Mission Statement

The mission of the Agriculture Department is to promote, protect and enhance agriculture, the number one industry in Butte County, by ensuring a safe and healthy agricultural product.

The department promotes and provides confidence to buyers and sellers by ensuring fairness in local, national and international trade.

The department protects and promotes the well being of all our customers and our community through the fair, equitable application of agricultural and weights and measures standards, emphasizing education and cooperation, including the use of technology to enhance customer service.

Department Description and Key Issues

The Agricultural Commissioner is responsible for countywide enforcement of agricultural laws and regulations as provided by the California Food and Agricultural Code, California Code of Regulations and California Business and Professions Code. The Agricultural Commissioner also serves as the Director of Weights and Measures and supervises the contractual functions of Predatory Animal Control. By enforcing these laws and regulations, the Commissioner works in cooperation with, and under the guidance of, the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. The Agricultural Commissioner is also responsible for implementing any ordinances or resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors pertaining to agriculture.

The Agriculture Department is organized into five sections with the following functions:

General Management – Provides leadership for planning, organizing, directing, controlling, and coordinating departmental activities, including preparation of the department budget. This section coordinates all program and district operations. It is also responsible for initiating all civil and criminal enforcement actions, including administrative hearings. This section interfaces with public and private entities on agriculture-related regulatory and economic development issues and planning issues, such as the Regional Habitat Conservation Program and General Plan.

Agriculture Regulatory Programs – Includes a variety of inspections, investigations and agriculture industry services relating to plant quarantine, pest detection, pesticide use, pest management, noxious weed eradication, fruit and vegetable standardization, egg quality control, seed certification and inspection, crop statistics, nursery inspection, and apiary inspection.

Agriculture Resource Programs – Involves agriculture planning, weed management, and water-related issues.

Predatory Animal Control – Provides animal damage control service to prevent the depredation of livestock and loss of property by damage from wildlife. This service is provided through a contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Weights and Measures Programs – Provides for equitable commerce transactions within the County. This section provides device certification and inspection; quantity control audits of items sold by weight, measure, or count; petroleum product quality control; device repairmen oversight; and weigh master compliance inspections. It also maintains official, certified standards that are used to verify the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used in trade.

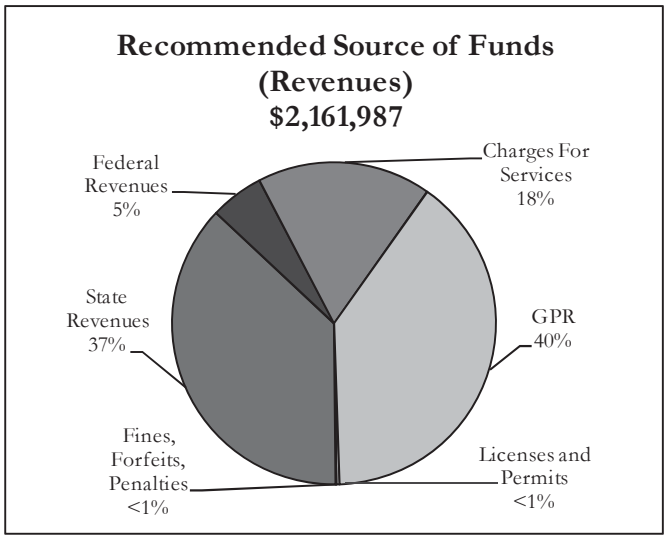
The focus for the Agriculture Department in fiscal year 2013-2014 includes: providing assistance for the economic development efforts of the County; providing assistance to complete implementation of the County zoning ordinance; enhancing the use of technology in the department, including the utilization of a web-based computer program for the restricted pesticide permit program; and enhancing fiscal oversight to maintain compliance with State funding requirements.

Department Budget

AGRICULTURE	2011-12 Actuals	2012-13 Adopted	2013-14 Requested	2013-14 Recommended
Licenses and Permits	6,700	6,800	6,800	6,800
Fines, Forfeits, Penalties	10,442	4,500	2,000	2,000
State Revenues	932,354	936,869	803,729	803,729
Federal Revenues	65,695	52,000	115,739	115,739
Charges For Services	348,565	348,000	376,000	376,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	435	-	-	-
Total Revenues	**$ 1,364,191**	**$ 1,348,169**	**$ 1,304,268**	**$ 1,304,268**
Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,743,218	1,738,843	1,756,537	1,668,122
Services and Supplies	204,360	252,363	234,993	235,644
Other Charges	35,794	35,440	28,651	28,651
Capital Assets	99,273	116,500	67,801	67,150
Total Direct Expenditures	*$ 2,082,645*	*$ 2,143,146*	*$ 2,087,982*	*$ 1,999,567*
Other Financing Uses	102,887	56,964	162,420	162,420
Total Expenditures	**$ 2,185,532**	**$ 2,200,110**	**$ 2,250,402**	**$ 2,161,987**
Net Costs/Use of Fund Balance	**$ 821,341**	**$ 851,941**	**$ 946,134**	**$ 857,719**
			2013/14 Recommended Use of GPR	*$ 857,719*
			2013/14 Recommended Use of Restricted Fund Balance	*$ -*

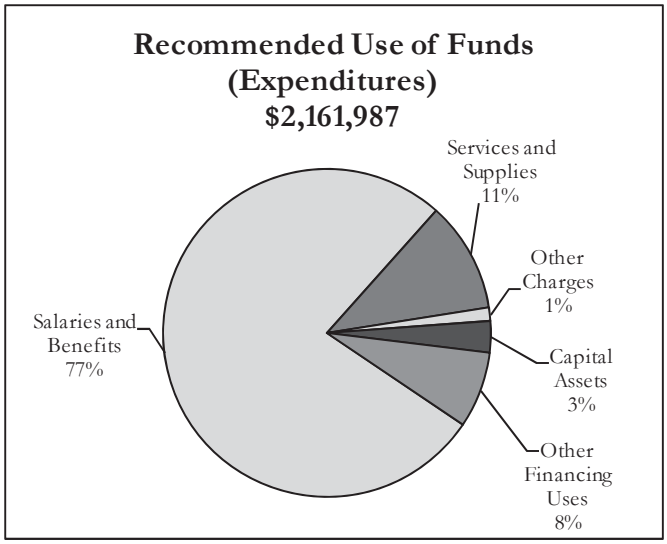
Source of Funds (Revenues)

- General purpose revenue (GPR) from the General Fund is the largest revenue source for the department.
- State revenue includes contracts for specific services, as well as for general agricultural program use.
- Charges for services are predominantly weights and measures fees and agricultural fees.



Use of Funds (Expenditures)

- Salaries and benefits is the largest expenditure category for the department.
- Services and supplies include tools, transportation costs, specialized technical services and protective clothing and gear.
- Other financing uses include costs for support services, which include Administration, Auditor, County Counsel, General Services, Human Resources, Information Systems, and Treasurer.
- Capital assets include vehicle replacements.



Summary of Budget Request and Recommendation

Salaries & Employee Benefits

Requested

- The department budget request includes the addition of a new Biologist position.

Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding to maintain current staffing levels and does not include the new Biologist position.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	
2009-10 Adopted Position Allocation	19.00
2010-11 Adopted Position Allocation	19.00
2011-12 Adopted Position Allocation	19.00
2012-13 Adopted Position Allocation	19.00
2012-13 Current Position Allocation*	19.00
2013-14 Recommended Position Allocation	19.00

*As of 4/23/13

Services & Supplies

Requested

- The department budget request includes funding to maintain current service levels.

Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding for requested services and supplies.

Capital Assets

Requested

- The department budget request includes funding to replace three vehicles.

Recommended

- The recommendation includes funding for the requested capital assets.

STATE CONTROLLER SCHEDULES | BUTTE COUNTY | SCHEDULE 9
COUNTY BUDGET ACT | FINANCING SOURCES AND USES BY BUDGET UNIT BY OBJECT
January 2010, revision #1 | GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

BUDGET UNIT 460001 - AGRICULTURE GENERAL SERVICES
FUNCTION PUBLIC PROTECTION
ACTIVITY PROTECTIVE INSPECTION
FUND 0010 - GENERAL FUND

Detail by Revenue Category and Expenditure Object		2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Estimated	2013-14 Requested	2013-14 Recommended	2013-14 Adopted by the Board of Supervisors
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REVENUES						
20000	LICENSES AND PERMITS	6,700	6,800	6,800	6,800	-
30000	FINES, FORFEITS, PENALTIES	10,442	4,500	2,000	2,000	-
50100	STATE REVENUES	932,354	936,869	803,729	803,729	-
50200	FEDERAL REVENUES	65,695	52,000	115,739	115,739	-
TOTAL	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	998,049	988,869	919,468	919,468	-
60000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	348,565	348,000	376,000	376,000	-
70000	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	435	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$1,364,191**	**$1,348,169**	**$1,304,268**	**$1,304,268**	**-**
EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS						
510	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,743,218	1,738,843	1,756,537	1,668,122	-
520	SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	204,360	252,363	234,993	235,644	-
550	OTHER CHARGES	35,794	35,440	28,651	28,651	-
560	CAPITAL ASSETS					
	EQUIPMENT	99,273	116,500	67,150	67,150	-
	SPACE USE ALLOWANCE	-	-	651	-	-
	TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	99,273	116,500	67,801	67,150	-
TOTAL	DIRECT	2,082,645	2,143,146	2,087,982	1,999,567	-
570	OTHER FINANCING USES	102,887	56,964	162,420	162,420	-
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROP.	**$2,185,532**	**$2,200,110**	**$2,250,402**	**$2,161,987**	**-**
NET COSTS / USE OF FUND BALANCE		**$821,341**	**$851,941**	**$946,134**	**$857,719**	**-**