

**AGRICULTURE**  
**65-00-00**

**Project Summary Chart**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>STATE CAPITAL FUNDS</b>					
	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013 Request</b>	<b>FY 2013 Recommended</b>	<b>FY 2014 Request</b>	<b>FY 2015 Request</b>
1. Aglands Preservation Program	\$ 2,950,000	\$	7,000,000		\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
2. Young Farmers Legacy Program			3,000,000		3,000,000	3,000,000
3. Laboratory Information Management System			250,000			
4. Germinator			18,000			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,950,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$10,268,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>

**1. Aglands Preservation Program**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the Agricultural Lands Preservation Program. Including the Fiscal Year 2012 funding, the foundation has permanently protected over 105,000 acres at a cost of over \$189,000,000 using a combination of state, federal and county funds. Additionally, landowners over the life of the program have donated \$230,000,000 to the foundation – representing a discount of 55 percent of the value of their easements. Interest among landowners has not diminished. In the most recent round of easement selections (Round 16), 146 properties were appraised, 89 owners submitted offers, and 53 were selected. A \$7,000,000 allocation provides sufficient funding to match federal and county contributions, purchase easements on properties that do not qualify for federal funds and operate the program.

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	<b>STATE</b>	<b>FEDERAL</b>	<b>OTHER*</b>
FY 2011	\$2,950,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
FY 2012	0	0	7,000,000
FY 2013	7,000,000	0	0
FY 2014	7,000,000	0	0
FY 2015	7,000,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,950,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

\*The source of Other funds Realty Transfer Tax.

**2. Young Farmers Legacy Program**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested to continue the Young Farmers Legacy Program. The \$3,000,000 will help young men and women establish agricultural operations by providing zero-interest loans to assist with the purchase of farmland. Specifically, the program will provide up to 70 percent of the value of the development rights and in return the State receives a permanent conservation easement on the farm under the parameters and management of the Agricultural Lands Preservation Program. The State's purchase of the development rights allows a young farmer to buy a farm at a lower cost because the seller receives the easement funding from the State, thereby lowering the sale price to the young farmer. The program provides the funds to the young farmer as a loan, and the young farmer repays at no interest over a 30-year term, which helps to replenish the fund. The recipient must maintain an active farming operation on the property over the life of the loan. If the recipient withdraws from the program or sells the property, then he or she must repay the balance of the loan in full, but the conservation easement is perpetual regardless of property ownership.

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**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER*
FY 2012	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
FY 2013	3,000,000	0	0
FY 2014	3,000,000	0	0
FY 2015	3,000,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

\*The source of Other funds is Realty Transfer Tax.

**3. Laboratory Information Management System**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested to purchase a Laboratory Information Management System for the Agriculture Compliance Section. This equipment will manage the flow of all information that passes through the lab, including product registration, field inspection, product testing and final data reporting. The department's current system is outdated, and the Department of Technology and Information has noted the system could pose a security risk to network information. The new system will allow for efficient and secure flow of data for product registration and laboratory testing.

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2013	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**4. Germinator**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested to purchase a germinator for the Plant Industries Section. The current germinators were purchased between 1968 and 1981 and use considerable energy resources and require increasingly costly maintenance.

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2013	\$18,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2014**

**1. Aglands Preservation Program**

**\$7,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2013.*

**2. Young Farmers Program**

**\$3,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2013.*

**FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**1. Aglands Preservation Program**

**\$7,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2013.*

**2. Young Farmers Program**

**\$3,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2013.*