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**FY 2023-24 Budget Recommendations:
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Compared to Current Year**

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GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1 for fiscal year 2022-2023 is \$167,696,200.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2022-2023 is \$13,600,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

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Agricultural preservation easement	
Grants.....	\$1,900,000
Animal welfare and veterinary care	300,000
Environmental stewardship/MAEAP ...	4,100,000
Local conservation districts	3,000,000
Office of rural development	1,500,000
Qualified forest program	1,400,000
Rural development fund grant program	1,400,000
TOTAL	\$13,600,000

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Updated to reflect FY 2023-24 budget proposal.

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Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under part 1 and this part are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Technical changes

No change from current law.

No change from current law.



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<p>Sec. 203. As used in part 1 and this part:</p> <p>a. "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural development.</p> <p>b. "Director" means the director of the department.</p> <p>c. "Fiscal agencies" means the Michigan house fiscal agency and the Michigan senate fiscal agency.</p> <p>d. "FTE" means full-time equated.</p> <p>e. "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.</p> <p>f. "MAEAP" means the Michigan agriculture environmental assurance program.</p> <p>g. "MDEGLE" means the Michigan department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy.</p> <p>h. "Subcommittees" means all members of the subcommittees of the house and senate appropriations committees with jurisdiction over the budget for the department.</p> <p>i. "TB" means tuberculosis.</p> <p>j. "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.</p>	<p>Revised as follows:</p> <p>Sec. 203. As used in this article:</p> <p>(a) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural development.</p> <p>(b) "Director" means the director of the department.</p> <p>(c) "Fiscal agencies" means the Michigan house fiscal agency and the Michigan senate fiscal agency.</p> <p>(d) "FTE" means full-time equated.</p> <p>(e) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.</p> <p>(f) "MAEAP" means the Michigan agriculture environmental assurance program.</p> <p>(g) "MDEGLE" means the Michigan department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy.</p> <p>(h) "Subcommittees" means all members of the subcommittees of the house and senate appropriations committees with jurisdiction over the budget for the department.</p> <p>(i) "TB" means tuberculosis.</p> <p>(j) "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
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Internet Reporting
Sec. 204.(1) The departments and agencies receiving appropriations in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part. This requirement shall include transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement, and shall include placement of reports on an internet site.

Technical changes

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

(2) In fulfilling the reporting requirements of this part, the department shall notify report recipients when reports are posted to the department website.

Not included.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

Buy American
Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the following apply to funds appropriated in part 1:

(a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are available.

(b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.

(c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.

Technical changes

No change from current law.

Technical changes



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Deprived/Depressed Communities
Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. Each director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services or supplies, or both.

Revises first sentence to read:
 "To the extent permissible under the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall take all reasonable steps to ensure **geographically disadvantaged businesses enterprises** in ~~deprived and depressed communities~~ compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. ~~Each~~ The director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services, or supplies, or both

Concurs with Executive.

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Out of State Travel Report
Sec. 207. The departments and agencies receiving appropriations in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-of- state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be submitted to the house and senate appropriations committees, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The report shall include the following information:

(a) The dates of each travel occurrence.
 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues, and the proportion funded with other revenues.

Revises first sentence to read:
 "Consistent with MCL 18.1217 [Section 217 of the Management and Budget Act]...." other technical changes.

No change from current law.

Concurs with Executive.



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Legal Services/Attorney General
Sec. 208. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those outside services that the attorney general authorizes.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

General Fund Lapses
Sec. 209. Not later than November 30, the state budget office shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

Revises date to December 31;
other technical changes.

Revises date to December 15;

Revises date to December 31;
other technical changes.



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<p>Contingency Authorization Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for federal contingency authorization. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p>Revises to \$5.0 million; changes "authorization" to "funds"; other technical changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for state restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p>Revises to \$6.0 million; changes "authorization" to "funds"; other technical changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local contingency authorization. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than "authorization" to "funds"; other technical changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private contingency authorization. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than "authorization" to "funds"; other technical changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	



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<p>NEW: Sec. 1-211. (1) No money appropriated in part 1 shall be used to restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI); to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs or facilities; or to diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to exercise the right to reproductive freedom.</p> <p>(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer.</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive – include as new Sec. 225.</p>	<p>Not Included</p>		



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<p>Transparency Website Sec. 211. The department shall cooperate with the department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for each department or agency:</p> <p>(a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category. (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit. (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor, including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and payment description. (d) The number of active department employees by job classification. (e) Job specifications and wage rates.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>Restricted Fund Report Sec. 212. Within 14 days after the release of the executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations chairs, the subcommittees, respectively, and the senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date references.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date references.</p>	
<p>Key Metrics Website Sec. 213. The department shall maintain, on a publicly accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks, and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and improve the agency's performance.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	



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Legacy Costs
Sec. 214. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$11,574,600.00. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at \$7,027,300.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$4,547,300.00.

Not included.

Not included.

Not included.

Disciplinary Action against State Employees
Sec. 215. The department shall not take disciplinary action against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the state classified civil service because the employee communicates with a member of the senate or house or a member's staff, unless the communication is prohibited by law and the department or agency taking disciplinary action is exercising its authority as provided by law.
 (Section 207 in some budgets)

Not included.

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No change from current law.



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<p>FTE Staffing Report Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:</p> <p>(a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and civil service classification. (b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.</p>	<p>Modified as follows: Sec. 216. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the State Budget Office a comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.</p> <p>Subsection (a) not included.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurs with Executive</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No change from current law.</p>	
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<p>(2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year and annually thereafter, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:</p> <p>(a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in 2022. (b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting period. (c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work. (d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date updates.</p>	
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<p>Work Project Balances Sec. 217. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent possible by the department, not be expended until all existing work project authorization available for the same purposes is exhausted.</p>	Not included.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
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<p>State Administrative Board Transfers Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
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<p>Receive and Retain Reports Sec. 219. The department and agencies receiving appropriations in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records shall be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.</p>	Not included.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
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<p>Policy Changes in Response to Public Acts Sec. 220. The department shall report no later than April 1 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar year to the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house subcommittees on agriculture and rural development, the joint committee on administrative rules, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.</p>	Not included.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
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Severance Pay Report
Sec. 221. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Report to the house and senate appropriations committees, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office any amount of severance pay for a department director, deputy director, or other high-ranking department official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement with the director or official is signed. The name of the director or official and the amount of severance pay must be included in the report required by this subdivision.

(b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the former department employee receiving severance pay.

(c) By February 1, report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office on the total amount of severance pay remitted to former department employees during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 and the total number of former department employees that were remitted severance pay during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

Not included.

No change from current law, with the exception of striking subsection (b), updates date references.

No change from current law other than date updates.

(2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement benefits.

Not included.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.



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COVID-19 Passports
Sec. 222. (1) Any department, agency, board, commission, or public officer that receives funding under part 1 shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Require as a condition of accessing any facility or receiving services that an individual provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine except as provided by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.
- (b) Produce, develop, issue, or require a COVID-19 vaccine passport.
- (c) Develop a database or make any existing database publicly available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status by any person, company, or governmental entity.
- (d) Require as a condition of employment that an employee or official provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine. This subdivision does not apply to any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility or any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility operated by a local subdivision that receives federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.

	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
(2) A department, agency, board, commission, or public officer may not subject any individual to any negative employment consequence, retaliation, or retribution because of that individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
(3) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any person, department, agency, board, commission, or public officer from transmitting proof of an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status to any person, company, or governmental entity, so long as the individual provides affirmative consent.	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	



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<p>(4) If a department, agency, board, commission, subdivision, or official or public officer is required to establish a vaccine policy due to a federal mandate, it must provide exemptions to any COVID-19 vaccine policy to the following individuals:</p> <p>(a) An individual for whom a physician certifies that a COVID-19 vaccine is or may be detrimental to the individual's health or is not appropriate.</p> <p>(b) An individual who provides a written statement to the effect that the requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot be met because of religious convictions or other consistently held objection to immunization.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
<p>(5) As used in this section, "public officer" means a person appointed by the governor or another executive department official or an elected or appointed official of this state or a political subdivision of this state.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
<p>Sec. 224. It is the intent of the legislature that departments maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and, where possible, prioritize in-person work. Each executive branch department, agency, board, or commission that receives funding under part 1 must post its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its website.</p>	Not included.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
<p>Sec. 241. When the department activates the incident management team to protect life or property, within 12 hours the department shall notify the senate and house members within whose district the site is located.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	No change from current law.	
			NEW Sec. 242. General fund appropriations in part 1 shall not be expended for items in cases where federal funding or private grant funding is available for the same expenditure.	



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Fee Schedule
Sec. 301. (1) The department may establish a fee schedule and collect fees for the following work activities and services:
 (a) Pesticide and plant pest management propagation and certification of virus-free foundation stock.
 (b) Fruit and vegetable inspection and grading services at shipping and termination points and processing plants.
 (c) Laboratory support analyses of food, livestock, and agricultural products for disease, foreign products for disease, toxic materials, foreign substances, and quality standards.
 (d) Laboratory support test samples for other state and local agencies and public or private organizations.

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.

(2) The department may receive and expend revenue from the fees authorized under subsection (1), subject to appropriation, for the purpose of recovering expenses associated with the work activities and services described in subsection (1). Fee revenue collected by the department under subsection (1) shall not lapse to the state general fund at the end of the fiscal year but shall carry forward for appropriation by the legislature in the subsequent fiscal year.

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.

(3) The department shall notify the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office 30 days prior to proposing changes in fees authorized under this section or under section 5 of 1915 PA 91, MCL 285.35.

Technical Changes

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.

No Change from Current Law.



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<p>(4) On or before February 1 of each year, the department shall provide a report to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office detailing all the fees charged by the department under the authorization provided in this section, including, but not limited to, rates, number of individuals paying each fee, and the revenue generated by each fee in the previous fiscal year.</p>	Technical Changes	No Change from Current Law.	No Change from Current Law.	
<p>(5) To the extent possible, the department will work with vendors supplying testing for certification of commercial pesticide applicators, private pesticide applicators, registered pesticide applicators, and approved trainers for use with pesticide applicators to ensure adequate testing capacity, statewide access to testing sites, and cost structures comparable to neighboring states.</p>	Not Included.	No Change from Current Law	Not Included.	
<p>Programs Carried Out Under Contract Sec. 302. (1) The department may contract with or provide grants to local units of government, institutions of higher education, or nonprofit organizations to support activities authorized by appropriations in part 1. As used in this section, contracts and grants include, but are not limited to, contracts for delivery of groundwater/freshwater programs, MAEAP technical assistance, forest management, invasive species monitoring, wildlife risk mitigation, grants promoting proper pesticide disposal, and research grants for the purpose of enhancing the agricultural industries in this state.</p>	No Change from Current Law	No Change from Current Law	No Change from Current Law	
<p>(2) The department shall provide notice of contracts or grants authorized under this section to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office <i>not later than 7 days before</i> the department notifies contract or grant recipients.</p>	Technical Changes	No Change from Current Law	No Change from Current Law	



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	<p>NEW Sec. 303. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for emerging contaminants in food and agriculture the department will support efforts to identify and respond to the impacts of emerging contaminants to the food and agriculture sector, help address and mitigate current issues caused by emerging contaminants, and work to prevent and minimize future impacts. The department shall coordinate these efforts with other state agencies, federal agencies, tribal governments, local governments, institutions of higher learning, and the food and agriculture sector. Emerging contaminants include but are not limited to pesticides, dioxins, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive, repeated again as Sec. 901 in the one-time section.</p>	
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		<p>New: Sec. 304. The department shall maintain on a publicly accessible website registered agricultural businesses and shall regularly update the website to include key contact information. In carrying out the requirements of this section, the department shall partner with Michigan State University's Michigan Market Maker.</p>		
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<p><u>FOOD AND DAIRY</u></p> <p><i>Food and Dairy Division Report</i> Sec. 401. (1) The department shall report on the previous fiscal year's activities of the food and dairy division. The report shall include information on activities and outcomes of the dairy safety and inspection program, the food safety inspection program, the foodborne illness and emergency response program, and the food service program.</p>	<p>Changes "previous" to "prior"</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(2) The report shall include information on significant foodborne outbreaks and emergencies, including any significant enforcement actions taken related to food safety during the prior calendar year.</p>	<p>Changes "calendar year" to "fiscal year."</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(3) The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website on or before April 1 of each year.</p>	<p>Technical changes</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p><u>ANIMAL INDUSTRY</u></p> <p><i>Bovine TB Testing Costs</i> Sec. 451. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall pay for all whole herd bovine TB testing costs and individual animal testing costs in the modified accredited zone and buffer counties as referenced in the current memorandum of understanding between the department and the USDA to maintain split-state status requirements. These costs include indemnity and compensation for injury causing death or downer to animals.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	



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<p><i>Animal Industry Division Report</i> Sec. 452. (1) The department shall report on the previous calendar year's activities of the animal industry division. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website on or before April 1 of each year.</p>	Technical changes	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
<p>(2) The department shall include in the report all indemnification payments for livestock depredation made in the previous calendar year and shall include all of the following: (a) The reason for the indemnification. (b) The amount of the indemnification. (c) The person for whom the indemnification was paid.</p>	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
<p><i>Collaboration with USDA</i> Sec. 454. The department shall use its resources to collaborate with the USDA to monitor bovine TB, consistent with the current required memorandum of understanding between the department and the USDA.</p>	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
<p><i>Costs of Testing Cervid Facilities</i> Sec. 455. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for animal disease prevention and response, \$200,000.00 shall be used to cover costs associated with testing of registered privately owned cervid facilities as follows: for required surveillance testing for chronic wasting disease and for infected herd bovine TB testing.</p>	Technical changes	No change from current law.	No change from current law other than minor technical drafting.	



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<p><i>Bovine TB Quarterly Report</i> Sec. 457. (1) On or before October 15 of each year, the department shall provide to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office a report on bovine TB status and department activities.</p>	<p>Technical changes</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(2) For each fiscal quarter following the report required in subsection (1), the department shall provide an update to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office. The quarterly update reports shall identify significant impacts to the program, including new incidence of bovine TB in this state, department activity associated with specific new incidence of bovine TB, any changes in USDA requirements or movement orders, and information and data on wildlife risk mitigation plan implementation in the modified accredited zone; implementation of a movement certificate process; progress toward annual surveillance test requirements; efforts to work with slaughter facilities in this state, as well as those that slaughter a significant number of animals from this state; educational programs and information for this state's livestock community; and any other item the legislature should be aware of that will promote or hinder efforts to achieve bovine TB free status for this state.</p>	<p>Technical changes; strikes "and any other item the legislature should be aware of that will promote or hinder efforts..."</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p><i>Michigan Animal Alliance Grant</i> Sec. 458. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan animal agriculture alliance, the department shall work with animal industry representatives and state research universities to continue an animal research grant program.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	



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PESTICIDE AND PLANT PEST MANAGEMENT

PPPM Division Report
Sec. 501. The department shall report on the previous **calendar year's** activities of the pesticide and plant pest management division. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website on or before April 1 of each year.

Not Included

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

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Sec. 502. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for pesticide and plant pest management, \$1,170,000.00 shall be used for staffing and operational support for education and compliance assistance efforts to ensure uniform application of pesticide regulations.

Not Included

No change from current law.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

MAEAP/Environmental Stewardship
Sec. 601. The funds appropriated in part 1 for environmental stewardship/MAEAP shall be used to support department agriculture pollution prevention programs, including groundwater and freshwater protection programs under part 87 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.8701 to 324.8717, and technical assistance in implementing conservation grants available under the federal farm bill of 2018, Public Law 115-334.

Technical changes – removes specific Farm Bill reference.

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Environmental Stewardship Division Report
Sec. 602. The department shall report on the previous **calendar year's** activities of the environmental stewardship division. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website on or before April 1 of each year.

Not Included

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Report on Nutrient Best Practices Program
Sec. 603. In addition to the report required under section 602, by April 1, the department shall prepare a report to be posted on the department’s website and provided to the relevant house and senate standing committees and appropriations subcommittees as well as to the fiscal agencies and state budget office. The report shall contain the following information for agriculture nutrient best management voluntary practices program: number and location of acres enrolled in nutrient management or other best management practices; number of acres enrolled that were not previously verified under the MAEAP; summary of practices implemented and available incentive programs; starting and ending balances of the program; summary of outreach and training efforts; and testing results.

Not Included

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

Federal Funds – Spending Authorization
Sec. 604. The department may receive and expend federal revenues up to a total of \$1,000,000.00 in excess of the federal revenue appropriated in section 107 of part 1 for environmental stewardship and MAEAP activities. The department shall notify the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office prior to expending federal revenues authorized under this section.

Technical changes

No change from current law.

No change from current law.



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<p>Qualified Forest Program Sec. 608. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for the qualified forest program are for the purpose of increasing the knowledge of nonindustrial private forestland owners of sound forest management practices and increasing the amount of commercial timber production from those lands.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(2) The department shall work in partnership with stakeholder groups and other state and federal agencies to increase the active management of nonindustrial private forestland to foster the growth of Michigan's timber product industry.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>Local Conservation Districts Sec. 609. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for local conservation districts shall be distributed in equal amounts to local conservation districts in this state that were in operation as of April 15, 2021.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(2) On or before March 1, 2023, the department shall report on the previous calendar year's activities of local conservation districts. The report shall include descriptions of local conservation district activities and funding, including uses of appropriations made in part 1. In preparing this report, the department shall coordinate with representatives of local conservation districts. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date reference and technical changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date changes.</p>	



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Tax Credits for Agriculture Preservation
Sec. 610. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall maintain coordination with the department of treasury to improve the timely processing and issuance of tax credits under section 36109 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.36109, for the Michigan's farmland and open space preservation program under parts 361 and 362 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.36101 to 324.36116 and 324.36201 to 324.36207. This includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Timely review of mailed applications and paperwork.
- (b) Timely and proactive communications to applicants on the status of their application.
- (c) A clear and understood timeline for the issuance of any tax credits.

Not Included

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No change from current law.



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			<p>NEW Sec. 611. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for soil health and regenerative agriculture program, the department shall establish a program with the purpose of advancing the adoption of soil health and regenerative agriculture principles in Michigan agriculture.</p>	
			<p>(2) The department may engage partners to achieve the purposes of the program, including agriculture extension offices, the national resources conservation service, conservation districts, and nongovernmental organizations to build farmer-to-farmer networks to disseminate practices and information to improve adaptation of soil health and regenerative agriculture practices, and other needs that the department identifies to improve adoption of these principles. Funds shall not be used for applied research into adoption precision agriculture or to advance adoption precision agriculture.</p>	
			<p>(3) The department shall promote the principles of soil health and regenerative agriculture, that include maintaining soil cover, minimization of soil disturbance, plant/crop diversity, maintenance of continual live plant/root, and integration of livestock into cropping systems.</p>	



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			(4) The department shall promote the goals of the principles of soil health and regenerative agriculture, that include increasing soil organic matter content, improving soil water infiltration capacity, increasing soil water holding capacity, improving soil biological capacity to break down plant residue and other substances and to maintain soil aggregation, improving soil nutrient sequestration and cycling capacity, and increasing carbon sequestration capacity of soil.	
			(5) The department shall promote the practices of soil health and regenerative agriculture, that include the use of no-till farming, intercropping, cover crops, multispecies cover crops, roll cropping, managed rotational grazing, and other practices identified that utilize natural biological processes to advance the goals of soil health and regenerative agriculture.	



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			(6) The program's objectives shall be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both. Any program partners receiving funding shall indicate the conservation outcomes they are intending to achieve and how they will measure achievement of those outcomes and provide a report to the department on the uses of funding received and achievement of any outcomes.	
<p><u>LABORATORY PROGRAM</u></p> <p><i>Laboratory Division Annual Report</i> Sec. 651. The department shall report on the previous <i>calendar year's</i> activities of the laboratory division. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website on or before April 1 of each year.</p>	Not Included	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
			NEW Sec. 652. No funds in part 1 shall be used for the purpose of consolidating state-run laboratories.	



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Food and Agriculture Investment Grant Program

Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the food and agriculture investment program, the department shall establish and administer a food and agriculture investment program.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.



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(2) The food and agriculture investment program shall expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector, grow Michigan exports, promote the development of value-added agricultural production, food hubs, food incubators, and community-based processing facilities with a focus on new and expanding protein processors, and the expansion of farm markets and urban agriculture, including promotion of hoop houses, and increase food processing activities within this state by accelerating projects and infrastructure development that support growth in the food and agriculture processing industry.

Modified as follows:

(2) The food and agriculture investment program shall: expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector, **promote food security, develop local and regional food systems**, grow Michigan exports, promote the development of value-added agricultural production, **support urban farms**, food hubs, food incubators, and community-based processing facilities; **expand farm markets and flower markets**, ~~with a focus on new and expanding protein processors, and the expansion of farm markets and urban agriculture, including promotion of hoop houses,~~ and increase food processing activities within **Michigan this state** by accelerating **investment** projects and infrastructure development that support growth in **production agriculture and food and agriculture processing; expand opportunity to new agricultural producers and processors, promote agriculture-tourism, agricultural heritage and develop agricultural education and interpretation activities. The food and agriculture development fund awards will emphasize Michigan-based small business, nonprofits, and organizations promoting agriculture and food security activities.**

Modified as follows:

(2) The food and agriculture investment program shall expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector, **promote food security, develop local and regional food systems**, grow Michigan exports, promote the development of value-added agricultural production, food hubs, food incubators, and community-based processing facilities with a focus on new and expanding protein processors, and **promote** the expansion of farm markets, **flower markets**, and urban agriculture, including promotion of hoop houses, and increase food processing activities within this state by accelerating **investment** projects and infrastructure development that support growth in **production agriculture** and food and agriculture processing; **expand opportunity to new agricultural producers and processors, promote agriculture tourism agricultural heritage and develop agricultural education and interpretation activities. The food and agriculture development fund awards will emphasize Michigan-based small business, nonprofits, and organizations promoting agriculture and food security activities.**

(2) The food and agriculture investment program shall expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector, promote food security, develop local and regional food systems, grow Michigan exports, promote the development of value-added agricultural production, food hubs, urban farms, food incubators, and community-based processing facilities, and expand farm markets and flower markets, with a focus on new and **expanding protein processors**, and the expansion of farm markets and urban agriculture, including promotion of hoop houses, and increase food processing activities within this state by accelerating investment projects and infrastructure development that support growth in the food and agriculture processing industry. The food and agriculture development fund awards shall emphasize Michigan-based small business nonprofits, and organizations promoting agriculture and food security activities.



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<p>(3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, the department may receive and expend funds received from outside sources for the food and agriculture investment program.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
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<p>(4) Before the allocation of funding, all projects shall receive approval from the Michigan commission of agriculture and rural development, except for projects selected through a competitive process by a joint evaluation committee selected by the director and consisting of representatives that have agriculture, business, and economic development expertise. Projects funded through the food and agriculture investment program will be required to have a grant agreement that outlines milestones and activities that must be met in order to receive a disbursement of funds. Projects must also identify measurable project outcomes.</p>	<p>Modified as follows: (4) Before the allocation of funding, all projects shall receive approval from the Michigan commission of agriculture and rural development, except for projects selected through a competitive process by a joint evaluation committee selected by the director and consisting of representatives that have agriculture, food security, local and regional food systems, business, and economic development expertise. Projects funded through the food and agriculture investment program will be required to have a grant agreement that outlines milestones and activities that must be met in order to receive a disbursement of funds. Projects must also identify measurable project outcomes.</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
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<p>(5) The department shall include in the agriculture development annual report a report on the food and agriculture investment program for the previous fiscal year that includes a listing of the grantees, award amounts, match funding, project locations, and project outcomes.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
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<p>(6) The food and agriculture investment program shall be administered by the department and provide support for food and agriculture projects that will enable growth in the industry and this state's economy.</p>	<p>Modified as follows: (5) The food and agriculture investment program shall be administered by the department. and provide support for food and agriculture projects that will enable growth in the industry and this state's economy.</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(7) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the food and agriculture investment program are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a: (a) The purpose of the project is to promote and expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector, grow Michigan exports, and increase food processing activities within the state. (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both. (c) The estimated cost of this project is identified in the appropriation line item. (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2025.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date reference.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date reference.</p>	<p>Modified work project language.</p>	
<p>(8) The department may expend money from the funds appropriated in part 1 for the food and agriculture investment program, including all of the following activities: (a) Grants. (b) Loans or loan guarantees. (c) Infrastructure development. (d) Other economic assistance. (e) Program administration. (f) Export assistance.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	



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<p>(9)The department shall expend no more than 5% from the funds appropriated in part 1 for the food and agriculture investment program for administrative purposes.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
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		<p>NEW (10) In awarding grants under the program the department shall identify and encourage applications from, beginning, socially disadvantaged, women, and veteran farmers and ranchers.</p>		
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<p>Rural Development Fund Grants Sec. 702. The department shall work with the rural development fund board to establish a process and criteria for funding projects as well as establishing metrics and measurable outcomes for the program. Funds appropriated from the rural development fund shall be used in accordance with the provisions of the rural development fund act, 2012 PA 411, MCL 286.941 to 286.947.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	
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<p>Office of Rural Development Sec. 702a. The office of rural development shall act to encourage and enable appropriate community advancements and improvements, including, but not limited to, housing, infrastructure, education, workforce development, and other needs uniquely present in rural areas of this state that will assist in expansion of rural agriculture development.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law, included as Sec. 702.</p>	
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<p>Double Up Food Bucks Sec. 703. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for fair food network – double up food bucks, the department shall work with the fair food network to ensure that at least 80% of the funds allocated to the double up food bucks program are directly used for the payments to participating vendors.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(2) The department shall work with the department of health and human services to do all of the following: (a) Notify recipients of food assistance program benefits that food assistance program benefits can be accessed at many farmer’s markets in this state with bridge cards. (b) Notify recipients of food assistance program benefits about the double up food bucks program that is administered by the fair food network. Food assistance program recipients shall receive information about the double up food bucks program, including information that explains that when program recipients spend up to \$20.00 at participating farmer’s markets and grocery stores, the recipient can receive an additional \$20.00 to buy Michigan produce.</p>	<p>Modified to strike the last phrase of subdivision (2)(b): including information that explains that when program recipients spend up to \$20.00 at participating farmer’s markets and grocery stores, the recipient can receive an additional \$20.00 to buy Michigan produce.</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive.</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive.</p>	
<p>(3) The department shall work with the fair food network to expand access to the double up food bucks program in each of the state’s counties with grocery stores or farmer’s markets that meet the program’s eligibility requirements.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	



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<p>(4) On or before June 1, 2023, the department shall submit a report on activities and outcomes of the double up food bucks program to the subcommittees and the fiscal agencies. The report shall contain all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Counties in this state with participating double up food bucks vendors, the number of vendors by county, and the name and location of vendors, as of May 1, 2022.</p> <p>(b) Counties in this state with participating double up food bucks vendors, the number of vendors by county, and the name of location of vendors, as of May 1, 2023. The report shall highlight counties and vendors added to the program since May 1, 2022.</p> <p>(c) Number of individuals participating in the program, by county.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date references and minor technical changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date references.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date references.</p>	
<p><i>Agriculture Development Division Report Sec. 706.</i> (1) The department shall report on the previous calendar year's activities of the agriculture development division. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website on or before April 1 of each year.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	
<p>(2) The report shall include the following information on any grants awarded during the prior fiscal year:</p> <p>(a) The name of the grantee.</p> <p>(b) The amount of the grant.</p> <p>(c) The purpose of the grant, including measurable outcomes.</p> <p>(d) Additional state, federal, private, or local funds contributed to the grant project.</p> <p>(e) The completion date of grant-funded activities.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	



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(3) The report shall include the following information on the Michigan craft beverage council established under section 303 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1303:

(a) Council activities and accomplishments for the previous fiscal year.

(b) Council expenditures for the previous fiscal year by category of administration, industry support, research and education grants, and promotion and consumer education.

(c) Grants awarded during the previous fiscal year and the results of research grant projects completed during the previous fiscal year.

Not included.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

(4) The report shall identify grant recipients who are beginning, socially disadvantaged, women, and veteran farmers and ranchers.

Sec. 707. Unexpended industry support fund revenues at the end of the fiscal year may be carried forward into the industry support fund in the succeeding fiscal year and shall not lapse to the general fund.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

No change from current law.

FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS

AEIDF Expenditures
Sec. 801. All appropriations from the agriculture equine industry development fund shall be spent on equine- related purposes. No funds from the agriculture equine industry development fund shall be expended for nonequine-related purposes without prior approval of the legislature.

No change from current law.

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<p><i>AEIDF Spending Priorities</i> Sec. 802. From the funds appropriated in part 1 from agriculture equine industry development funds, available revenue shall be allocated in the following priority order: (a) To support all administrative, contractual, and regulatory costs incurred by the department and the Michigan gaming control board. (b) Up to \$495,000.00 shall be allocated to the purses and supplements – fairs/licensed tracks line item. (c) Any remaining funds collected through September 30, 2022, after the obligations in subdivisions (a) and (b) have been met, shall be prorated equally among the supplements, breeders’ awards, and sire stakes awards to eligible race meeting licensees in accordance with section 20 of the horse racing law of 1995, 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.320.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than to strike subdivision (b): (b) Up to \$495,000.00 shall be allocated to the purses and supplements – fairs/licensed tracks line item.</p> <p>Subdivision (c) modified as follows: (c) Any remaining funds collected through September 30, 2023, after the obligations in subdivision (a) and (b) have been met, shall be prorated equally among the county fairs, supplements, breeders’ awards, and sire stakes awards to eligible race meeting licensees in accordance with section 20 of the horse racing law of 1995, 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.320.</p>	<p>Not Included</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive</p>	
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<p><i>County Fair Capital Grant Program</i> Sec. 805. (1) The department shall establish and administer a county fairs, shows, and expositions grant program. The program shall have the following objectives: (a) Assist in the promotion of building improvements or other capital improvements at county fairgrounds of this state. (b) Provide financial support, promotion, prizes, and premiums of equine, livestock, and other agricultural commodity expositions in this state.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than to strike "promotion" in subdivision (a) and replace with "financing."</p>	<p>No change from current law.</p>	<p>Concurs with Executive</p>	
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(2) The department shall award grants on a competitive basis to county fairs or other organizations from the funds appropriated in part 1 for county fairs, shows, and expositions grants. Grantees will be required to provide a 50% cash match with grant awards and identify measurable project outcomes. A county fair organization that received a county fair capital improvement grant in the prior fiscal year shall not receive a grant from the appropriation in part 1.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
(3) From the amount appropriated in part 1 for county fairs, shows, and expositions, up to \$25,000.00 shall be expended for the purpose of financial support, promotion, prizes, and premiums of equine, livestock, and other agricultural commodity expositions in this state, and festivals.	No change from current law except for the addition of "festivals" after "commodity expositions" and striking the balance of the sentence.	No change from current law.	Concurs with Executive	
(4) All fairs receiving grants under this section shall provide a report to the department on the financial impact resulting from the capital improvement project on both fair and nonfair events. These reports are due for 3 years immediately following the completion of the capital improvement project.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
(5) The department shall identify criteria, evaluate applications, and provide recommendations to the director for final approval of grant awards.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	
(6) The department may expend money from the funds appropriated in part 1 for the county fairs, shows, and expositions for administering the program.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	No change from current law.	



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<p>(7) The unexpended portion of the appropriation in part 1 for county fairs, shows, and expositions grants is considered a work project appropriation in accordance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a. The following apply to the project:</p> <p>(a) The purpose of the project is to support building improvements or other capital improvements at county fairgrounds of this state.</p> <p>(b) All grants will be distributed in accordance with this section and the grant guidelines published prior to the request for proposals.</p> <p>(c) The estimated cost of the project is identified in the appropriation line item.</p> <p>(d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2025.</p>	<p>Modified as follows:</p> <p>(7) The unexpended portion of the appropriation in part 1 for county fairs, shows, and expositions grants are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a. The following apply to the project:</p> <p>(a) The purpose of the project is to support building improvements or other capital improvements at county fairgrounds of this state.</p> <p>(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.</p> <p>All grants will be distributed in accordance with this section and the grant guidelines published prior to the request for proposals.</p> <p>(c) The total estimated cost of the project is identified in the appropriation line item.</p> <p>(d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2025.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date reference.</p>	<p>Modified work project language.</p>	
<p>(8) The department shall provide a year-end report on the county fairs, shows, and expositions grants no later than December 1, 2023 to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget director that includes a listing of the grantees, award amounts, match funding, project outcomes, and department costs of grant administration.</p>	<p>Technical changes.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date reference.</p>	<p>No change from current law other than date reference.</p>	



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		<p>NEW Sec. 806. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for county fair premiums, the department shall establish and administer a county fair premium program in accordance with R 285.811.1 to R 285.811.10 of the Michigan Administrative Code.</p>		
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ONE-TIME ONLY APPROPRIATIONS

FY 2022-23 One-Time Items

Sec. 900. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the office of rural development, the department shall establish a grant program to support community activities, including, but not limited to, enhancing or elevating broadband, housing, infrastructure, education, workforce development and address other needs uniquely experienced in rural areas of Michigan.

Not included.

Not included.

Not included.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department may increase capacity by a total of 3.0 FTE positions (limited term) to administer the program.

Not included.

Not included.

Not included.

(3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the office of rural development are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

Not included.

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Not included.

(a) The purpose of the project is for supporting rural communities.

(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

(c) The estimated cost of this project is \$3,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2027.



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<p><i>FY 2022-23 One-Time Items</i> Sec. 901. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for economic development for food and agriculture, the department shall establish a grant program to support the food supply chain from Michigan farms and improve food safety and security in this state.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
<p>(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department may increase capacity by a total of 8.0 FTE positions (limited term) to administer the program.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	



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<p>(3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for economic development for food and agriculture are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, 29 MCL 18.1451a:</p> <p>(a) The purpose of the project is for stabilizing and accelerating the food supply chain while significantly increasing food security and reducing environmental risk in Michigan.</p> <p>(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both. (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$50,000,000.00. (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2027.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
<p>(4) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for economic development for food and agriculture, \$12,000,000.00 shall be allocated to the Eastern Market.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
<p>FY 2022-23 One-Time Items Sec. 902. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for animal welfare and veterinary care are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, 29 MCL 18.1451a:</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	
<p>(a) The purpose of the project is to provide veterinary services and resources to animal care facilities. (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both. (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$2,000,000.00. (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2027.</p>	Not included.	Not included.	Not included.	



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	<p>NEW – FY 2023-24 Sec. 900. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the Northern Michigan herd protection and management program are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:</p> <p>(a) The purpose of the project is to provide infrastructure for herd protection for cattle farmers in Northern Michigan.</p> <p>(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.</p> <p>(c) The estimated cost of this project is \$5,000,000.00.</p> <p>(d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2028.</p>	<p>Not included</p>	<p>Not included</p>	
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	<p>NEW – FY 2023-24 Sec. 901 (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for MI climate smart farming, the department may increase capacity by a total of 4.0 FTE positions (limited term) to administer the program. (2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for MI climate smart farming are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a: (a) The purpose of the project is to promote the usage and implementation of regenerative agricultural practices. (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both. (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$10,000,000.00. (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2028.</p>	Not included	Not included	
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	<p>NEW Sec. 902. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for food and agriculture supply chain investment, the department may increase capacity by a total of 1.0 FTE position (limited term) to administer the program.</p>	Not included	Not included	
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		<p>NEW – <i>Equine Veterinary Research</i></p> <p>Sec. 903. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for equine veterinary research, the department shall establish an equine veterinary research grant program. The equine veterinary research grant program shall provide grant funding for research related to equine health, disease prevention, and treatment.</p>		
		<p>(2) Grants shall be awarded to state agricultural research universities or colleges of veterinary medicine. Projects funded under the equine veterinary research grant program must include work activities carried out by veterinary students.</p>		
		<p>(3) Each project funded through an equine veterinary research grant must be established through a grant agreement that defines project goals, project milestones, and actions or milestones that must be met in order to receive a disbursement of funds. Projects must identify measurable project outcomes.</p>		
		<p>(4) A university or college receiving grants under the equine veterinary research grant program may not charge administrative costs, including the allocation of general administrative burden, to the grant.</p> <p>[Continued below]</p>		



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		(5) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, the department may receive and expend funds received from outside sources for the equine veterinary research grant program.		
		(6) On or before September 30, 2024, the department shall report on grants funded from the equine veterinary research grant program. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website. The report shall include all of the following: (a) Grantee name (b) Description of the project purpose, including measurable outcomes (c) Amount of the grant, and any additional funds provided for the project from other sources.		
		NEW - SEEDSS Sec. 904 (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for SEEDSS, the department shall establish and administer a SEEDSS program. [Continued below]		



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		(2) The purpose of the SEEDSS program is to support the development and implementation of best farming practices and new technologies related to environmental sustainability, including measures to address the impacts of climate change. Program goals include enhancing soil and plant health, soil carbon sequestration, efficient use of water, and protection of water resources.		
		(3) The department shall work with agriculture industry stakeholders, including state agriculture research colleges and universities, in developing and implementing the SEEDSS program.		
		(4) The department may expend money from the funds appropriated in part 1 for the SEEDSS program for grants in support of SEEDSS program goals.		
		(5) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, the department may receive and expend funds received from other public and private persons for the SEEDSS program. <i>[Continued below]</i>		



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		<p>(6) Each project funded through a SEEDSS grant must be established through a grant agreement that defines project goals, project milestones, and actions or milestones that must be met in order to receive a disbursement of funds. Projects must identify measurable project outcomes.</p>		
		<p>(7) If grants are awarded to a state agriculture research college or university, the college or university may charge only direct project costs to the grant agreement. Administrative burden or overhead may not be allocated to grant agreement project costs.</p>		
		<p>(8) On or before September 30, 2024, the department shall report on grants funded from the SEEDSS program. The report shall be transmitted to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office and posted to the department's website. The report shall include all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Grantee name (b) Description of the project purpose, including measurable outcomes (c) Amount of the grant, and any additional funds provided for the project from other sources. <p><i>[Continued below]</i></p>		



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			(9) As used in this section SEEDSS stands for Solving Emerging Environmental Developments and Securing Sustainability.		
				<p>NEW -- Local Conservation Districts</p> <p>New. Sec. 900. The one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for local conservation districts shall be used to assist conservation districts in sign-up for and receipt of increased farm bill money from the inflation reduction act of 2022, Public Law 117-169. Conservation districts must apply to the department for matching funds and report to the department on increased sign-ups.</p>	
				<p>NEW Sec. 901. Repeats Emerging Contaminants language from Sec. 303.</p>	



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NEW -- Minority Owned Food and Agriculture Ventures

Sec. 902. (1) From the one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for minority-owned food and agriculture ventures, the department shall create a grant program to expand minority businesses in food and agriculture. Grant recipients must be majority minority-owned or ventures that are providing access to predominately majority minority-owned businesses.

(2) From the one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for minority-owned food and agriculture ventures, \$400,000.00 shall be allocated to the communities first organization to provide retail space and assistance for predominately minority-owned entrepreneurial businesses.

(3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for minority-owned food and agriculture ventures are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed.



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			<p>NEW -- Small Producer Supply Chain Sec. 903. (1) From the one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for small producer supply chain and market access grants, the department shall create a grant program to invest in infrastructure to increase accessible cold storage, distribution, and processing facilities, as well as assist with implementation of advancing technology for small producers.</p> <p>(2) From the one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for small producer supply chain and market access grants, the department may increase capacity by a total of 1.0 FTE position (limited term) to administer the program.</p> <p>(3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for small producer supply chain and market access grants are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed.</p>	



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			<p>NEW -- Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture Sec. 904. (1) The one-time appropriation in part 1 for soil health and regenerative agriculture shall be used by the department for the following purposes: expanding existing or creating new partnerships that increase the adoption of soil health and regenerative agriculture principles, technical assistance to farmers on the adoption of the principles of soil health and regenerative agriculture, initiatives to mitigate risk in transitioning to regenerative agriculture practices, market development, and other needs identified by the department.</p>	
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			<p>(2) The department may engage partners to achieve the purposes of the appropriation, including agriculture extension offices, the national resources conservation service, conservation districts, and nongovernmental organizations to build farmer-to-farmer networks to disseminate practices and information to improve adaptation of soil health and regenerative agriculture practices, and other needs that the department identifies to improve adoption of these principles. Funds shall not be used for applied research into adoption precision agriculture or to advance adoption precision agriculture.</p>	
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			(3) The department shall promote the principles of soil health and regenerative agriculture, that include maintaining soil cover, minimization of soil disturbance, plant/crop diversity, maintenance of live plant/root, and integration of livestock into cropping systems.	
			(4) The department shall promote the goals of the principles of soil health and regenerative agriculture, that include increasing soil organic matter content, improving soil water infiltration capacity, increasing soil water holding capacity, improving soil biological capacity to break down plant residue and other substances and to maintain soil aggregation, improving soil nutrient sequestration and cycling capacity, and increasing carbon sequestration capacity of soil.	
			(5) The department shall promote the practices of soil health and regenerative agriculture, that include the use of no-till farming, intercropping, cover crops, multispecies cover crops, roll cropping, managed rotational grazing, and other practices identified that utilize natural biological processes to advance the goals of soil health and regenerative agriculture.	



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			<p>(6) The appropriation's objectives shall be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both. Any program partners receiving funding shall indicate the conservation outcomes they are intending to achieve and how they will measure achievement of those outcomes and provide a report to the department on the uses of funding received and achievement of any outcomes.</p>	
			<p>(7) The unexpended one-time funds appropriated in part 1 for soil health and regenerative agriculture are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed.</p>	
			<p>NEW – <i>Local Conservation District Earmark</i> Sec. 905. The one-time appropriation for Washtenaw conservation district shall be used for a 2-year MiFarmLink pilot project to connect new farmers with opportunities to gain access to land to start their own farms.</p>	