



## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### Headcount Questions:

1. What is your current headcount?
  - a. Total headcount: **54**
  - b. Of the total, how many are Funded headcount: **54**
  - c. Of the funded, how many Actual headcount: **52**
  - d. Open/vacancies headcount: **2**
    - i. Are these opens part-time or full-time resources?
      1. **Full-Time**
2. Is there is change in headcount (either up or down) for this budget ask? No, no change
  - a. If there is a positive change in headcount, please explain what the positions are and what is driving the need for the positions
    - i. If these adds are legislatively driven, what piece of legislation is driving the increase? **N/A**
    - ii. If they are not legislatively driven, please indicate which program is increasing if there is one. **N/A**
  - b. If there is a reduction, please explain what is driving the reduction
    - i. Are the positions being transferred to another area? **No, no change**
3. Does this budget ask include the open/vacant positions above?
  - a. If yes, how are they budgeted into your plan? (Please explain for all opens – if you have ten opens then explain for all ten) **Yes, for FY27, DoAg is approved with additional funding to acquire a new Assistant Bureau Director and an Assistant State Veterinarian. The additional funding was approved during last session by the legislature and signed by the Governor.**
    - i. Are these full time or part positions?
      1. **2 Open position, both are full-time positions**
    - ii. What is the anticipated start date of your vacancies?
      1. **July 1, 2026**
4. How many opens/vacancies did you have at the prior year end on 06/30/2025? **2**
  - a. How many vacancies did you start the prior year with (07/01/2024)? **1**
  - b. How many people left throughout the year either via leaving, retiring, or transferring? **3**
  - c. How many new hires did you have in the same time period (07/01/24-06/30/25)? **2**
5. What is the average salary of your open positions? **\$73,176.00**

1. Were there any lapsing accounts on 06/30/2025? **Yes**
  - a. If yes, what were the accounts? **General Fund, Other Expenses**
  - b. If yes, what was the lapse balance? **\$1,110,000.00**
  - c. If yes, what drove the lapse? **CT Grown for CT Kids Grant contracts and project work can take two or three years to complete.**
  
2. Please provide the starting Personnel Services budget number and the ending Personnel Services number. Please do not include any dollars that may have been moved via the FAC process. Just total non adjusted budgeted PS line item and total ending PS line item. **FY26 = Starting \$4,413,414.00, adjusted \$4,363,414.00**
  
3. Were there any dollars for new programs/legislation that did not kick off?
  - a. If so what were the programs/legislation? **No**
  - b. What prevented implementation of the program? **N/A**
  
4. If there is a lapsing balance, do you anticipate it carrying forward? **Yes.**
  - a. If yes, how do you propose to use that lapse? **Based on CT Grown for CT Kids grants and their contracts, the projects will adhere to the agreed timeline with project completion payments.**
  - b. Will it be for one-time expenses? **Yes.**
    - i. If so, what are those one-time expenses? **Contracts on grant projects.**
  - c. If ongoing expense is that expense built into this budget in FY 26? **N/A**

ARPA Questions:

1. Are there still ARPA funds included in this budget? **No**
  - a. If yes, when will the funding be fully utilized

Audit Questions:

1. Have you reviewed your agencies latest audit finding? **Yes.**
  
2. Have you implemented the recommendations with no fiscal impact? **Recommendations have not fully been implemented.**
  - a. If so, please provide explanation of what you have changed to meet audit expectations.
  
3. If your agency has a recommendation with a fiscal impact, do you know what that annualized impact is? **No.**

General Questions:

1. Is there anything you would change about this budget? **The Department of Agriculture supports Governor Lamont's FY 2027 budget as proposed.**

2. Is there anything you would add to this budget? **The Department of Agriculture supports Governor Lamont's FY 2027 budget as proposed.**
  
3. Is there anything you would remove from this budget? **The Department of Agriculture supports Governor Lamont's FY 2027 budget as proposed.**
  
4. Is there any legislation that was passed you feel you are not adequately prepared to implement?  
**No.**
  - a. If so, what would we need to change to make it implementable?