

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

**Project Summary Chart**

Project Name	STATE CAPITAL FUNDS					
	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014 Request	FY 2014 Recommended	FY 2015 Request	FY 2016 Request
1. Aglands Preservation Program*	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000		\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
2. Young Farmers Legacy Program*	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000		3,000,000	3,000,000
3. Weights and Measures Scale Truck			225,000			
4. Germinator			20,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,245,000</b>		<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>

\*The source of funding is Realty Transfer Tax.

**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 2013 funding, the foundation has permanently protected over 105,000 acres at a cost of over \$187,000,000 using a combination of state, federal and county funds. Additionally, landowners over the life of the program have donated \$228,000,000 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), 147 properties were appraised, 86 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**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER*
FY 2012	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000
FY 2013	0	0	7,000,000
FY 2014	7,000,000	0	0
FY 2015	7,000,000	0	0
FY 2016	7,000,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,000,000</b>

\*The source of Other funds is 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	0	0	3,000,000
FY 2014	3,000,000	0	0
FY 2015	3,000,000	0	0
FY 2016	3,000,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

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

**3. Weights and Measures Scale Truck**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Funding is requested to purchase a weights and measures large scale truck. The Weights and Measures Section inspects and tests all commercial, large-capacity vehicle scales throughout the state, including but not limited to, grain mill scales, state police enforcement scales and transfer station scales. The current truck is just over 20 years old, has increasing maintenance and repair costs, and has the wear and tear of a 20-year-old vehicle. The new truck will ensure the continued inspection of all commercial large-capacity scales in a safe and timely manner.

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2014	\$225,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$225,000</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. Despite repeated maintenance, the existing germinators are not fully operational. The new germinator will have the capacity to adjust temperature for various procedures which will alleviate the back log created with the existing germinators and have the capacity to be adjusted for various testing procedures.

**CAPITAL REQUEST**

**FUNDING**

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2014	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**1. Aglands Preservation Program**

**\$7,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*

**2. Young Farmers Legacy Program**

**\$3,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*

**FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**1. Aglands Preservation Program**

**\$7,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*

**2. Young Farmers Legacy Program**

**\$3,000,000**

*See Project Description for Fiscal Year 2014.*