Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

The Department of Agriculture’s (ISDA) mission is to guarantee Idaho agricultural products are of high quality, disease-free, and meet federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. The department protects consumers and producers from fraud and provides marketing assistance to the industry. ISDA oversees disease, invasive species, and predator control and performs inspections of growers, handlers, and processors of animal, plant, seed, and fertilizer commodities pursuant to Titles 22, and 25, Idaho Code.

2021 Idaho Watercraft Inspection Station Locations

ISDA oversees 26 inspection stations with a base appropriation of:
- $3,182,000 from the General Fund,
- $1,558,900 from the Invasive Species Fund (see Fig 1), and
- A 50/50 cost share from the Army Corps of Engineers for inspection operations except capital outlay (FY 2021 expenditures of $1,283,700)

Fig 1. Selected Fund Balances by Fiscal Year

Fig 2. Total Appropriation and Percent Expended by Fund Type

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/
Governor’s FY2023
ISDA Budget Recommendation

Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee Presentation
New ISDA Diagnostic Laboratory

- Completed under budget
- ISDA’s brucellosis testing has increased 854% since 2015
- ISDA conducted 481,000 animal disease tests in FY21
ISDA FY2022 Budget

- General Fund: 60%
- Dedicated: 26%
- Federal: 14%

27% General Fund Decrease from FY2008 Budget
- $16.2 million to $11.9 million
Growth of Idaho Agriculture, Budget & Staffing

- Idaho ag has grown 80%+
- Difference of 8 FTPs from 15 years ago

- Ag Industry ($100 millions)
- FTPS
- Budget ($100 thousands)

- Watercraft Inspection Program Created
- FSMA Positions Added
Governor’s FY2022 ISDA Budget Recommendation

- Overall 3% **decrease** in budget
- No additional FTPs

**Enhancements**

- Lab technician dedicated fund authority - $57,600
- Microsoft 365 licenses - $95,600
- FF&V CEC and benefit adjustment - $63,300
FY22 Supplementals – LBB 5-8

• Specialty Crop Block Grant spending authority - $900,000
  • Grants provided to Idaho’s specialty crop industry
  • Projects have included research, promotion, and crop advancement

• Organizational analysis - $100,000
  • Implemented ZBB and other analyses more than 10 years ago
FY22 Supplementals – LBB 5-8

- Laboratory equipment - $400,000
- Pest Control Deficiency Warrants - $368,400
  - Cricket & grasshopper control
  - Pest surveillance
  - Japanese Beetle treatment
Governor’s FY2023 ISDA Budget Recommendation

Enhancements primarily based on dedicated funds

Capital replacements in line with previous years

Enhancements

- Invasive Species FTPs
- Plants Division Inspector
- Hemp Program Enhancement
- Specialty Crop Grant Analyst
- FF&V Inspectors
Replacement Items

Replacement items include: $739,800 for 28 vehicles and associated accessories; $2,000 for furniture; $103,800 to replace lab equipment; $144,800 for computers with monitors and associated equipment; $20,000 for conference room audio and video equipment; and $149,000 for four trailers, for a total of $1,152,400.

ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM: $14,900 from the Administration and Accounting Services Fund.

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM: $87,500 from the Livestock Disease Control Fund, and $118,000 from the Dairy Fund, for a total of $205,500 for this program.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM: $60,100 from the Pesticides Fund.

PLANT INDUSTRIES PROGRAM: $14,500 from the Agricultural Inspection Fund, $120,000 from the Feed and Fertilizer Fund, and $190,500 from the Invasive Species Fund, for a total of $325,000 for this program.

AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS PROGRAM: $29,300 from the Organic Food Fund, $185,100 from the Agricultural Inspections Fund, and $332,500 from the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Fund, for a total of $546,900 for this program.

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• Longer inspection season
  • 80% longer than in 2009

• Huge growth in inspections
  • 560% more watercraft inspections than in 2009
Invasive Species Enhancement – LBB 5-10

- **10 FTPs**
  - Previously hired a high number of temporary positions
    - Harder to find temps and the inspection season is 80% longer than in 2009
  - More watercraft inspections
    - 560% from 2009
  - Fewer contractors can run stations in the future – also face difficulties finding temporary staff
- Dedicated Fund: **$980,800**
Hemp Program Enhancement – LBB 5-11

- **April**
  - H.B. 126 Signed
  - $150,000

- **May**
  - Began developing strawman rule
  - Developed fee outline

- **June**
  - Public rulemaking
  - Began online application program

- **July**
  - Writing State Plan
  - Staffing and internal program work

- **July - Aug**
  - Cooperation with LE & stakeholders

- **Aug 31**
  - State Plan submitted to USDA

- **Oct - Nov**
  - USDA granted approval of State Plan
  - 2022 license applications opened

- **1.5 FTP** - ag investigator and administrative assistant
- Dedicated fund spending authority - **$194,500**
  - H.B. 126 provided ISDA authority to create fees for the program
Specialty Crop Grant Position – LBB 5-11

- **1 FTP** – Grants & contracts analyst
  - Located in the Boise office
- Federal spending authority: **$971,300**
- Over $20 million for projects since 2007
- Funding is used to provide grants to Idaho specialty crop industry (potatoes, onions, apples, grapes, nursery products and more)
• **1 FTP** – Ag Investigator
  - Magic Valley and E. Idaho work area
• Dedicated fund: **$114,800**
  - $33,500 onetime
• Significant increases in workload across the Magic Valley
  - 22% increase in acres submitted for field inspection
  - 45% increase in phytosanitary certificates
  - Record number of feed and fertilizer products
• **$172,000** for Fresh Fruit & Vegetable (FF&V) Inspectors

ISDA inspected **10.8 billion pounds** of produce in FY2021

$400 million more pounds than 2020
Thank You