



Background Briefing

AGRICULTURE

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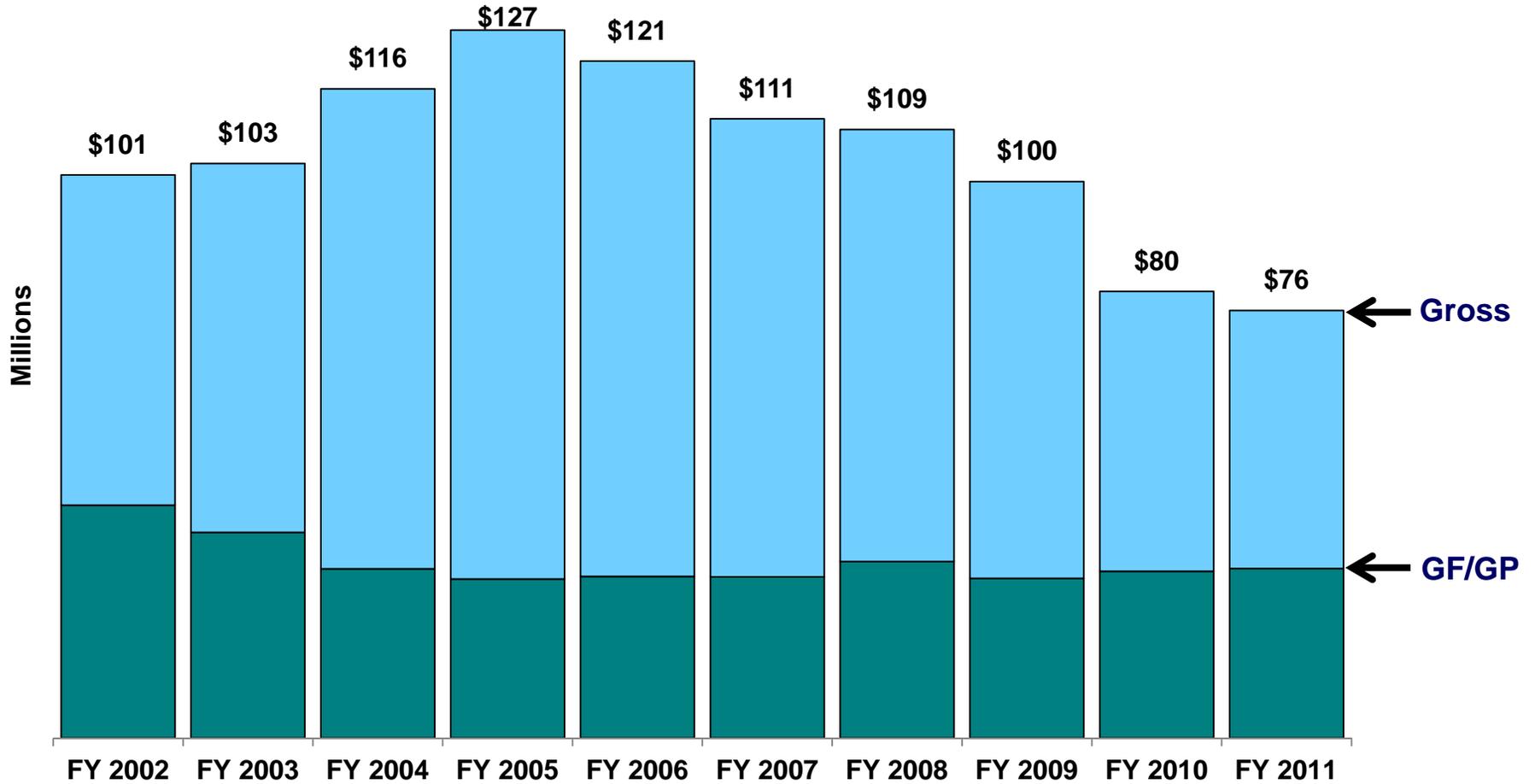
The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through January 1, 2011.

Department of Agriculture

- *Public Act 13 of 1921 established the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) to "foster and promote in every possible way the agricultural interests of this state..." Public Act 13 also established the five-member bi-partisan Commission of Agriculture.*
- *The Department's mission is: "To protect, promote, and preserve the agricultural interests of the people of the State of Michigan." The Department's key programs and priorities include: ensuring food safety and security, protecting animal health and welfare, managing invasive exotic species, regulating pesticide use, certifying agricultural commodities, ensuring environmental stewardship, protecting consumers, promoting a viable agricultural economy, and providing homeland security.*

Agriculture: Gross Appropriations

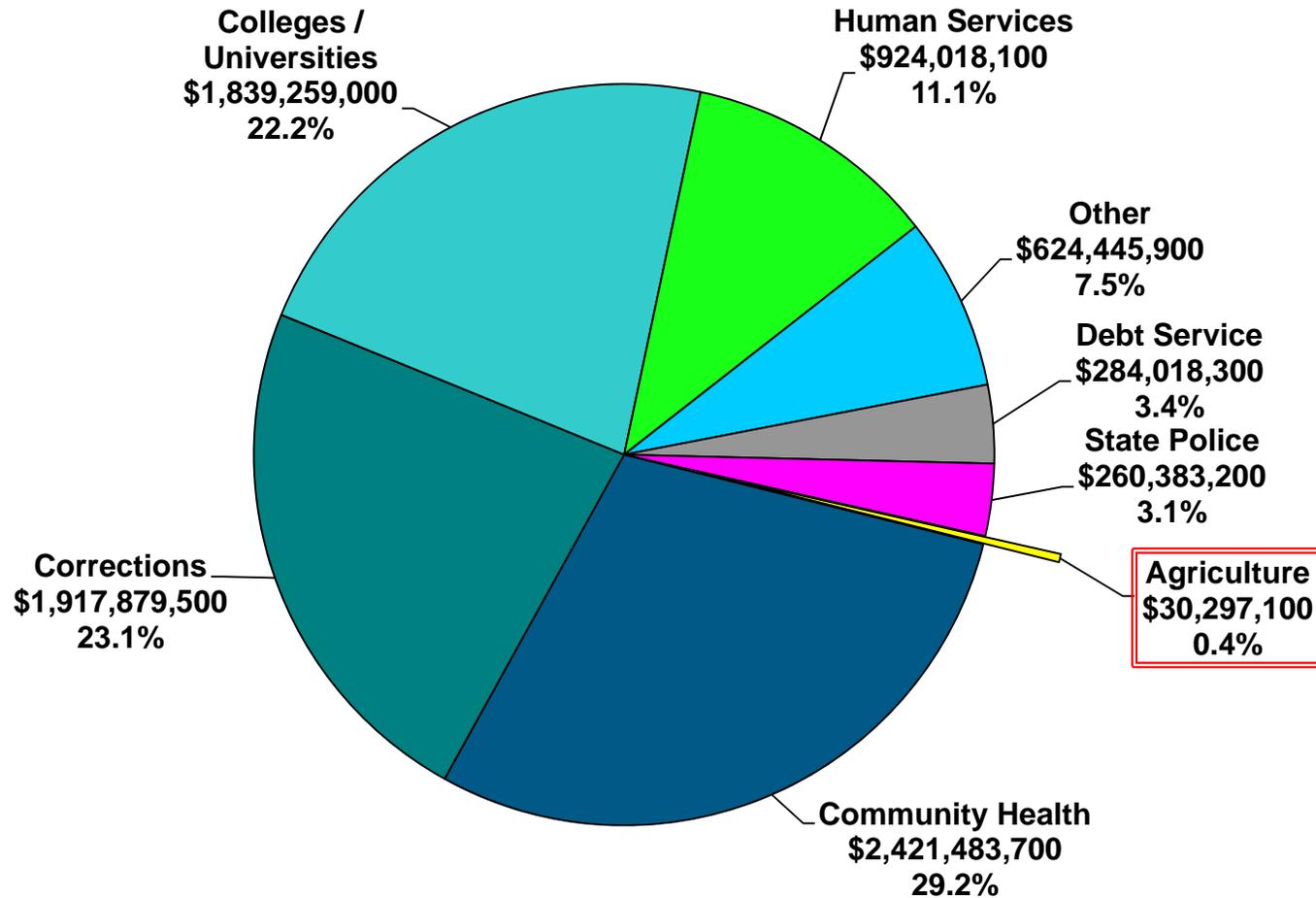
Ten Year Appropriations History



Agriculture Share of State GF/GP

Agriculture makes up 0.36% of the total state GF/GP budget

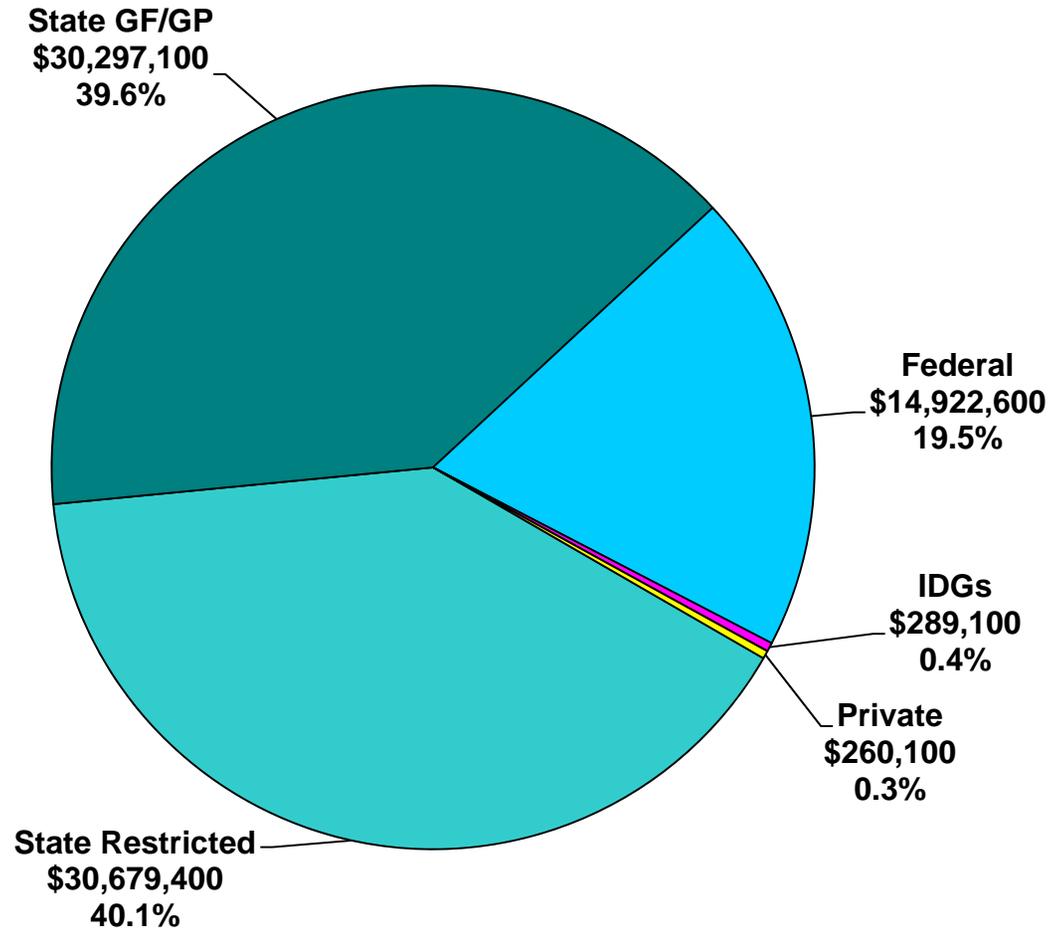
FY 2010-11 GF/GP Total = \$8,301,784,800



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Agriculture Funding Sources

FY 2010-11 Agriculture Budget = \$76,448,300



DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

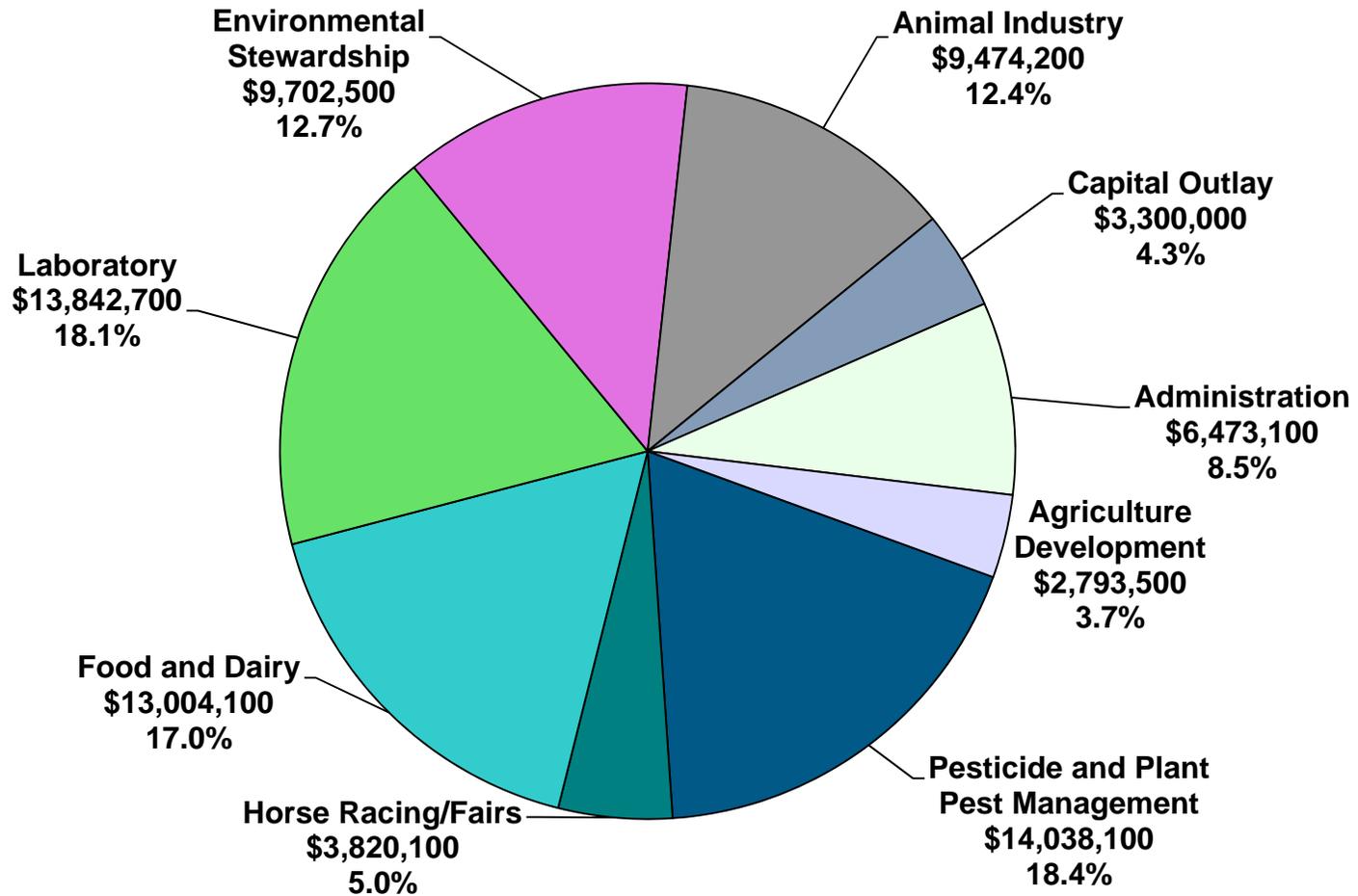
Agriculture Appropriations

The agriculture budget is allocated into the following major spending areas:

- Administration
- Food and Dairy
- Animal Industry
- Pesticide and Plant Management
- Environmental Stewardship
- Laboratory
- Market Development
- Horse Racing/Fairs

Agriculture Appropriations

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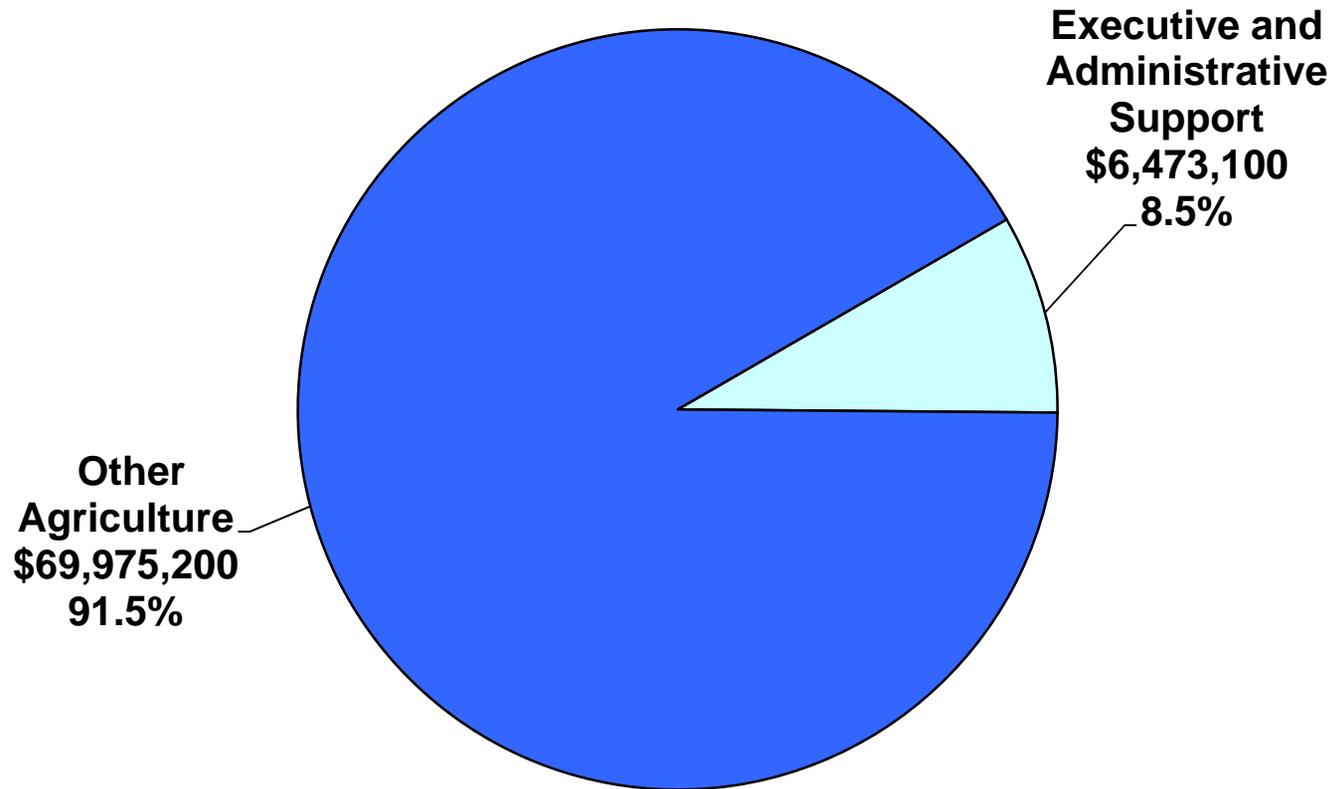
PROGRAMS

Executive/Administration

- **Executive/Administrative functions supported in the Agriculture Budget include funding for:**
 - **Agriculture Commission**
 - **Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Executive Office**
 - **Other MDA administrative functions**
- **Departmentwide appropriation for rent and related property management charges**
- **Information Technology appropriation unit supports information technology services and projects**

Executive/Administration Share of Agriculture Budget

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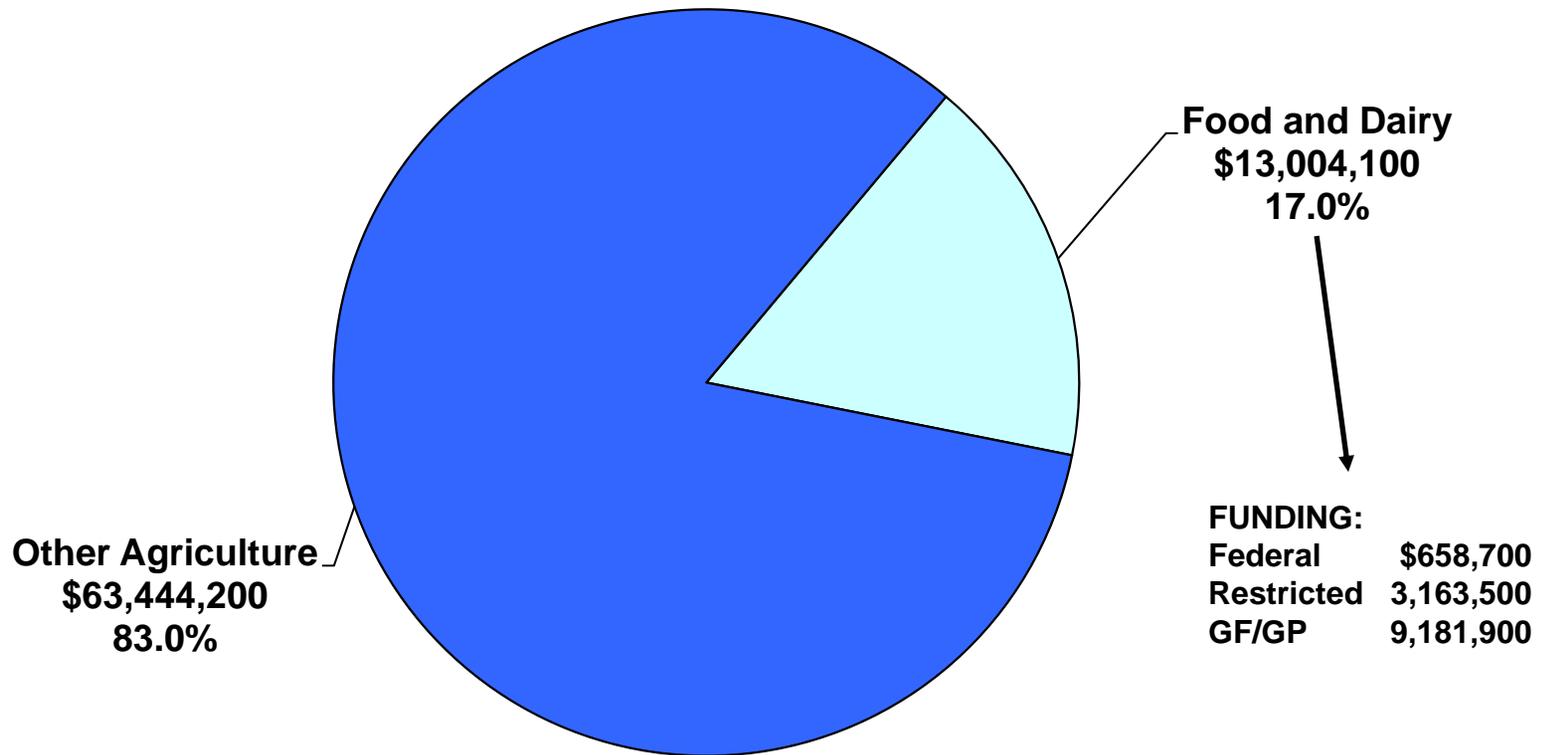


Food and Dairy

- **Food and Dairy Division administers a comprehensive program to protect public from food-borne illness, from farm to table food regulation under the Food Law of 2000**
- **Protects against sale of adulterated food products, and fraud and deception in the sale of food products.**
- **Regulates production and sale of dairy products under Manufacturing Milk Law of 2001, and the Grade A Milk Law of 2001.**
- **Oversees local public health food safety inspection programs – administered in conjunction with the Department of Community Health.**

Food and Dairy Share of Agriculture Budget

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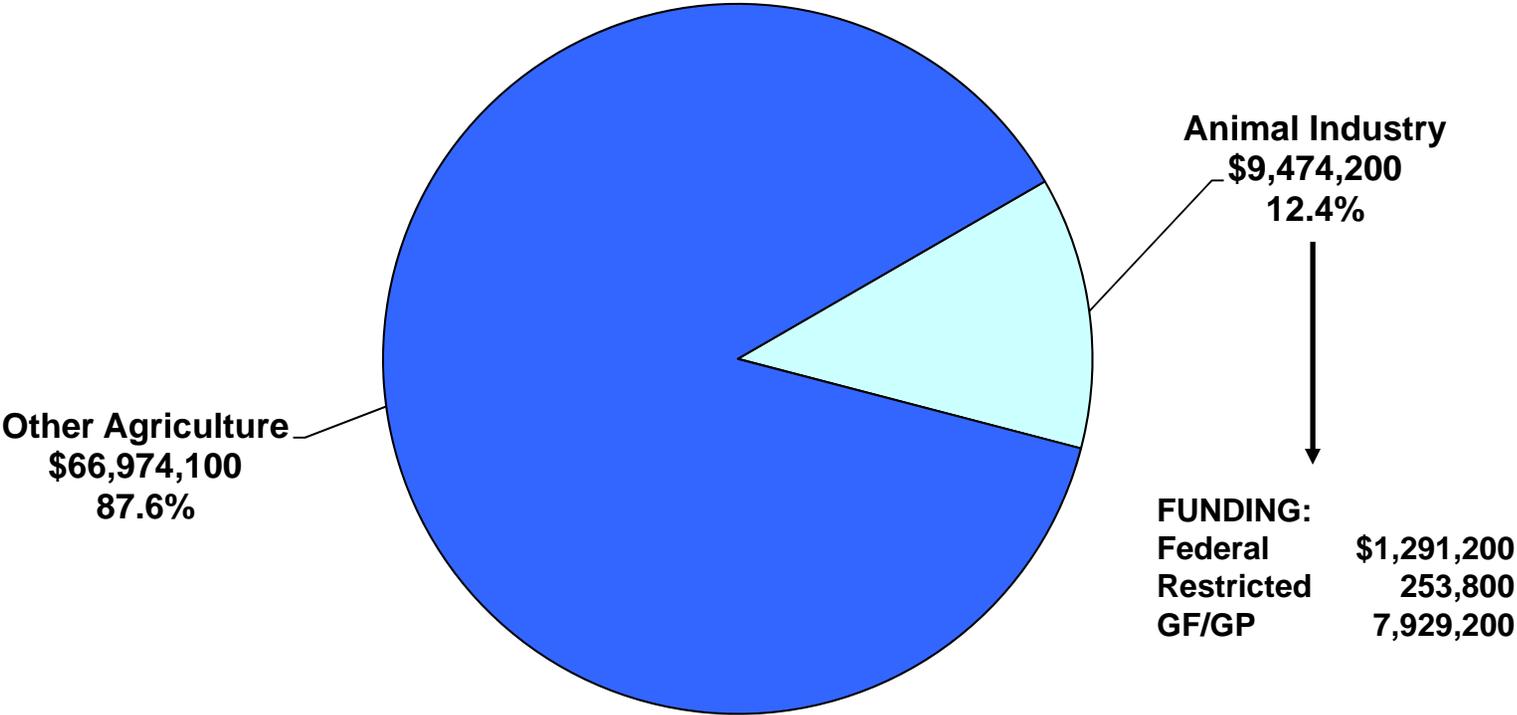


Animal Industry

- **Animal Industry Division programs protect public health and health of domestic animals under authority of the Animal Industry Act.**
- **State Veterinarian functions as division administrator.**
- **Division programs work to detect and eradicate animal disease, including Bovine TB, Chronic Wasting Disease, Rabies, Pseudorabies, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis**

Animal Industry Share of Agriculture Budget

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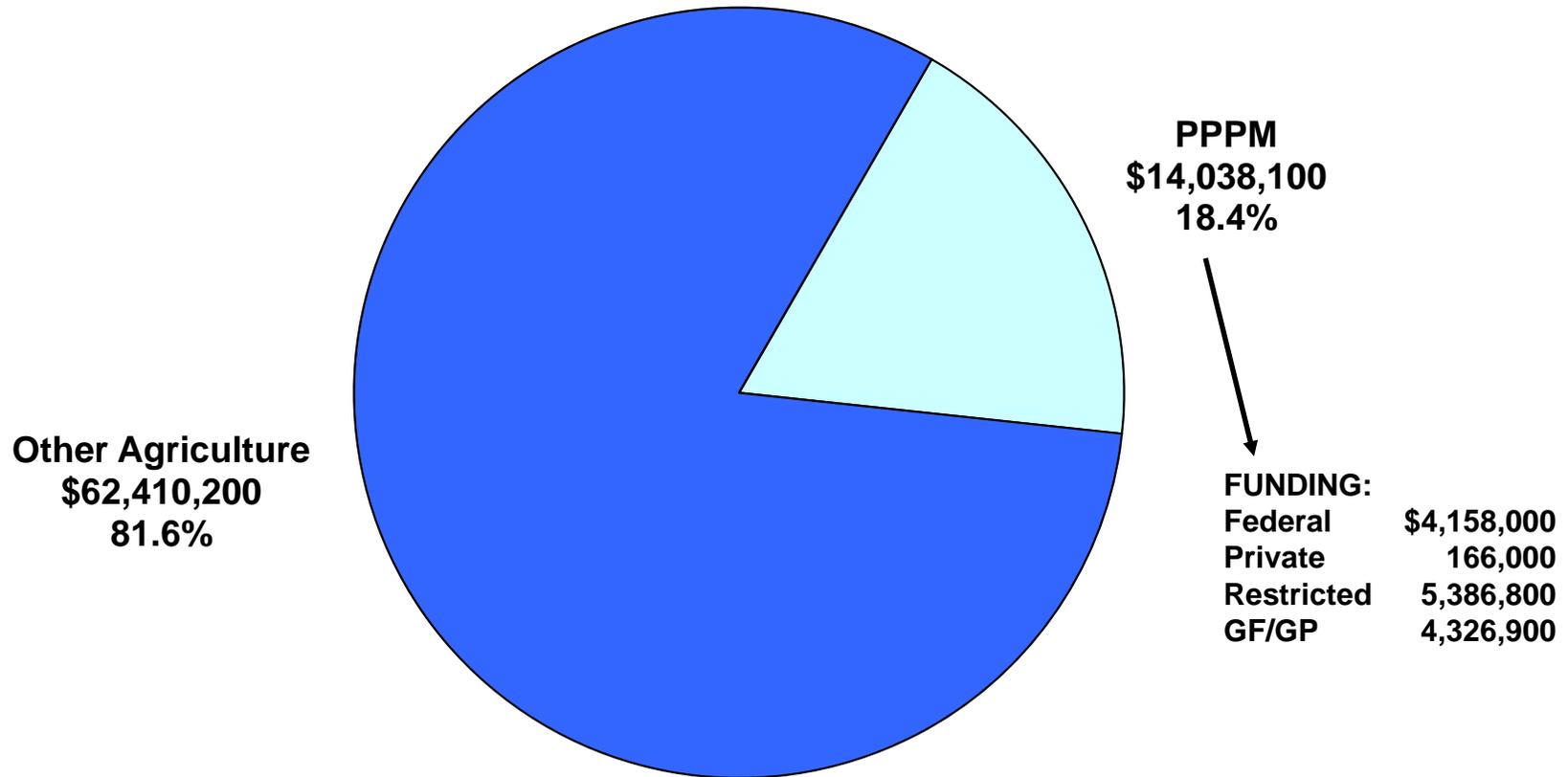


Pesticide and Plant Pest Management (PPPM)

- **Funds enforcement of laws dealing with pesticide registration, use, and application certification and testing**
- **Develops strategies to monitor and control pests that are harmful to the state's horticulture and timber industry, including Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species**

PPPM Share of Agriculture Budget

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Environmental Stewardship

- **Supports programs to:**
 - **Prevent agriculture-related pollution**
 - **Preserve farmland**
 - **Promote environmentally sound farming practices**
 - **Enhance groundwater protection**

- **Administers Right-to-Farm Law**

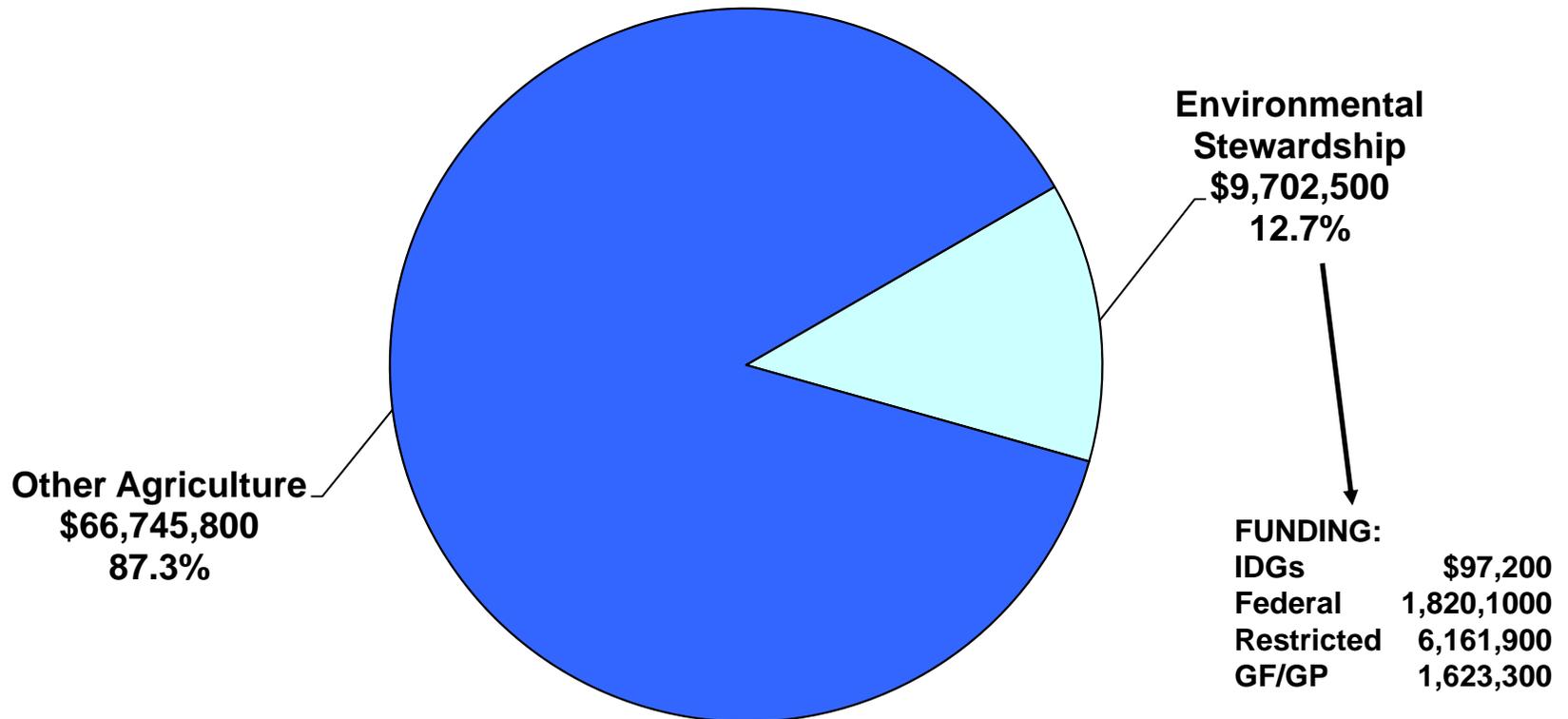
- **Provides support for Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)**

- **Administers Intercounty Drain Program**

- **Administers Migrant Labor Housing Program**

Environmental Stewardship Share of Agriculture Budget

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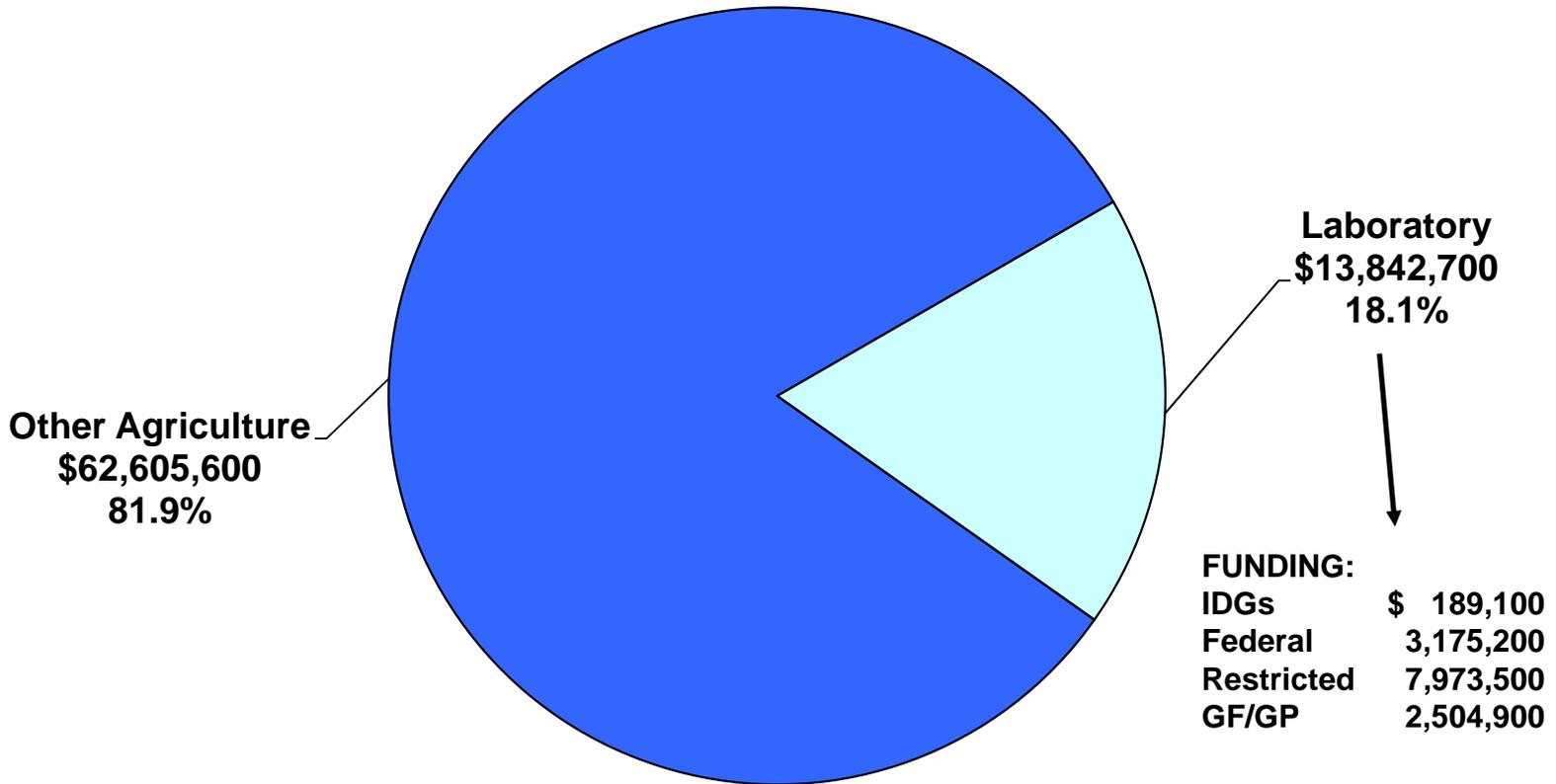


Laboratory Program

- **The Department operates two laboratories**
 - **The Geagley Laboratory in East Lansing**
 - **The E. C. Heffron Metrology Laboratory in Williamston**
- **Department laboratories provides analytical, diagnostic, and technical services for other Michigan Department of Agriculture programs, as well as other state and federal agencies**
- **Supports Motor Fuel Quality testing**
- **Consumer protection program helps protects consumers from food-borne illnesses, toxic substances contamination, and economic deception**

Laboratory Share of Agriculture Budget

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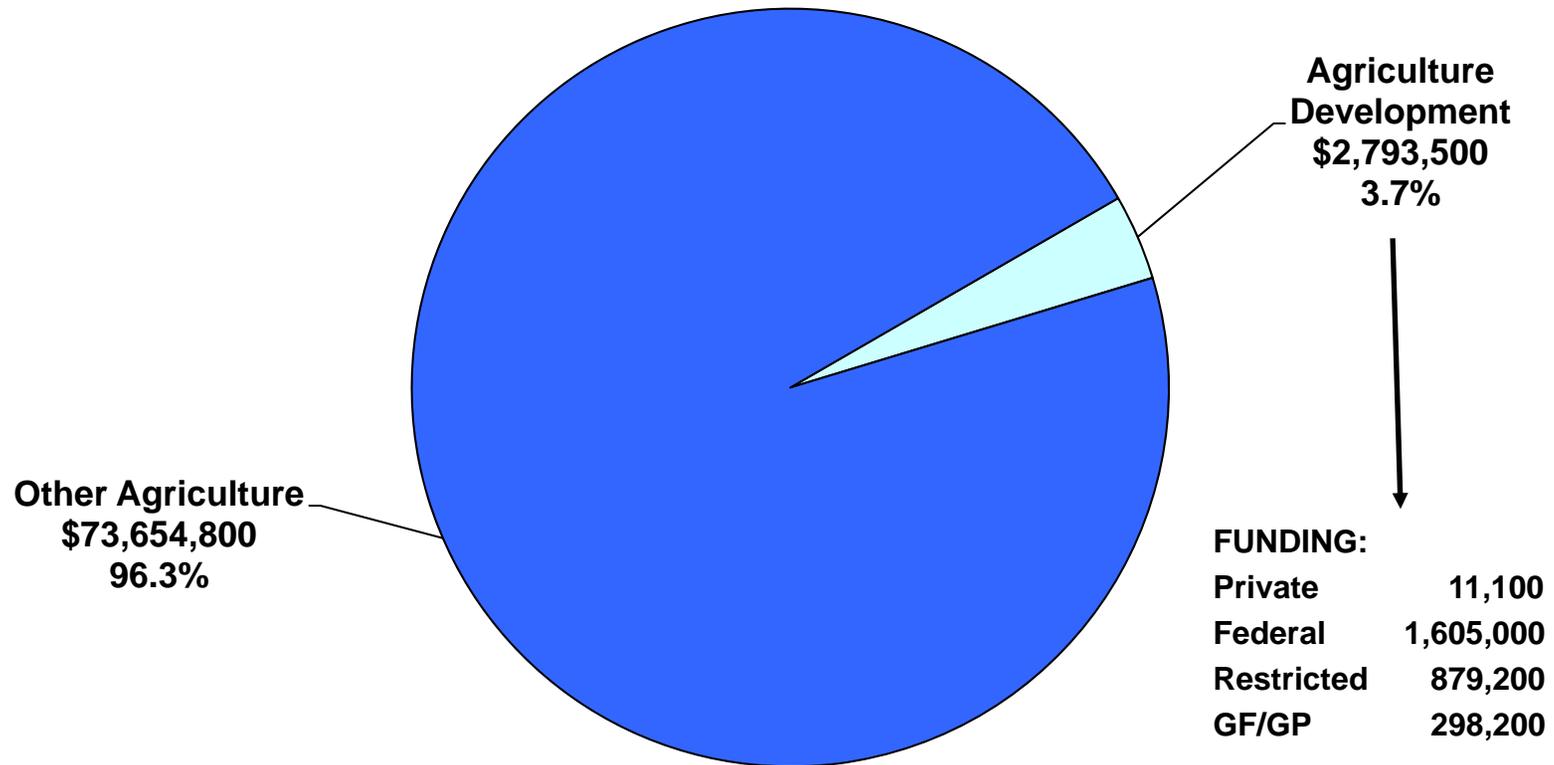
Agriculture Development

- **Supports programs related to marketing and promoting Michigan food and agricultural products, including:**
 - **Grape and Wine Industry programs**
 - **USDA Specialty Crop Block Grants**

- **Oversees 15 legislatively authorized commodity organizations**

Agriculture Development Share of Agriculture Budget

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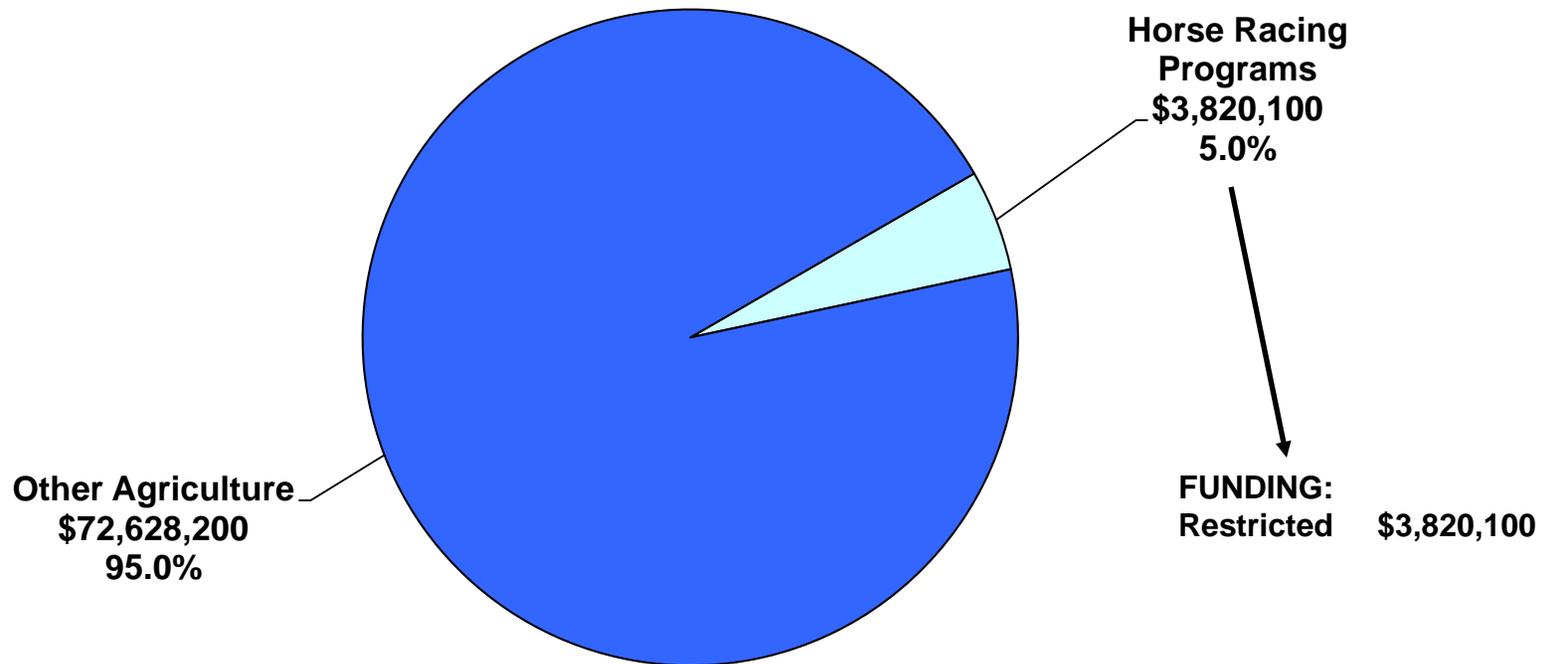
Horse Racing/Fairs

- **Fairs and Racing Unit**
 - **Administers grants for horse racing at pari-mutuel tracks and county fairs**

Provides state funding for horse racing purse supplements and other horse program grants under the Horse Racing Law of 1995

Horse Racing Share of Agriculture Budget

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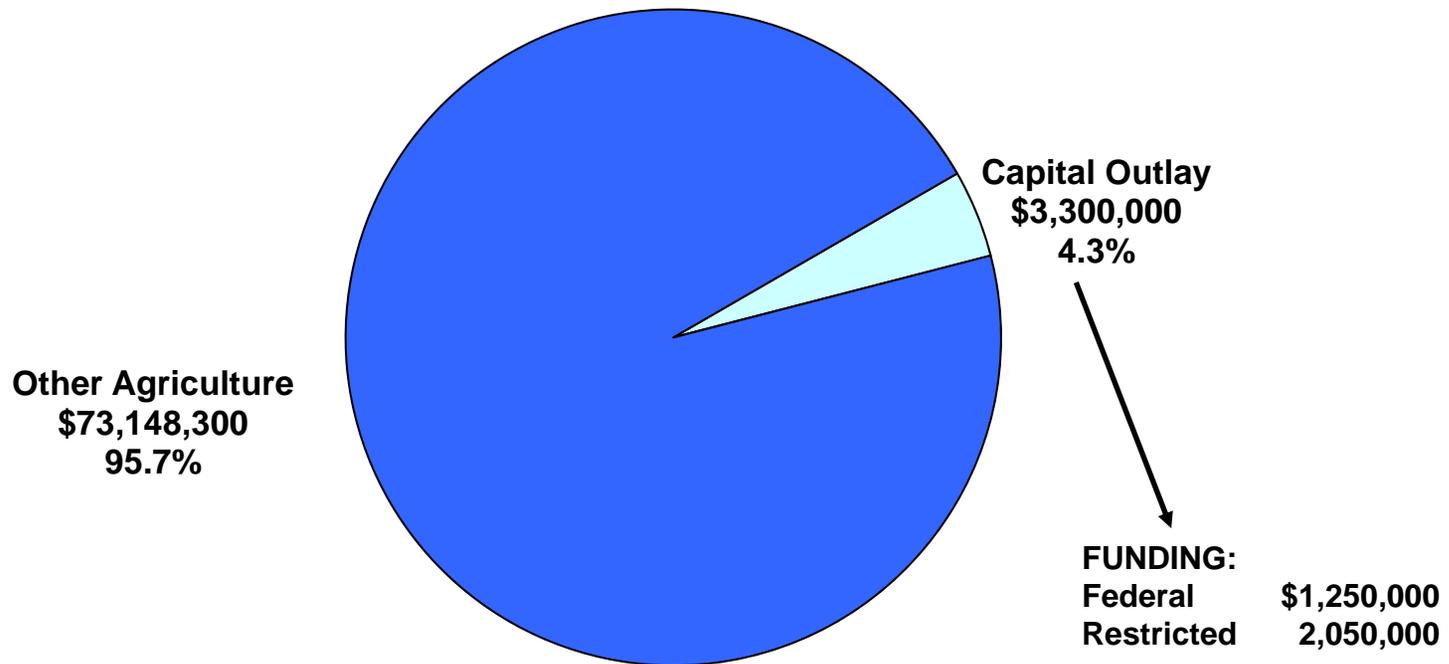


Agriculture Capital Outlay Program

- Provides funding for Farmland and Open Space Development Acquisition Program under authority of Part 362 of the Michigan NREPA Act.

Capital Outlay Program Share of Agriculture Budget

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