

5% Base Budget Reduction Form
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AGENCY CODE & NAME: 62010 Agriculture

		Minimum Requirement	
		General Fund	State Special Revenue Fund
TARGETED REDUCTION TO EQUAL 5% OF CURRENT BASE BUDGET		\$ 50,897	\$ 133,426
Priority	SERVICE(S) TO BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED	General Fund Annual Savings	State Special Revenue Annual Savings
1	Program Reductions (program 15)	\$ 14,952	
2	Program Reductions (program 15)		\$ 60,074
3	Program Reductions (program 30)	\$ 11,034	
4	Program Reductions (program 30)		\$ 5,507
5	Program Reductions (program 50)	\$ 24,911	
6	Program Reductions (program 50)		\$ 67,845
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11	TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 50,897	\$ 133,426
	DIFFERENCE	0	0

Form A

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

In order to meet targeted reductions the department must consider reducing general fund appropriation for operations in program 15 by \$14,952. These funds are appropriated for activities in the director's office and central services division.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

Operating costs (62000) available would be reduced by \$14,952.

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Due to the size of the department and the inability to limit required services, a loss of these funds would result in a reduction of desired representation of consumer and producer agricultural interests.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

Constituents would have to seek representation elsewhere.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No - the activity is funded by HB2.

Form B

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

In order to meet targeted reductions the department must consider reducing state special appropriation for operations in program 15 by \$60,074. These funds are appropriated for activities in the director's office and central services division.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

Operating costs (62000) available would be reduced by \$60,074.

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

In order to meet targeted reductions the department must consider reducing its General Fund appropriation (01100) for grants in program 30 by \$11,034. These funds are appropriated to address weed management, research and education.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

A total of \$11,034 would need to be reduced through grant appropriation (66000).

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Losing these funds will result in a decrease the amount of grant fund awards to assist counties, landowners, local communities, researchers, and educators in their efforts to solve a variety of noxious weed problems in Montana.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

Weed grant recipients will have to obtain funding from other sources to mitigate the impacts of the reduction.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes - 80-78-814.

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

In order to meet targeted reductions the department must consider reducing its state special appropriation (02068) for grants in program 30 by \$5,507. These funds are appropriated to assist in efforts to halt the spread of invasive weed, insect and disease pests, which helps to assure that agricultural products can move freely in commerce.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

A total of \$5,507 would need to be reduced through grant appropriation (66000).

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Losing these funds will result in a decrease in agency ability to address pest surveys and risk assessments, as well as inspections, investigations, quarantines and enforcement actions to assure regulatory compliance.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

There are no ways to mitigate the impact of this reduction.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes - 80-8-116.

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

In order to meet targeted reductions the department must consider reducing its general fund appropriation in program 50 by \$24,911. These funds are appropriated for gathering and compiling agricultural statistics.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

Operating costs (62000) would be reduced for a total of \$24,911.

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The Department would be unable to reliably provide statistics related to Montana's agriculture industry in a timely manner.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

There are no ways to mitigate the impact of this reduction.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No. The authority under which we operate this program is 80-11-103(6), MCA but the program is not mandated.

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

In order to meet targeted reductions the department must consider reducing its state special revenue fund growth through agriculture grant appropriation by \$67,845. These funds are appropriated from the growth through agriculture account (02062) to invest and deliver growth and development to agriculture businesses throughout Montana.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

Investments in grant (66000) would be reduced by \$67,845.

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

A loss of these funds will result in a reduction of funding opportunities for the growth and development of agriculture businesses throughout Montana.

#4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

Constituents would have to find replacement funding.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No - the activity is funded by HB2.

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