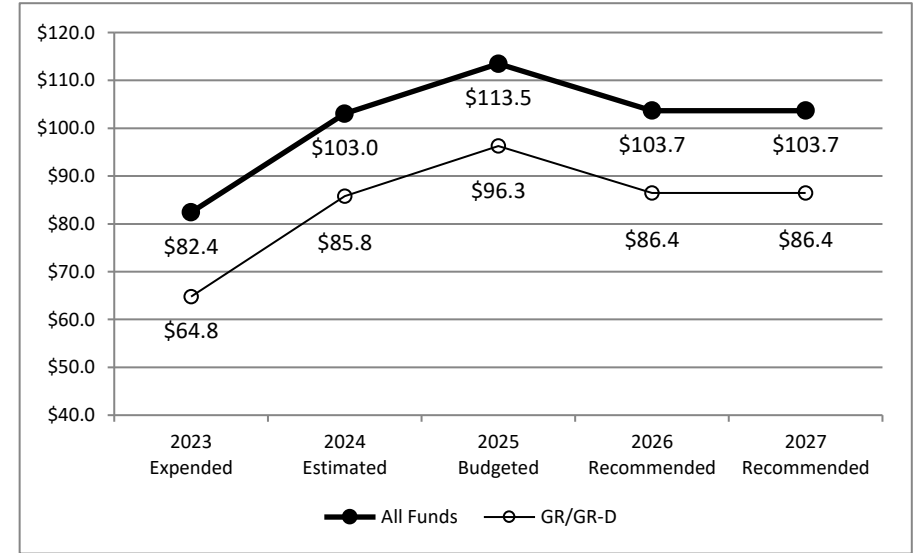
	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2027 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	820.0	820.0	0.0	0.0%

Agency Budget and Policy Issues and/or Highlights

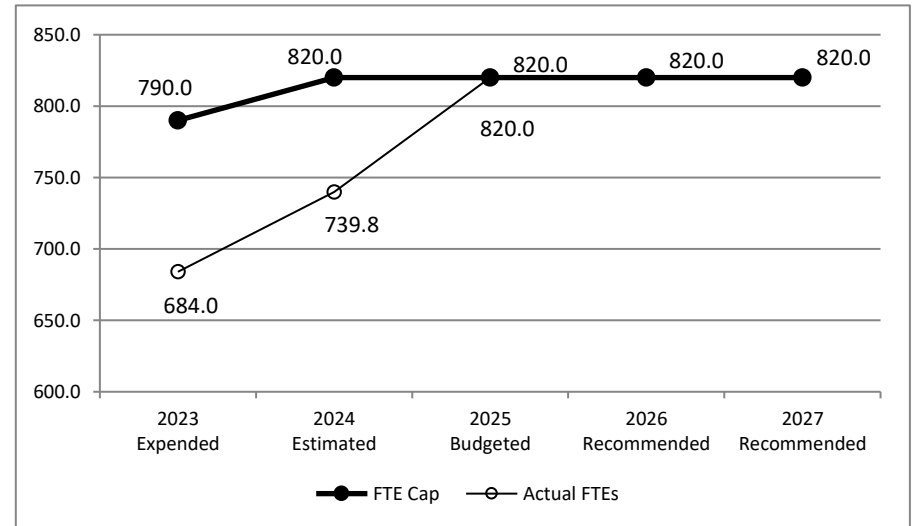
Texas A&M AgriLife Research conducts research in agricultural, environmental, and life sciences. The agency's research is on human nutrition, livestock, plants, crops, and processing techniques to ensure Texas' agriculture system is competitive. AgriLife Research focuses on conserving natural resources and research that addresses air, soil, and water quality. The agency also administers the honey bee regulation program and feed and fertilizer control service program. In the Eighty-seventh Legislature, 2021, the agency was also charged with conducting research advancing the scientific evidence-base connecting food and nutrition for health promotion and chronic disease prevention through the Advancing Health Through Agriculture program.

The bill pattern for this agency (2026-27 Recommended) represents an estimated 33.2% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2026-27 biennium.

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



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Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2026-27 Biennium compared to the 2024-25 Base Spending Level (in millions)	General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
<i>SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):</i>						
A) Increase of \$1,030,393 in General Revenue for infrastructure support strategy due to updated infrastructure support formula.	\$1.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1.0	C.1.2
<i>OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):</i>						
B) Increase in funding to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations.	\$4.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$4.8	A.1.1, A.1.2, B.1.1, B.2.1, C.1.1, C.1.3
C) Reduction of \$15,000,000 in General Revenue due to one-time funding to rebuild the Vernon Center in the 2024-25 biennium.	(\$15.0)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$15.0)	A.1.1
D) Projected reduction of \$145,714 in available Federal Funds across strategies.	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$0.1)	\$0.0	(\$0.1)	A.1.1, D.1.1
E) Increase of \$190,000 in Other Funds due to estimated increase in animal feed revenue.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.2	\$0.2	B.2.1
TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions)	(\$9.2)	\$0.0	(\$0.1)	\$0.2	(\$9.1)	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases</i>	\$5.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.2	\$6.0	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases</i>	(\$15.0)	\$0.0	(\$0.1)	\$0.0	(\$15.1)	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

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Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate**

1. **Infrastructure Support.** Funding to Texas A&M System agencies for Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County is calculated using the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Support formula rate. Texas A&M System agricultural agencies (including Texas A&M AgriLife Research) also receive funding for Infrastructure Support Outside Brazos County through a sum-certain appropriation. Currently, the infrastructure support funds included in the recommendations for inside Brazos County are calculated using the 2026-27 Texas A&M University formula rate, multiplied by the agencies' fiscal 2023 predicted square footage.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Rider Highlights - Senate**

Modification of Existing Riders

The following riders include recommendations to make conforming changes such as updating fiscal years and ensuring statutory citations are consistent: Rider 3, Equine Research Account; Rider 4, Agriculture Registration Fees; Rider 5, Advancements in Water Resource Management; Rider 6, Cotton, Wool, and Mohair Research; Rider 7, Controlling Exotic and Invasive Insect Transmitted Pathogens; and Rider 8, Capital Expenditures for Increasing Research Capability.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate**

	2026-27 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2028-29
	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			

Agency Rider Requests Not Included

A)	AgrLife Research requested to modify Rider 8, Capital Expenditures for Increasing Research Capability, to update language to allow for the use of the funds on either minor construction updates or purchasing specialized equipment as needs may vary each biennium.					
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Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)

1)	Intelligent Agricultural Systems. Funding would be used to purchase advanced data analytics equipment to analyze remote sensing data from crop and livestock settings in real time.	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	60.0	No	No	\$26,000,000
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TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	60.0			\$26,000,000
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**Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Appendices - Senate**

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS**

Strategy/Goal	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH A.1.1	\$151,509,635	\$139,572,695	(\$11,936,940)	(7.9%)	Recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15,000,000 reduction in General Revenue due to one-time supplemental funding to rebuild the Vernon Center in the 2024-25 biennium; • \$3,741,708 increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations; • \$529,369 reduction in General Revenue due to shift of funds across strategies A.1.1, B.1.1, and C.1.1; • \$150,134 projected reduction in Federal Funds available, spread across strategies A.1.1. and D.1.1; and • \$855 increase in Other Funds due to the shift of sales revenue across strategies A.1.1. and D.1.1.
ADVANCING HEALTH THROUGH AG A.1.2	\$18,736,454	\$18,988,896	\$252,442	1.3%	Recommendations include an increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations.
Total, Goal A, AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH	\$170,246,089	\$158,561,591	(\$11,684,498)	(6.9%)	
HONEY BEE REGULATION B.1.1	\$538,629	\$570,368	\$31,739	5.9%	Recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11,065 increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations; and • \$20,674 increase in General Revenue due to shift of funds across strategies between A.1.1. and B.1.1.
FEED AND FERTILIZER PROGRAM B.2.1	\$11,066,999	\$11,423,375	\$356,376	3.2%	Recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$208,447 increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations; • \$190,000 increase in Other Funds due to estimated increase in feed revenue; and • \$42,071 reduction in Other Funds due to a shift of feed and fertilizer funds across strategies B.2.1, C.1.1, and D.1.1.
Total, Goal B, REGULATORY SERVICES	\$11,605,628	\$11,993,743	\$388,115	3.3%	

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Strategy/Goal	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION C.1.1	\$13,447,190	\$14,384,030	\$936,840	7.0%	Recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$401,643 increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations; • \$508,694 increase in General Revenue due to a shift of funds across strategies A.1.1 and C.1.1; and • \$26,503 increase in Other Funds due to a shift of feed and fertilizer funds across strategies B.2.1, C.1.1, and D.1.1.
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO C.1.2	\$11,787,607	\$12,818,000	\$1,030,393	8.7%	Recommendations include an increase in General Revenue due to the updated infrastructure support formula.
INFRASTRUCT SUPP OUTSIDE BRAZOS CO C.1.3	\$6,775,055	\$6,926,802	\$151,747	2.2%	Recommendations include an increase in General Revenue to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations.
Total, Goal C, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$32,009,852	\$34,128,832	\$2,118,980	6.6%	
STAFF GROUP INSURANCE D.1.1	\$2,640,867	\$2,660,000	\$19,133	0.7%	Recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4,420 increase in Federal Funds due to shift of funds allocated across strategies A.1.1 and D.1.1; • \$15,568 increase in Other Funds due to a shift of feed and fertilizer funds across strategies B.2.1, C.1.1, and D.1.1; and • \$855 decrease in Other Funds due to the shift of sales revenue across strategies A.1.1. and D.1.1.
Total, Goal D, STAFF BENEFITS	\$2,640,867	\$2,660,000	\$19,133	0.7%	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$216,502,436	\$207,344,166	(\$9,158,270)	(4.2%)	

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research
FTE Highlights - Senate**

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2023	Estimated 2024	Budgeted 2025	Recommended 2026	Recommended 2027
Cap	790.0	820.0	820.0	820.0	820.0
Actual/Budgeted	684.0	739.8	820.0	NA	NA

Notes:

a) Actual FTEs for FY 2024 reflect the amount reported by the State Auditor's Office.