

**Approved Reduction Amount**
**\$12,600,633**

| Agency Code: 551                         |                |                                        | Agency Name: Texas Department of Agriculture  |                      |             |             |                                                                    |            |                     |                                                         |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Rank                                     | Reduction Item |                                        | Biennial Application of 10% Percent Reduction |                      |             |             | FTE Reductions (FY 2010-11 Base Request Compared to Budgeted 2009) |            | Revenue Impact? Y/N | Cumulative GR-related reduction as a % of Approved Base |
|                                          | Strat          | Name                                   | GR                                            | GR-Dedicated         | Federal     | Other       | All Funds                                                          | FY 08      | FY 09               |                                                         |
|                                          |                | Boll Weevil                            | 5,179,487                                     |                      |             |             | \$ 5,179,487                                                       |            |                     | 4.1%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Feral Hog                              | 178,603                                       |                      |             |             | \$ 178,603                                                         |            |                     | 4.3%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Food and Fiber                         | 496,534                                       |                      |             |             | \$ 496,534                                                         |            |                     | 4.6%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Food Bank Network (Surplus Ag Program) | 357,206                                       |                      |             |             | \$ 357,206                                                         |            |                     | 4.9%                                                    |
|                                          |                | GO TEXAN RURAL COMMUNITY -(Texas Yes)  | 178,603                                       |                      |             |             | \$ 178,603                                                         |            |                     | 5.1%                                                    |
|                                          |                | GoTEPP                                 | 0                                             | 205,850              |             |             | \$ 205,850                                                         |            |                     | 5.2%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Home Delivered Meals                   | 3,572,060                                     |                      |             |             | \$ 3,572,060                                                       |            |                     | 8.1%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Texas Israel Exchange                  | 89,302                                        |                      |             |             | \$ 89,302                                                          |            |                     | 8.1%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Wine SB 1370                           | 653,686                                       |                      |             |             | \$ 653,686                                                         |            |                     | 8.7%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Wine through TABC                      | 89,302                                        |                      |             |             | \$ 89,302                                                          |            |                     | 8.7%                                                    |
|                                          |                | Zebra Chip Research                    | 1,600,000                                     |                      |             |             | \$ 1,600,000                                                       |            |                     | 10.0%                                                   |
|                                          |                |                                        |                                               |                      |             |             | \$ -                                                               |            |                     | 10.0%                                                   |
| <b>Agency Biennial Total</b>             |                |                                        | <b>\$ 12,394,783</b>                          | <b>\$ 205,850</b>    | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 12,600,633</b>                                               | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b>          | <b>10.0%</b>                                            |
| <b>Agency Biennial Total (GR + GR-D)</b> |                |                                        |                                               | <b>\$ 12,600,633</b> |             |             |                                                                    |            |                     |                                                         |

**Rank / Name**
**Explanation of Impact to Programs and Revenue Collections**
**Boll Weevil**

A reduction of funds has a general impact on the Marketing and Promotion Division's three performance measures, which include the number of business referrals, the numbers of companies reporting sales, and the number of GO TEXAN membership increases. When the dollars available to create these opportunities are reduced, the performance measures reflect a corresponding drop. In addition, reduction to funding for special programs such as wine marketing, the GO TEXAN Partner Program and Texas Yes GO TEXAN RURAL COMMUNITIES can impact the return on investment from these efforts due to fewer grants awarded by TDA and fewer activities.

**Feral Hog**

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**Food and Fiber**

Texas Cooperative Extension estimates that statewide annual economic damage to crops, fences, roads, ponds, fields and feed caused by feral hogs is \$51.7 million. The funds were awarded to jointly study feral hog issues and to disseminate information to landowners on effective, long-term abatement practices. With continued funding, researchers propose to introduce reproductive control mechanisms to render the hogs infertile.

**Food Bank Network (Surplus Ag Program)**

The Home Delivered Meals Grant Program assists meal delivery to elderly and disabled Texans through qualified meal providers that receive grant funds to supplement and expand home-delivered meal services. With rising food and fuel prices a reduction in grant funding would cause a decline in the number of meals and individuals meal providers would be able to serve

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**Biennial Application of 10% Percent Reduction**

**GO TEXAN RURAL COMMUNITY -(Texas Yes)**

Surplus Agriculture Product Grant Program is a competitive grant program from TDA most recently awarded to the Food Bank Network. There is no impact to TDA due to the decreased funding level. The Food Bank Network financial support to individual food banks in all regions of the state would decline significantly, particularly when combined with rising costs associated with gleaning, harvesting and transporting food.

**GoTEPP**

(100% reduction) State supported research to find the cause of zebra chip in potatoes will be greatly reduced if not eliminated by the loss of this grant funding. Industry and federal funding sources would need to bring forward financial support for continued research into the cause of zebra chip.

**Home Delivered Meals**

This program facilitates and supports applied research in Texas by funding research relating to the use of cotton, wool, mohair, and other textile products. Projects include, but are not limited to cotton breeding to improve fiber characteristics, biofuel processing, chemical warfare decontamination wipes, and textile product development. There is no impact to TDA due to the decreased funding level. Fewer projects would be funded, decreasing the amount of federal and other funds this Program leverages.

**Texas Israel Exchange**

The Boll Weevil funding is a pass through grant from TDA to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. There is no impact to TDA due to the decreased funding level. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will need to offset any decreases in funding from state or federal sources with producer assessments. Debt incurred by the Foundation may take longer to repay with the decrease in state funding and the ability for the Foundation to share state support dollars equally among the active eradication zones in Texas may also be impacted.

**Wine SB 1370**

The Texas-Israel Exchange Fund (TIE) Board in cooperation with the Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund (BARD) Board support collaborative agricultural research and development activities conducted jointly by scientists in Texas and Israel. Subject to appropriations, current projects will be funded through FY 2010. Because this is a collaborative effort with Israel, decreased state funding would reduce the matching funds BARD contributes further decreasing the number of projects supported by the program.

**Wine through TABC**

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**Zebra Chip Research**

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