

# AG ONE Newsletter BUDGET ISSUE

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## Dear Reader:

Although Agriculture fared well in the FY 2018-19 State Budget, the whole process underscores the need for the Agriculture Community in Pennsylvania to be ever mindful of what the General Assembly and Administration are doing. Not included was the proposal to have rural communities using State Police pay a per capita fee  
**Sincerely, Vince Phillips**

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## PA HAS A STATE BUDGET

Governor Wolf signed **House Bill 2121** (Saylor-R-York) into law on June 22. At \$36.158 billion, the State Budget goes into effect July 1, 2018. The major spending increase was \$100 million more for K-12 education. A link to House Bill 2121 follows. Actual language starts on page 194. Pages 194-211 describe various Funds and the actual appropriations amounts begin on page 211.  
[http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2017&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2121&utm\\_source=Listrak&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_term=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legis.state.pa.us%2fcfdocs%2fbillInfo%2fbillInfo.cfm%3fsYear%3d2017%26sInd%3d0%26body%3dH%26type%3dB%26bn%3d2121&utm\\_campaign=House+Approves+Budget+with+No+New+or+Increased+Taxes](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2017&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2121&utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=http%3a%2f%2fwww.legis.state.pa.us%2fcfdocs%2fbillInfo%2fbillInfo.cfm%3fsYear%3d2017%26sInd%3d0%26body%3dH%26type%3dB%26bn%3d2121&utm_campaign=House+Approves+Budget+with+No+New+or+Increased+Taxes)

## BUDGET BY LINE ITEM

<b>General Fund Line Item</b>	<b>Original Wolf Proposal</b>	<b>Final HB 2121</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Agriculture Dept.</b>	33.407 million	31.791 million	-1.6 million
Note: This is still an increase over the current fiscal year's 30.784 million			
Spotted Lanternfly	0	3 million plus Federal dollars	
Centers for Ag Excellence	0	1.331 million, (same as current FY)	
Farmers Market Coupons	2.079 million	same plus Federal dollars	
Ag Research (not PSU)	0	2.187 (500 million over current FY)	
Ag Promotion	0	303,000 (same as current FY)	
Hardwoods	0	424,000 (same as current FY)	
Livestock Show	0	215,000 (same as current FY)	
Open Dairy Show	0	215,000 (same as current FY)	
Youth Shows	169,000	same	same
State Food Purchases	19.188 million	19,688 million	+500,000
Note: Food purchases for food banks (PASS) increased from 1.0 million to 1.5 million			
Food Marketing	0	494,000 (same as current FY)	
Transfer to Nutrient Mgmt.	2.714 million	same	same
Transfer to Cons. District	869,000	same	same

Scrip Fund (Penn State & Ext).	52.313 million	53.882 million	+1.6 million
PA Preferred	605,000	same	same
UPenn Vet	30.135 million	31.039 million	+904,000
UPenn Infectious Disease	281,000	289,000	+8,000

<b>DCNR</b>	22.063 million	same	same
Parks/Forest Infrastructure	0	2.5 million	(0 in current FY)

<b>Education Dept.</b>	26.143 million	25.971 million	-172,000
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Note: Program funding K-12 increased \$100 million; Community Colleges increased by million; Regional Community College (think Northern Tier) increased by 253,000

Penn State (non-ag)	252.510 million	260.085 million	+7.575 million
Pitt/Temple/Lincoln	309.232 million	318.5 million	+9.27 million
State System H. Ed.	468.108 million	same	Current FY is 453.108 million

Pitt Rural Education	2.763 million	2.846 million	+83,000
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<b>DEP</b>	14.378 million	same	Current FY is 13.309 million
Envir. Programs	30.932 million	same	Current FY is 29.413 million
Ches. Bay Ag Abatement	2.670 million	same	Current FY is 2.535 million
Ches. Bay Commission	275,000	same	same
Envir. Protection Ops	93.901 million	93.190 million	-711,000
Transfer to Cons. Dist.	2.506 million	same	same

#### **Legislature**

Center for Rural PA	1.072 million	1.104 million	+32,000
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#### **Other Items (non- General Fund) House Bill 2121 (State Budget for FY 2018-19)**

##### **Motor Vehicle Fund**

- Dirt & Gravel (DCNR)	28.0 million
- Dust & Sediment Forest Roads (DCNR)	7.0 million
- Appalachian Regional Commission	750,000
- County Roads & Bridges (PennDOT)	5.0 million
- Rural Commercial Routes (PennDOT)	90.0 million

Note: Some of this is dedicated to upgrade highway technology and potentially Broadband access.

##### **Racing Development Fund**

- County Fairs	4.0 million
- County Fairs Administration	207,000
- Farm Show	5.0 million
- Animal Health Commission	5.35 million
- PA Vet Labs	5.309 million
- Horse Racing Promotion	2.393 million
- Equine Toxicology & Research	13.025 million
- State Racing Commission	7.466 million

<b>Milk Marketing Board Fund</b>	2.84 million
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