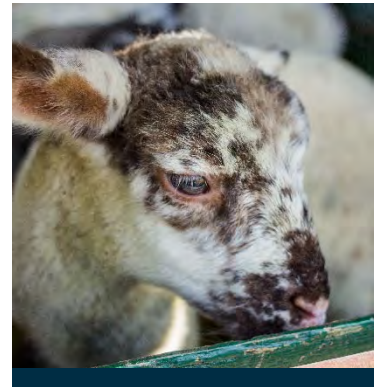
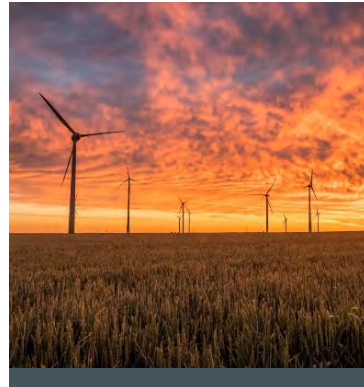
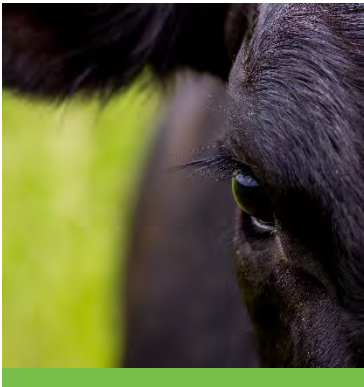




Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development



Gary McDowell
Director

Mission and Key Goals

Assure the food safety, agricultural, environmental and economic interests of the people of the State of Michigan are met through service, partnership, and collaboration.

Four Key Goals



MDARD in Context

Staff

460 Staff

50% Field Based

Includes:

- Veterinarians
- Sanitarians
- Metrologists
- Entomologists
- Epidemiologists
- Lawyers
- Accountants
- Engineers
- Statisticians
- IT Experts

Programs

> 90 Programs

Includes:

- Regulatory
- Economic Development
- Grants
- Communications
- Safety
- Education
- Environmental Sustainability
- Consumer Protection

Divisions

- Animal Industry
- Food & Dairy
- Pesticide & Plant Pest Management
- Agriculture Development
- Laboratory
- Environmental Stewardship

2020 Accomplishments



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Months of work from MDARD's Agriculture Development and Food and Dairy divisions helped bring MWC, a \$470 million state-of-the-art cheese and whey plant, to St. Johns, resulting in 260 new jobs and milk processing for local farmers.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE



A swift and tactical response from MDARD's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division helped prevent the potential devastation of Michigan's tomato, potato, and geranium crops due to the sudden appearance of *Ralstonia solanacearum*, at a Michigan greenhouse.



MDARD protected Michigan's food supply chain during the pandemic by conducting 2,300 migrant labor housing inspections—as well as 1,000 outreach visits and COVID-19 mitigation plan reviews—and our labs sampled hundreds of hand-sanitizer products, many of which did not contain the proper level of virus-killing alcohol.

2020 Accomplishments



PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH



Despite a three-month "stop work order" due to the pandemic, MDARD's Food and Dairy Division staff still completed 100 percent of its annual food safety inspections, all while working to resolve hundreds of COVID-19 related complaints.



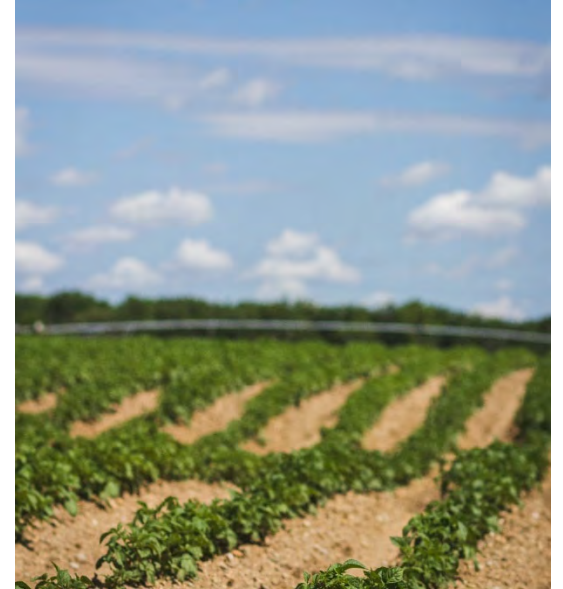
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



The work of Conservation District techs funded by MAEAP protected our land and water by helping farmers implement more than 3,400 new conservation practices, which reduced soil loss by 335,000 tons, nitrogen loss by 1.17 million pounds, and phosphorus loss by 551,000 pounds.

2021 Key Priorities

- Recovering from the pandemic
- Addressing climate change
- Taking action on housing and workforce initiatives
- Focusing on rural development
- Engaging on hemp legislation



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Initiative



Recruitment
and Retention



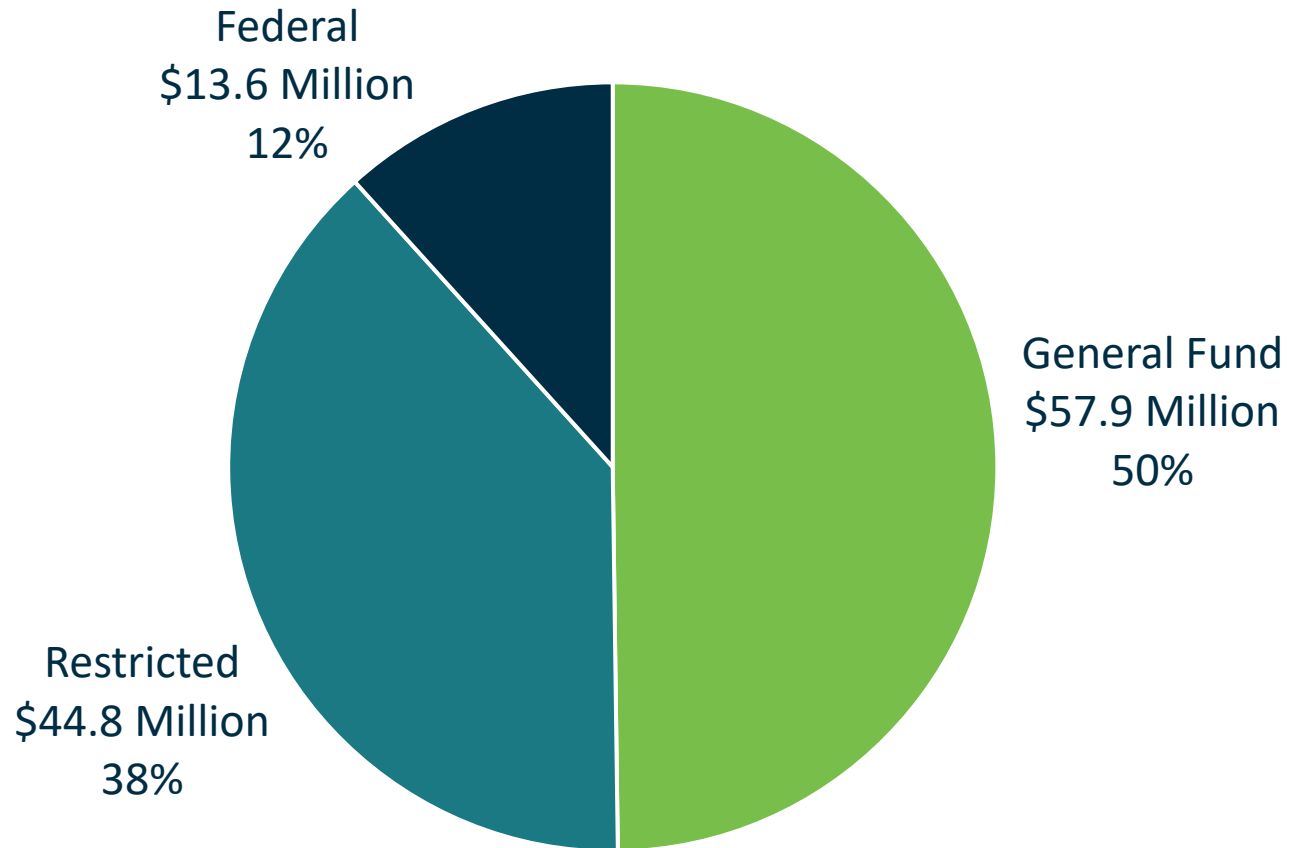
Training/Outreach



Internal/External
Stakeholder
Interactions



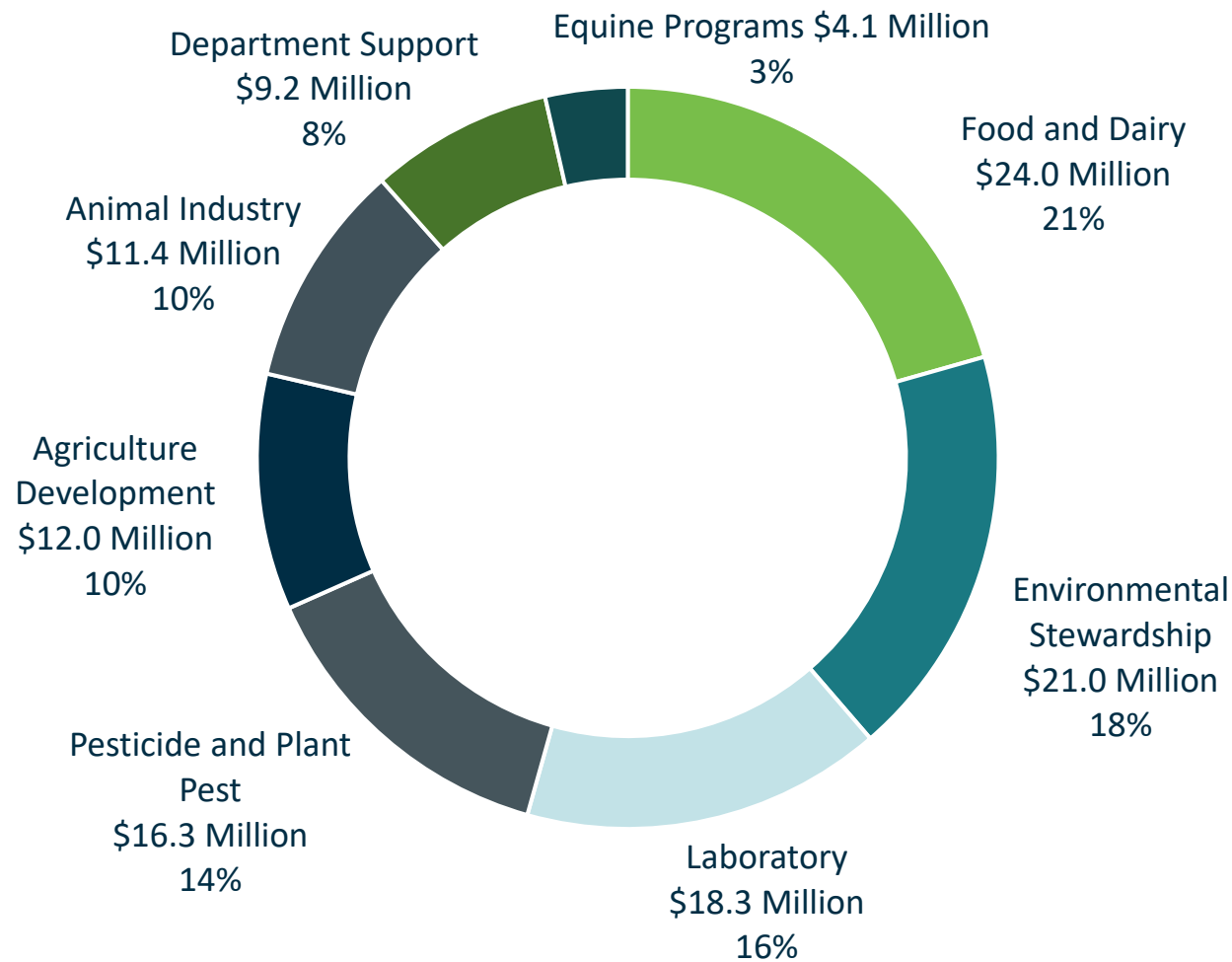
2022 Executive Recommended Budget



Total: \$116.3 Million

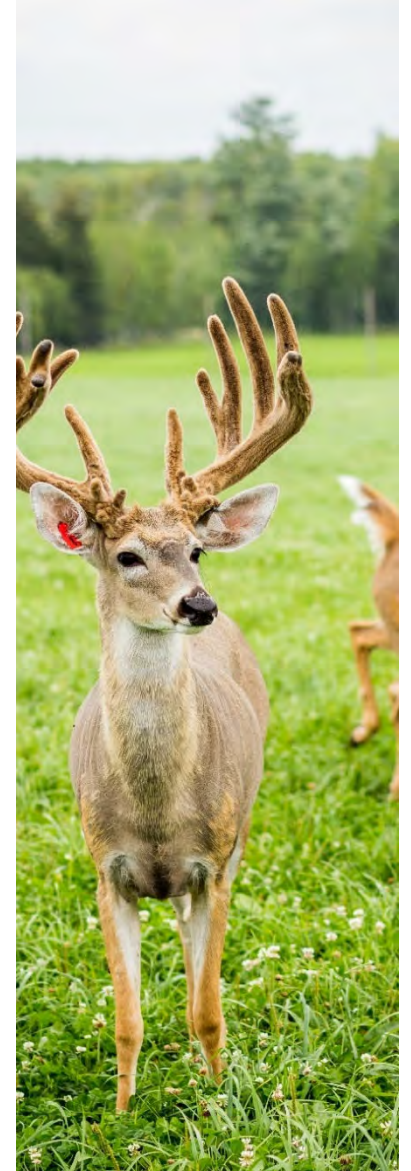


2022 Budget by Program Area



2022 General Fund Reduction

- Michigan Alliance for Animal Agriculture general fund reduction of \$1.3 million
- \$1.7 million remains for the competitive grant program through MSU



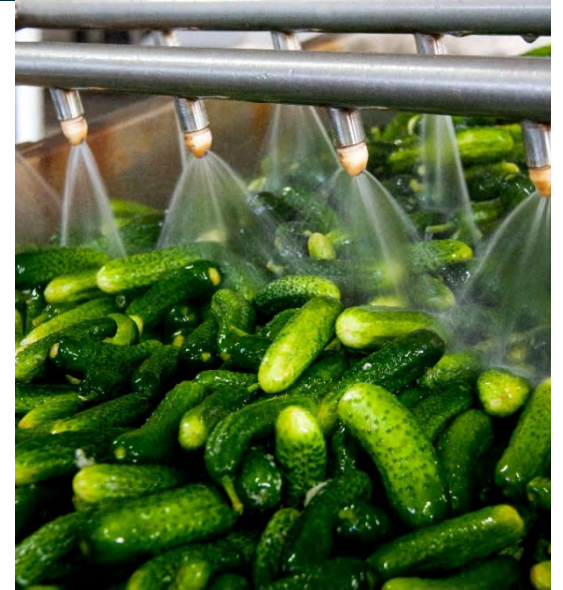
2022 Investment for Expanded Testing

- Focus on food safety, human and animal health
- Supports enhanced sample testing in the areas of microbiology, chemistry, and food testing
- Increase of \$600,000 federal authorization



2022 Investment for Information Technology

- Focus on efficient and effective government
- Maintenance for licensing and inspection system
- Total increase of \$254,900, general fund \$210,000



2022 Investment for Rural Communities

- Focus on increasing opportunities for success and addressing challenges
- Areas of concern include broadband, housing, infrastructure, workforce development
- Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders
- Funding support for 1 FTE at \$175,000



MAEAP Sunsetting Fee

- Michigan's Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program dedicated to protecting the environment
- Over 1,300 risk assessments and 390 verifications completed in 2020
- Water quality protection fee supports program
- Fee sunsets on December 31, 2021



FY21 Migrant Labor Housing

- Focus on the safety of housing for migrant agricultural workers
- 65% increase of inspections in 2020 for the 830 camps statewide
- FY21 increase request for \$1.0 million to support COVID



Questions?



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