

ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION

Minutes

January 16, 2025

2:00 p.m.

The Livestock and Poultry Commission met at the Hot Springs Convention Center, 134 Convention Blvd, Hot Springs, AR.

Chair Wren called the meeting to order.

Members present: Bruce Maloch, Dr. Mike Pallone, Dan Wright

Members Present via Zoom: Chad Chester, Tyler Davis, Dr. Sara Throne, Tommy Wren

Members Absent: Marcus Creasy, Dr. William Hewat

Patrick Fisk, Director, Livestock and Poultry Division, and other staff members were in attendance.

1. Opening comments and introductions

Chairman Davis welcomed all in attendance.

2. Consider minutes of the January 8, 2025 special called meeting and the October 18, 2024 quarterly meeting

Moved by Wright, seconded by Maloch to approve meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

3. Vote on expenses for Commission for 2025 calendar year

Moved by Maloch, seconded by Chester to approve expense reimbursements as presented for 2025.

Motion carried.

4. Review agency reports

Accounting Division

Fisk presented the financial report. The Livestock and Poultry Division finished the 2nd quarter with a combined revenue balance of \$14,816,621, leading the division into the 3rd quarter with no issues. **Attachment 1.**

Moved by Dr. Pallone, seconded by Wright to approve the financial report as presented.

Motion carried.

Animal Health

Dr. Nilz, State Veterinarian, provided an update on the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Plan (VMLRP), which aims to attract veterinary medical students to practice food animal medicine in shortage areas of Arkansas. For this season, six areas have been nominated, and we should find out in February which one have been approved.

Dr. Nilz reported on plans to launch a new website and licensing database at the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association winter meeting being held in February.

Dr. Nilz stated the IT department was able to add electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI). Dr. Nilz stated this is a huge accomplishment to meet a key requirement of the USDA cooperative agreement grant.

The division will host the 2025 Southern Animal Health Association meeting in North Little Rock at the Wyndham Riverfront hotel in June.

Dr. Moffett attended a joint seminar with the University of Missouri that focused on swine disease response.

Dr. Nilz stated there are 6 backyard poultry operations and 1 commercial premises in Clay County affected by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). All are currently under control.

Egg and Poultry Report

Cheri Ellis, Agri Division Manager, reported on general activities within the division.

Arch Farms, Summers, is currently producing approximately 14 loads per week and have increased grading services to 6 days a week.

Custom Craft Poultry made a request to increase grading services in their Batesville and Maumelle facilities. Butterball in Jonesboro will be closing its facility in January.

Cargill in Springdale and Butterball in Ozark and Huntsville began their "Fresh Season" this past quarter, shipping 6 – 7 days a week, approximately 200 loads per day.

Ellis reported on commodity contract awards. George's, Springdale, was awarded a commodity contract for 2 million pounds of chicken leg quarters. George's, Cassville, MO was awarded 1.5 million pounds of whole chicken. Tyson Foods, Waldron, has received 2 contracts for cut up chicken and Tyson, Broken Bow, OK received 1 million pounds of drumsticks.

One food defense audit was completed this quarter for a total of 23 for the year. 2 child defense nutrition audits, 4 contractor check loading verifications at freezers, and 1 label review were completed.

Ellis reported on shell egg surveillance. A total of 9 quarterly processor visits were completed this quarter.

Current volume production was 421 billion pounds of chicken, 200 billion pounds of turkey, and 1.2 million cases of shell eggs.

A total of 565 retail locations were inspected, resulting in the examination of 55,000 cartons of eggs.

Ellis participated in the National Egg Regulatory Officials State Egg Law committee meetings. Ellis and Tillman Treat participated in a job fair at Morrilton High School.

Laboratory Services

Dr. Sharon Pulla, Director, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, stated the Arkansas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab observed a substantial increase in poultry necropsy requests during 2024, including the last quarter. During the year there was an average of 70 percent increase in necropsy submissions from both backyard and commercial poultry entities. Causes could be increased incidences of diseases, increased surveillance, and increased commercial production. A new incinerator was acquired in November of 2024, using USDA's National Animal Health Laboratory Network grant resources.

The molecular diagnostic lab and the serology team have noticed a substantial increase in the number of tests performed over the last quarter. There was a surge in requests for avian influenza and mycoplasma tests. 30,000 vaccine titer tests were performed.

Livestock Field and Flea Markets Report

Blake Walters, Program Manager, presented field market and flea market activities for October – December 2024.

Walters stated there was a little over 5,000 head of equine at the Chuck Wagon Races in Clinton. All compliance issues were remedied on site.

Walters stated more outreach concerning EID tags is helping to clear up some misinformation that is out there. Walters shared a cattle ID requirement summary fact sheet, shown as **Attachment 2**.

Walters stated inspector supervisors participated with Extension on an "AgricultHer" podcast to talk about EID tags.

Meat Inspection Program

Tillman Treat, the Agri Division Manager of the Meat Inspection Program, reported that no new plants have been added. Four plants have submitted applications, with two of them having submitted all documentation and currently under review. Additionally, there are two pork rind producers looking to join the program. One facility has submitted a voluntary withdrawal from the program.

Treat reported that an audit was performed in August 2024 by the Federal State Audit Branch of the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The audit found that the program lacked a public health veterinarian. In September, Dr. Moffett completed the required training and now fulfills that role. Additionally, the audit found there was no Enforcement Investigation and Audit Officer (EIAO). Three staff members will be taking the course next month to ensure compliance. One facility received a notice of suspension for an incident that occurred in March 2024. Treat stated they are working with the facility to bring them into compliance."

Production totals produced for the calendar year 2024 are as follows:

Beef – 330,938 pounds
Pork – 63,673 pounds
Lamb – 1,184 pounds
Goat – 104 pounds
Total – 395,899 pounds

Treat provided an update on the beef checkoff activities, which included:

- Attending several livestock auctions
- Speaking at Arkansas Tech University's meats lab
- Completing sponsorships with the Northwest Arkansas Naturals and Arkansas

Travelers

- Staff attending the winter business meeting in San Antonio, TX
- Delivering fair kits to approximately 20 fairs across the state
- Delivering promotional materials to the White County Fair Board for their special cattle show
- Delivering supplies to the Highland School District for an Ag Day, which engaged over 500 kindergarten through 4th grade students
- Hosting the best burger contest with Bailey's Family Restaurant in Cave City winning out of 2,760 individual nominations
- Attending the National Cattlemen's Beef Association meeting in Denver, CO

National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

Kevin Simmons, NPIP Coordinator, presented the NPIP quarterly summary report for September - November 2024.

NPIP audits:

- 15 company inspections
- 5 processing plant inspections
- 4 hatchery inspections
- 21 table-egg company inspections
- 4 biosecurity audits

Simmons reported that in November, there was a detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Oklahoma, near the state line. Arkansas staff assisted Oklahoma authorities in identifying surveillance zone farms that fell within Arkansas. Two of the four control areas have been closed. The other two have completed composting and are about to begin their 14-day countdown to release those control areas. Additionally, there is a commercial case in Clay County. All control area farms there were empty. The first round of surveillance zone sampling returned negative results. Simmons mentioned that anyone experiencing issues with sick or dying poultry in their personal backyard flocks can contact the Livestock and Poultry division through the sick bird call line at 501-823-1746.

Simmons stated that the NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) has taken over the poultry feeding operation registration for the year 2025. The requirement is that anyone with a feeding operation of 2,500 or more birds needs to register. An online form is available on the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's website. For any questions regarding this registration, you can call 501-823-1747."

HPAI Update: In the last 30 days, 109 flocks have tested positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This includes 54 commercial and 55 backyard flocks, resulting in the depopulation of just over 12 million birds. Since 2022, there have been a total of

1,419 confirmed outbreaks, with 642 commercial and 777 backyard flocks affected.

AR Veterinary Medical Examining Committee (AVMEC)

Dr. Mike Pallone gave a report on the Livestock and Poultry AVMEC meeting held January 16, 2025. **Attachment 3.**

Dr. Pallone stated 3 veterinarian technician applications were reviewed by the committee. The committee recommends all 3 veterinarian technicians be approved for licensure.

Moved by Maloch, seconded by Wright to approve the committee's recommendation as presented.

Motion carried.

Dr. Pallone stated 6 endorsement licensure applications for veterinarians and 5 reciprocal licensure applications were reviewed by the committee. The committee recommends all 11 applicants be approved for licensure in Arkansas.

Moved by Wright, seconded by Maloch to approve the committee's recommendation as presented.

Motion carried.

Complaint Reviewal

Dr. Pallone presented all complaint reviews. **Attachment 3**

Dr. Pallone stated there is pending documentation on **Docket No. 2024-04**, therefore, that complaint will be tabled at this time.

Docket 2024-07: Allegation - Ark. Code Ann. 17-101-305 (5) – Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

The committee recommends that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.

Moved by Dr. Throne, seconded by Chester to approve the committee's recommendation.

Motion carried.

Docket No. 2024-09: Allegation - claiming to be a veterinary technician and making diagnosis when not appropriately certified

The committee recommends that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.

Moved by Chester, seconded by Maloch to approve the committee's recommendation.

Motion carried.

Docket 2024-11: Allegation - Ark. Code Ann. 17-101-305 (5) – Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

The committee recommends that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.

Moved by Wright, seconded by Chester to approve the committee's recommendation.

Motion carried.

Docket No. 2023-06: Allegation - Ark. Code Ann. 17-101-305 (5) – Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

The committee recommends that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.

Moved by Maloch, seconded by Dr. Throne to approve the committee's recommendation.

Motion carried.

5. General Agency Activities

Patrick Fisk, Director, Livestock and Poultry Division, gave a general overview of the agency's activities. Fisk commended all staff for handling their programs effectively and efficiently.

6. Old Business

No old business.

7. New Business

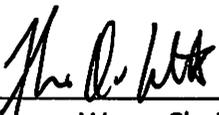
No new business.

8. Date for the next Commission Meeting

The next Livestock and Poultry Commission quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.



Tommy Wren, Chair

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIVISION
OPERATING FUNDS
FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Revenue	Agri Fair Funding Construction	State Meat Inspection Program	EIA Regulatory Fee	Poultry & Egg Division	Brucellosis Program	L/S & Poultry Lab Fees	Feral Hog	Animal Disease Traceability Umbrella Agreement	Total	FY24 Actual	Fiscal Year 25 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY24 actual
Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)													
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2024	2	28,287	8,940	676,596	10,894,610	1,563,540	722,983	136,611	424,364	14,455,932	13,652,188	14,455,932	
General Revenue	2,039,099	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,189,099	4,910,141	5,113,241	45%
Special Revenue:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Livestock Fees	-	-	-	41,045	-	-	35,976	-	-	77,021	157,798	178,925	49%
Egg/Poultry Inspection	-	-	-	-	1,592,157	-	-	-	-	1,592,157	2,636,002	2,329,163	60%
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,485	-	-	61,485	128,057	134,926	48%
Brucellosis Fees	-	-	-	-	-	293,157	20	-	-	293,177	583,647	616,240	50%
Livestock Disease	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	6	481%
Livestock Brand Registration	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	300	762	625	39%
Livestock Registration Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	190	-	-	190	1,140	667	17%
Fair Surcharge Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Small Animal Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,085	-	-	98,085	191,396	236,918	51%
Large Animal Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-	199,737	-	-	199,737	274,550	265,086	73%
Avian Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-	405,600	-	-	405,600	787,806	574,761	51%
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	-	-	-	(618)	(20,970)	(8,795)	(12,021)	-	-	(42,403)	(84,557)	-	-
Net Special Revenue	-	-	-	40,427	1,571,187	284,365	789,372	-	-	2,685,351	4,676,600	4,337,317	
Other Fees -not designated as special revenue	-	-	-	-	570,658	-	-	-	-	570,658	1,130,303	3,997,896	50%
Federal Grant Reimbursements	-	-	-	33	-	251,353	233,005	-	12,421	496,812	1,255,507	1,222,096	40%
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3,818	1,960	0%
Peard Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,635	-	-	2,635	2,697	3,633	98%
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	-	-	43,270	-	-	88,090	-	129,360	245,919	100,382	53%
Miscellaneous Revenue (Fines, Refunds)	-	-	-	132	-	78	51,652	-	-	51,862	114,726	53,490	45%
Transfers In	-	1,573,272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,573,272	436	-	360586%
Total Resources Provided	2,039,108	1,601,559	158,940	717,189	13,079,725	2,099,335	1,799,646	222,701	436,785	22,154,988	25,992,335	29,285,946	
Cash Expenditures													
Salary and Personnel Expense	1,966,985	1,792	105,628	29,478	952,401	252,441	45,625	24,049	25,312	3,403,710	6,618,090	7,497,952	51%
Maintenance & Operations:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Communication & Transportation of Comm	359	-	588	-	120	5,922	6,297	156	-	13,442	27,530	-	49%
Printing & Advertising	2,471	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,503	17,431	-	14%
Repairing & Servicing	5,507	-	-	5,782	619	2,168	114,876	875	-	129,827	274,113	-	47%
Utilities & Rent	4,283	-	-	-	-	-	14,324	-	-	18,607	98,711	-	19%
Travel & Subsistence	13,495	-	1,341	-	21,287	279	12,585	4,166	-	53,153	126,830	-	42%
Professional Services & Fees	1,416	-	154	32	646	231	2,267	-	162	4,908	12,930	-	38%
Insurance & Bonds	21,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,797	22,447	-	97%
Other Expenses & Services	236	-	1,215	-	137	1,780	40,267	88	-	43,722	97,053	-	45%
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	11,040	-	10,474	1,043	2,905	1,160	675,281	1,694	-	703,587	1,262,953	-	56%
Refunds Taxes & Claims	-	-	-	-	453,942	-	5,091	-	-	459,033	828,546	-	55%
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	60,603	-	13,804	6,857	479,657	11,539	870,989	6,979	162	1,450,599	2,768,544	4,528,253	52%
Debt Service	-	-	-	40,000	60,000	25,000	10,000	-	-	135,000	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	46,175	718	20,141	91,792	-	158,826	221,534	529,005	72%
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	1,490,872	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,490,872	913,205	1,496,272	163%
Other Expenses	404	0	-	-	-	-	6,175	-	920	7,499	56,971	-	13%
Total Expenditures	2,027,891	1,492,664	119,432	76,335	1,538,233	289,698	952,930	122,820	26,394	6,646,498	10,578,344	14,051,482	63%
Other Items:													
Transfers for Claims	4,079	54,000	-	31,621	90,709	231,640	123,526	-	-	535,576	-	-	-
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable Balance	-	-	-	(0)	(147,743)	0	(0)	-	-	(147,743)	-	-	-
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable Balance	-	9	(8,827)	-	-	-	268	-	-	(8,550)	-	-	-
Cash Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	7,038	54,904	30,681	609,232	11,303,039	1,577,997	723,459	99,881	410,391	14,816,621			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIVISION
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024**

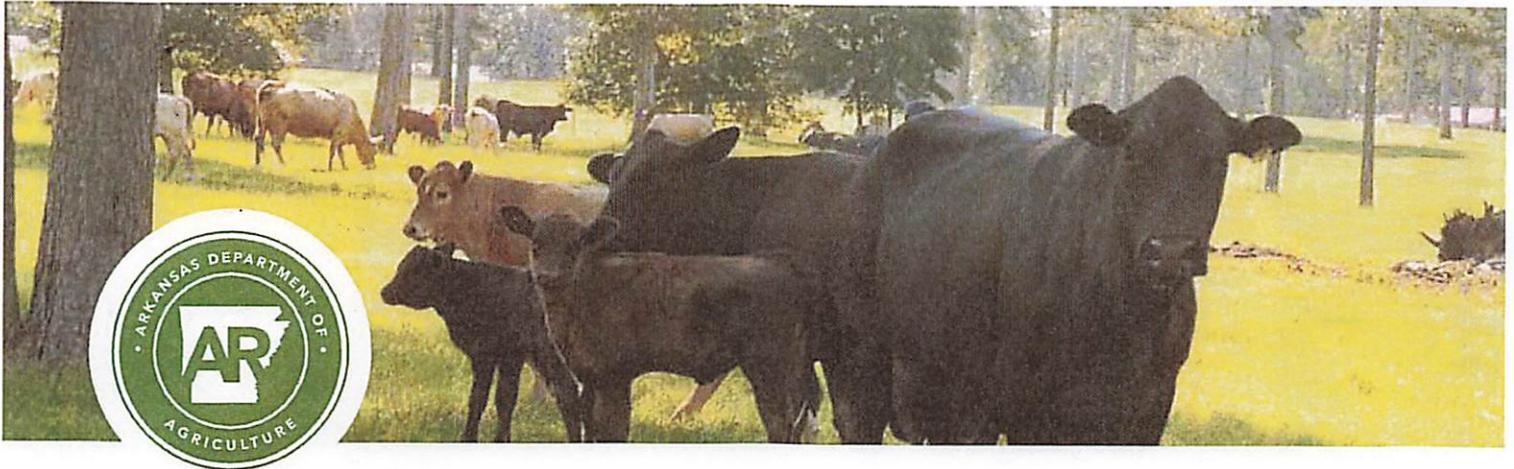
	General Revenue	General Revenues Show Premiums	Fair Funding Grant	State Meat Inspection Program	Total	FY24 Actual	Fiscal Year 25 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY24 actual
Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)								
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2024	2	-	28,287	8,940	37,229	13,227	37,229	
General Revenue	2,039,099	-	-	150,000	2,189,099	4,910,141	5,113,241	45%
Special Revenue:								
Misc Livestock Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Egg/Poultry Inspection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Brucellosis Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Livestock Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Livestock Brand Registration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Livestock Registration Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fair Surcharge Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Small Animal Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Large Animal Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Avian Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges								
Net Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Fees -not designated as special revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Federal Grant Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	8	-	-	-	8	3,800	89	0%
Peard Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	334	-	
Transfers In	-	-	1,573,272	-	1,573,272	436	-	
Total Resources Provided	2,039,108	-	1,601,559	158,940	3,789,607	4,927,938	5,150,559	
Cash Expenditures								
Salary and Personnel Expense	1,966,985	-	1,792	105,628	2,074,405	3,681,481	3,798,308	56%
Maintenance & Operations:								
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	359	-	-	588	947	1,154	-	82%
Printing & Advertising	2,471	-	-	33	2,503	727	-	
Repairing & Servicing	5,507	-	-	-	5,507	2,515	-	
Utilities & Rent	4,283	-	-	-	4,283	3,660	-	
Travel & Subsistence	13,495	-	-	1,341	14,836	13,129	-	113%
Professional Services & Fees	1,416	-	-	154	1,570	2,943	-	53%
Insurance & Bonds	21,797	-	-	-	21,797	22,447	-	97%
Other Expenses & Services	236	-	-	1,215	1,451	4,355	-	33%
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	11,040	-	-	10,474	21,514	19,714	-	108%
Refunds Taxes & Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	60,603	-	-	13,804	60,603	60,745	390,477	100%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	-	1,490,872	-	1,490,872	898,205	1,496,272	166%
Other Expenses	404	-	0	-	404	0	-	
Total Expenditures	2,027,991	-	1,492,664	119,432	3,640,088	4,650,331	5,685,055	78%
Other Items:								
Transfers for Claims	4,079	-	54,000	-	58,079	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-	9	(8,827)	(8,818)	-	-	
Cash Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	7,038	-	54,904	30,681	92,622			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIVISION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	EIA Regulatory Fee	Poultry & Egg Division	Brucellosis Program	LS & Poultry Lab Fees	Feral Hog Eradication	Total	FY24 Actual	Fiscal Year 25 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY24 actual
Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)									
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2024	676,596	10,894,610	1,563,540	722,883	136,611	13,994,340	13,193,038	13,994,340	
General Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Revenue:									
Misc Livestock Fees	41,045	-	-	35,976	-	77,021	157,798	178,925	49%
Egg/Poultry Inspection	-	1,592,157	-	-	-	1,592,157	2,636,002	2,329,163	60%
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	61,485	-	61,485	128,057	134,926	48%
Brucellosis Fees	-	-	293,157	20	-	293,177	583,647	616,240	50%
Livestock Disease	-	-	3	-	-	3	1	6	481%
Livestock Brand Registration	-	-	-	300	-	300	762	825	39%
Livestock Registration Fee	-	-	-	190	-	190	1,140	667	17%
Fair Surcharge Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Small Animal Testing	-	-	-	98,085	-	98,085	191,396	236,918	51%
Large Animal Testing	-	-	-	199,737	-	199,737	274,550	265,086	73%
Avian Testing	-	-	-	405,600	-	405,600	787,806	574,761	51%
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	(618)	(20,970)	(8,795)	(12,021)	-	(42,403)	(84,557)	-	50%
Net Special Revenue	40,427	1,571,187	284,365	789,372	-	2,685,351	4,676,600	4,337,317	
Other Fees -not designated as special revenue	-	570,658	-	-	-	570,658	1,130,303	3,997,896	50%
Federal Grant Reimbursements	33	-	251,353	233,005	-	484,391	1,061,101	1,027,690	46%
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	1,751	0%
Board Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	2,635	-	2,635	2,697	3,633	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	43,270	-	-	86,090	129,360	245,919	100,382	
Miscellaneous Revenue	132	-	78	51,652	-	51,862	114,392	53,490	45%
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Resources Provided	717,188	13,079,725	2,099,335	1,789,646	222,701	17,918,596	20,424,063	23,516,498	
Cash Expenditures									
Salary and Personnel Expense	29,478	952,401	252,441	45,625	24,049	1,303,994	2,765,221	3,652,004	47%
Maintenance & Operations:									
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	-	120	5,922	6,297	156	12,495	26,376	-	47%
Printing & Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,705	-	0%
Repairing & Servicing	5,782	619	2,168	114,876	875	124,320	271,598	-	48%
Utilities & Rent	-	-	-	14,324	-	14,324	95,051	-	15%
Travel & Subsistence	-	21,287	279	12,585	4,166	38,318	113,701	-	34%
Professional Services & Fees	32	646	231	2,267	-	3,176	8,597	-	37%
Insurance & Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other Expenses & Services	-	137	1,780	40,267	88	42,271	92,698	-	46%
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	1,043	2,905	1,160	675,281	1,694	682,083	1,225,322	-	56%
Refunds Taxes & Claims	-	453,942	-	5,091	-	459,033	812,741	-	56%
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	6,857	479,657	11,839	870,889	6,979	1,376,021	2,662,788	4,014,315	52%
Debt Service	40,000	60,000	25,000	10,000	-	135,000	-	-	
Capital Outlay	-	46,175	718	20,141	91,792	158,826	221,534	529,005	72%
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	0%
Other Expenses	-	-	-	6,175	-	6,175	47,501	-	
Total Expenditures	76,335	1,538,233	289,698	952,930	122,820	2,645,017	5,712,044	8,195,324	50%
Other Items:									
Transfers for Claims	31,621	90,709	231,640	123,526	-	477,497	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	(0)	(147,743)	0	(0)	-	(147,743)	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-	-	268	-	268	-	-	
Cash Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	609,232	11,303,039	1,577,997	723,459	89,881	14,313,607			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIVISION
FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Animal Disease Traceability/ Umbrella Agreement	Total	FY24 Actual	Fiscal Year 25 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY24 actual
Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)					
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2024	424,364	424,364	445,922	424,364	
General Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Special Revenue:					
Misc Livestock Fees	-	-	-	-	
Egg/Poultry Inspection	-	-	-	-	
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	
Brucellosis Fees	-	-	-	-	
Livestock Disease	-	-	-	-	
Livestock Brand Registration	-	-	-	-	
Livestock Registration Fee	-	-	-	-	
Fair Surcharge Fee	-	-	-	-	
Small Animal Testing	-	-	-	-	
Large Animal Testing	-	-	-	-	
Avian Testing	-	-	-	-	
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	-	-	-	-	
Net Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Other Fees -not designated as special revenue	-	-	-	-	
Federal Grant Reimbursements	12,421	12,421	194,406	194,406	6%
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	-	-	5	120	0%
Pcard Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Interest	-	-	-	-	
Total Resources Provided	436,785	436,785	640,333	618,890	
Cash Expenditures					
Salary and Personnel Expense	25,312	25,312	171,388	47,642	15%
Maintenance & Operations:					
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	-	-	-	-	
Printing & Advertising	-	-	-	-	
Repairing & Servicing	-	-	-	-	
Utilities & Rent	-	-	-	-	
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-	-	
Professional Services & Fees	162	162	1,389	-	12%
Insurance & Bonds	-	-	-	-	
Other Expenses & Services	-	-	-	-	
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	-	-	17,917	-	
Refunds Taxes & Claims	-	-	15,805	-	
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	162	162	35,111	123,461	0%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	-	-	-	
Other Expenses	920	920	9,470	-	
Total Expenditures	26,394	26,394	215,969	171,103	12%
Other Items:					
Transfers for Claims	-	-	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	
Cash Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	410,391	410,391			



CATTLE ID REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has updated the rules for tagging cattle that are moving across state lines. Since 2013, cattle have been required to have an official form of identification. This can include brands, tattoos, group ID numbers, metal ear tags, or electronic ear tags (EIDs). Starting November 5, 2024, if you are using ear tags as the official ID, they must be both visually and electronically readable. Other forms of official ID, such as brands, tattoos, and group ID numbers, are still acceptable.

What is an EID Tag?

An EID tag is encoded with a 15-digit number that is specific to that animal. This tag is readable both visually and electronically.



The only data points that are collected about these tags is kept in the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's database and includes: contact information of person receiving the tags, contact information of the person distributing the tag, and the date of distribution. This information is used for animal disease tracing.

Additional Facts

If your cattle already have a metal clip tag, you do not need to apply for a new tag. Only cattle tagged after November 5, 2024, will require an EID tag. This does not apply to feeder calves.

Cattle currently on a property do not need to be tagged and can be moved to an approved tagging site without being tagged. However, if cattle are crossing state lines or not going directly to an approved tagging site, they must be tagged with an EID before moving.

You can contact us for assistance and learn more by using the QR code. Your veterinarian can also assist with tagging your animals and getting certificates of veterinary inspection.

What Classes of Cattle Are Included?

- **Beef Cattle:** Sexually intact beef cattle (18 months or older) that are not moving directly to slaughter must have official identification to move interstate or through an Arkansas livestock market. This applies to bison as well.
- **Dairy Cattle:** Dairy breed cattle of any age, including crossbred cattle, must have official identification to move interstate or through an Arkansas livestock market.
- **Slaughter Cattle:** May move directly to a recognized slaughter establishment with a USDA-approved back tag. From an Arkansas slaughter only sale.

For More Information about EID Tagging

(501) 225-1598 | info@agriculture.arkansas.gov



Arkansas Department of Agriculture:
<https://agriculture.arkansas.gov/livestock-poultry/>



USDA Resources:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/traceability>

Attachment 3

Applications

Dr. Pallone presented the following three (3) veterinarian technician applications to the committee for review:

- Samantha Jo Hale, CVT
- Hannah Grace Tougas, CVT
- Kendall Beth Koester, CVT

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Kline, and passed to recommend all three (3) veterinarian technicians to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for approval of licensure.

There were no applications for corporate practice to approve.

Dr. Pallone presented the following six (6) endorsement licensure applications for veterinarians to the committee for review:

- Elizabeth Cody Adams, DVM
- Laura E. Austgen, DVM
- Heidi Elise Banse, DVM
- James Patrick Harden, DVM
- William Matthew Honea, DVM
- James Nelson, DVM

Dr. Pallone presented the following five (5) reciprocal licensure applications for veterinarians to the committee for review:

- Lauren Kelso Canady, DVM
- Robert John Eisemann, DVM
- Jacqueline Emily Hokett, DVM
- Abraham Jonatan, DVM
- Amy Catherine Vigneau, DVM

A motion was made by Dr. Conner, seconded by Dr. Williams, and passed to recommend all eleven (11) veterinarians to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for approval of reciprocal licensure.

Complaint Reviewal

Docket No. 2024-04

Allegation:

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (5) Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (7) Fraud or dishonesty in the application or reporting of any test for disease in animals.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (8) Failure to maintain professional premises and equipment in a clean and sanitary condition in compliance with rules promulgated by the commission.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (10) Cruelty to animals.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (11) Unprofessional conduct by violation of a rule promulgated by the commission under this chapter.

F. For a veterinarian to undertake the care of an animal and thereafter fail to render the care as generally accepted by the veterinary profession.

G. To guarantee a cure.

H. To make false or deceptive statements that belittle the knowledge or injure the professional standing of another member of the profession or that unnecessarily condemns the character of his professional acts; provided, however, that nothing herein should be construed to prohibit any truthful, nondeceptive statements, including, but not limited to truthful nondeceptive comparative advertising.

L. Being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

O. Conduct reflecting unfavorably upon the profession of veterinary medicine.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (12) Being unable to practice as a veterinarian with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of illness, the use of drugs, alcohol, narcotics, or chemicals, or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (15) Overtreating patients or charging for services which did not occur unless the services were contracted for in advance or for services which were not rendered or documented in the patient's records or charging for services which were not consented to by the owner of the patient or the owner's agent.

Summary:

Complaint filed after Complainant had taken her dog, Rosie, to the respondent for diarrhea.

This docket was tabled at the September 18, 2024, meeting pending receipt of additional information from witnesses and Dr. Drake Martin. Witness statements have been obtained; no additional information has been received from Dr. Martin.

Recommendation:

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, and seconded by Dr. Conner, to recommend a hearing for this matter. The motion passed to present this recommendation to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for the following violations:

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (5) Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (11) Unprofessional conduct by violation of a rule promulgated by the commission under this chapter.

F. For a veterinarian to undertake the care of an animal and thereafter fail to render the care as generally accepted by the veterinary profession.

N. Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (15) Overtreating patients or charging for services which did not occur unless the services were contracted for in advance or for services which were not rendered or documented in the patient's records or charging for services which were not consented to by the owner of the patient or the owner's agent.

Docket No. 2024-07

Allegation:

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (5) Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Summary:

Complaint filed after Complainant took her dog, Griffey, to respondent to have his tail amputated.

Recommendation:

A motion was made by Dr. Conner, seconded by Dr. Hewat, and passed to recommend to the Arkansas livestock and Poultry Commission that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.

Docket No. 2024-09

Allegation:

Claiming to be a veterinary technician and making diagnosis when not appropriately certified.

Summary:

Complaint made after Complainant noticed an injured tail on her foster cat, Smokie.

Recommendation:

A motion was made by Dr. Conner, seconded by Dr. Williams, and passed to recommend to the Arkansas livestock and Poultry Commission that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.

Docket No. 2024-11

Allegation:

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (5) Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Summary:

Complaint made after Complainant took her cat, Posey, to Respondent for a teeth cleaning.

Recommendation:

A motion was made by Dr. Hewat, seconded by Dr. Conner, and passed to recommend to the Arkansas livestock and Poultry Commission that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.

Docket No. 2023-06

Allegation:

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305 (5) Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Summary:

Complaint filed after Complainant had taken her parrot, Miss Hotsa Bird, to the respondent for an international health exam. A client that presented for a health certificate for a bird going to Mexico. Complainant had their health certificate denied four (4) times and the complainant came out with concern of the time, the process, information, and communication.

Recommendation:

A motion was made by Dr. Conner, seconded by Dr. Hewat, and passed to recommend to the Arkansas livestock and Poultry Commission that the complaint be dismissed due to no violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act or rules.