

# ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION

## Minutes

October 10, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Chair Ray Dillon convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR.

Commissioner(s) present: Ken Bragg, Mary Clapp, Ray Dillon, George Dunklin, Miles Goggins, John McAlpine, Peter Prutzman, Frank Wilson

Commissioner(s) absent: David Cawein

The Commission considered the July 11, 2025, Arkansas Forestry Commission meeting minutes.

**Moved by Dunklin, seconded by McAlpine to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

Tom Harrington, Program Manager, provided an update regarding the Registered Forester Committee (RFC). The RFC homepage is now available on the Arkansas Department of Agriculture website. Through this portal, users can log in to their accounts and complete the renewal process for their forester licenses online.

Committee member John McAlpine summarized the minutes of October 6, 2025, RFC meeting.  
**Attachment 1**

McAlpine stated that the committee recommends that Daniel De Armond and Joseph Simpson be approved to receive a reciprocal license, and that Michael Kitchens be approved to receive a new license.

**Moved by McAlpine, seconded by Dunklin to approve the committee's recommendation as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

The 2026 dates for exams were set for February 26, May 13 or 20, October 7, and December 16, 2026.

The Association of Southern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) conference set for October 6 – 8, 2026 will be hosted by Arkansas, hopefully to be held in conjunction with the Arkansas Forestry Association (AFA) meeting.

McAlpine stated the RFC committee would like to add Scott Meeks, Green Bay Packaging, as a member of the committee.

McAlpine informed the members that the draft of the civil penalty matrix remains under review within the Department, hopefully to be presented at the next quarterly meeting.

Kyle Cunningham, Director of the Arkansas Forestry Commission, provided an update on the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship. He shared that he recently met with Dr. Blazier, Dean of the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, to formally award the scholarship to Noah Totty of Camden, Arkansas.

Billy Black, Chief of Law Enforcement with the Department, presented an overview of activities. Three hundred and fifteen criminal cases were worked in 2025 with 61 of those related to timber, 20 for fires, and nine for dumping. Black stated \$3.2 million in restitution has been recovered for citizens of Arkansas for stolen property. Currently this year, the Department has worked on 12 cases, recovering \$671,000. Wilson raised concern regarding the possibility of notifying mills about individuals who have been prosecuted. He inquired whether a system could be established to ensure mills are informed, thereby helping them avoid engaging with those individuals in future dealings.

### **Forest Management Report**

Jim Jolley, Division Forester, reported on Baucum Nursery seedling inventory, with 2.9 million pine, and 5.1 million hardwoods in inventory. Orders were received for 859,000 pines and 5.48 million hardwoods. The Baucum Nursery seedling report is shown as **Attachment 2**.

Jolley stated the current contractor that performs methyl bromide applications is phasing out the chemical application at the nursery. The contractor will continue to supply the chemical, assist with application training, and assist with equipment purchases. Therefore, staff are currently looking for other solutions for methyl bromide applications.

Jolley stated staff began clearing the Baucum restoration area in August, consisting of 30.5 acres.

The 2025 Forest Steward of the Year was awarded to Pamela and Jim Jolly. The Jolly's own a Patton Tree Farm in Yellville consisting of 222 acres. Also, the Stewardship Committee voted to adjust the pay for the consulting foresters from \$4 per acre to \$5 per acre with a \$500 minimum.

David Blythe, Forest Health Specialist, displayed a Gen 2 drone from Wingtra, a drone specialty company out of Switzerland. The Gen 2 is a mapping specialty drone and will be used for forest health, management plans, monitoring nurseries, and post fire mapping assessments.

Cunningham noted that state-led cost share programs are in place to support reforestation efforts. Among these is the Southeast Arkansas Hardwood Reforestation Program, which is available to assist the southeastern corner of the counties affected by pine damage.

### **Emergency Services Report**

Robert Murphy, Emergency Services Director, reported on wildfire statistics. In July there were 36 fires with 282 acres burned, in August, 129 fires with 1,631 acres burned, and in September, 65 fires with 700 acres burned, finishing the quarter with 230 fires and 2,169 acres burned.

Murphy stated there are two dozer and six transport vehicles ordered and are expected soon. There are plans to order an additional 10 pickups, 6 dozers and 2 transport vehicles.

For this quarter, there are two revolving loans totaling \$16,575 for volunteer fire departments.

### **Deputy State Forester's Report**

Darren Spinks, Deputy State Forester, updated the board on activities within the districts.

Spinks highlighted district activities as follows:

- Participation in 23 fairs/festivals
- Construction of 27 miles of fire lanes
- Preparation of 241 management plans
- Provided technical assistance to 917 landowners impacting 67,000 acres

District 3 staff have been helping with cleaning up Spring River Park and burning trash piles from a tornado in Ash Flat.

Spinks stated the department is building a new office at District 2 in Dierks. Staff will be interviewing architects next week.

Timber harvest is 85 percent complete at Poison Springs State Forest. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) audit is complete with no findings. Site prep for 386 acres is complete and will be planted this winter.

## Communications Report

Ayden Duncan, Public Information Officer, presented the communications report.

Press releases:

- Rural fire show
- New Hardwood Reforestation Program
- STOP application period
- Wildland fire suppression kit application period

New Website:

- Finalized update at the end of August
- Key features include:
  - Navigation lists
  - Online services carousel
  - Public notices section
  - Timely alert ribbon capability

McAlpine suggested having the district map available on the Department website.

## Human Resources Report

Cunningham reported that the Forestry Division currently has 229 filled positions. At the district level, 81 percent of forester positions and 81 percent of forest ranger positions are filled. Additionally, five positions are presently being advertised, which include three forester positions and two forest ranger positions.

Cunningham noted that the Department is increasing the physical fitness requirement for the ranger positions from a basic test of walking one mile in 16 minutes to a moderate test of wearing a 25-pound pack and walking two miles in 30 minutes.

## Fiscal Division Report

Inoussa Zaki, Chief Fiscal Officer, presented the Arkansas Forestry Division's 1st quarter financial report, for the period ending September 30, 2025, shown as **Attachment 3**. The Forestry Division finished with \$5,426,518 in operating cash balance. Total resources provided from July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, totaled \$11,495,827.

Zaki's report also includes financial reports for the timber severance tax, Baucum Nursery, and Registration for Foresters funds.

## **State Forester's Report**

Cunningham expressed his appreciation to the members of the Forestry Commission for taking the time to meet and for providing valuable input to the staff. He also extended a note of gratitude to those currently serving on the RFC for their continued contributions.

Cunningham stated that discussions are ongoing with the U.S. Forest Service regarding opportunities for the Department to engage in collaborative efforts. These include potential activities under both the Shared Stewardship Agreement and the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement, which aim to enhance forest management and conservation through interagency cooperation.

Cunningham stated that the Department is planning timber harvest operations at both Poison Springs State Forest and Hot Springs State Forest during the upcoming season, with the initial harvest scheduled to begin at Hot Springs State Forest. He noted that partnerships are expanding, with Arkansas Game and Fish now overseeing hunting activities in the area. Bow season has already commenced at Hot Springs State Forest, and a youth modern gun hunt is scheduled for the first weekend in November. Additional hunting opportunities will include squirrel, rabbit, and quail. Cunningham also mentioned that the Department is collaborating with Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism on trail development and other initiatives supported by Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) funding.

Chair Dillon appointed Scott Meek with Green Bay Packaging, and Commission member, Mary Clapp, to serve on the Registered Forester Committee.

The next order of business is officer elections. Chair Dillon stated customarily the vice chair becomes chair, which would be John McAlpine, and the next person in line of seniority would become vice chair, which would be George Dunklin, if so elected.

**Chair Dillon stated all in favor of these nominations signify by saying aye.**

**Motion carried.**

The next Arkansas Forestry Commission quarterly meetings will be held January 23, April 24, July 24, and October 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Ray Dillon  
Chairman Ray Dillon

2/20/26  
Date

Kyle Cunningham  
State Forester Kyle Cunningham

2/20/26  
Date

## Arkansas Forestry Commission Registered Forester Committee

### Zoom Only

### Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025

#### 1. Call to Order

- At approximately 2:10 pm the meeting was called to order and the roll was called.

#### 2. Roll Call

- Members Present: John McAlpine, Pete Prutzman, Phil Wright, Karl Hansen and Dr. Matthew Pelkey
- Member Not Present: David Cawein
- Arkansas Department of Agriculture Staff Present: Dr. Kyle Cunningham, Tom Harrington, Robert Taylor, and Sherry Seiffert
- Guest: Larry Judge Jr.

#### 3. Administrative Business

- Consider the minutes of the last meeting
  - The minutes of the last meeting were considered and approved during the last meeting

#### 4. Applicants

- Approval to take the exam
  - Clayton Whitaker
    - Missing letter of recommendation and transcript
    - John McAlpine and Kyle Cunningham discussed if he would be able to take the exam, missing these items. Dr. Pelkki stated that in the past students have been allowed to take the exam while missing these items
    - He was qualified to take the exam because he has a natural resource related degree and three years of experience.
    - Dr. Pelkki made a motion to allow Clayton Whitaker to take the exam, Phil Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
  - Jeremy Ballard
    - Dr. Pelkki stated that Mr. Ballard has a wildlife degree with the required years of experience
    - Dr. Pelkki made a motion to allow Mr. Ballard to take the exam, Karl Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
- Reciprocal License

- Daniel De Armond
  - John McAlpine asked if we had confirmation that he is licensed and in good standing with California
  - Phil Wright stated that he is listed as active on the website and gave his license number
  - Tom has taken a screen shot of the California webpage and he will print and sign that and put it with the meeting minutes
  - He is registered and in good standing in California
  - He has all required documentation
  - Dr. Pelkki made a motion to forward this application to the Commission for licensing, Pete Prutzman seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - Approved to go before the Commission for approval
- Kevin Boston
  - He is an associate professor at UAM
  - Registered Forester in California Tom Has a screenshot of the verification that he is active in good standing
  - Missing two references. Dr. Pelkki stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Boston
  - Tabled until his application is complete
- Joseph Simpson
  - Registered in Mississippi
  - Phil Wright found his information on the Mississippi Forestry website. He is active and in good standing
  - He has all the required documents
  - Dr. Pelkki made a motion to forward his application to the Commission with the recommendation that he be licensed. Karl Hansen seconded the motion.
  - Approved to go before the Commission for approval
- New License Request
  - Michael Kitchens
    - He has passed the Alabama Registered Forester Exam
    - He is not registered in Alabama because of the 2-year waiting period that Alabama requires
    - Dr. Pelkki stated that this exam is acceptable to the Committee and has been accepted by Arkansas for a long time
    - Kitchens is missing a transcript from Auburn University

- Kyle asked if we get his transcript before Friday, could we proceed with taking his application to the Commission
  - Phil Wright made a motion to take this application before the Commission if we get the transcript by Friday October 10, 2025, Dr. Pelkki seconded the motion
  - Karl Hansen asked if the transcript would need to be vetted
  - Dr. Pelkki stated that Alabama is an SAF state
  - John McAlpine stated that if it is a forestry degree we won't have to look at the individual classes
  - Approved to go before the Commission
  - Tom will reach out to Mr. Kitchens about his transcript.
  - \* Tom received the transcript after the meeting\*
  - Michael Schmitt
    - He is asking to take the exam in December
    - He is from Texas, Texas doesn't have a Registered Forester program
    - Dr. Pelkki stated that Mr. Schmitt will need to get two more letters of recommendation before his application can be deemed complete
    - Dr. Pelkki stated that he had sent three letters of recommendation to Tom before the meeting
    - Tom confirmed that he has them
    - Kyle stated that in the past we haven't let the lack of letters of recommendation stop the applicant from taking the exam
    - Pet Prutzman made a motion to allow Mr. Schmitt to take the exam in December, Dr. Pelkki seconded the motion the motion passed
    - Approved to take the exam in December
5. **Print and Sign the License Verification Screenshots from California**
- The screenshot has been printed and signed and will be included with the meeting minutes
6. **Established the 2026 Testing Dates**
- Dr. Pelkki stated that the Registered Foresters Test Prep class would be in the spring 8-week semester of 2026
  - John McAlpine gave the following dates for the exams in 2026
  - February 25, 2026
  - May 13, 2026, or May 20, 2026
  - October 7, 2026
  - December 16, 2026
7. **Rubber Stamps for Foresters**

- Kyle gave an update on Rubber Stamps for Foresters
- He stated that they are going through the internal processes and he hopes they will be ready in January

#### 8. ASBORF 2026

- Arkansas is hosting this conference
- The AFA conference is October 6-8, 2026
- Kyle and John will be discussing with AFA about having the conference at the same time as the AFA meeting in Hot Springs.

#### 9. New Registered Forester Committee Member

- Kyle stated that the Committee should decide on a person to present to the Commission as a new member
- Scott Meek at GBP was selected
- Kyle will contact Scott Meek, at GBP, to see if he would be willing to serve
- We will ask for approval during the election of 2026 officers at the end of AFC meeting

#### 10. Annual License Audits

- We will be trying to work with the SAF to conduct annual license audits
- The audit would be for the checking of qualifying continuing education hours
- We will be working with SAF to get a copy of the sign-in sheets to check for attendance

#### 11. Presented the New Department Website and Database for Registered Foresters

- Kyle and Tom presented the new website and demonstrated the new registered forester database
- The website is easy to navigate
- The new registered forester or portal will allow registered foresters to renew and pay for their license online at any time.
- Anyone who wants to apply for a forester license can do that on the portal
- All the information such as the applications, receipts, and continuing education hours with certifications can be uploaded by the forester at any time

#### 12. Registered Forester Exam

- The Registered Forester exam will be held on October 9, 2025

#### 13. Civil Penalty Matrix

- The initial draft is going through a department review
- It will be ready to be presented at the January 2026 meeting

#### 14. Set the Next Meeting Date


- The Committee will be polled to determine the next meeting date

15. Adjourn

- John McAlpine adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:50 pm

Meeting Chair Signature John A. McAlpine Date 10/10/2025

## Attachment 2

 <b>Baucum Nursery</b> <b>2025 Seedling Report</b>			
SPECIES	INITIAL TARGET	INVENTORY	ORDERS
PINE			
3 Star Loblolly Pine	882,000	1,968,000	276,500
2 Star Loblolly Pine	35,000	120,000	1,000
1 Star Loblolly Pine	54,000	100,000	0
Mixed Loblolly Pine Box	156,500	89,000	156,500
Mixed Loblolly Pine Bundle	200	200	200
Advanced Gen. Shortleaf Pine	272,000	350,000	272,000
Cont. 3 Star Loblolly Pine	50,475	45,000	2,700
Cont. 3 Star Loblolly Pine 25 Pk Bdl	375	5,000	375
Cont. Adv. Gen. Shortleaf Pine	150,000	150,000	150,000
Cont. Imp'd Shortleaf 25 Pk Bdl	75	25,000	75
<b>TOTAL PINE</b>	<b>1,600,625</b>	<b>2,852,200</b>	<b>859,350</b>
OAK			
Improved Cherrybark Oak	45,000	45,000	600
Improved Nuttall Oak	5,000	750	2,000
Bur Oak	7,000	0	275
Cherrybark Oak	531,400	719,200	398,058
Chinkapin Oak	22,100	8,640	22,100
Cow Oak	244,350	95,700	244,350
Northern Red Oak	68,225	69,000	68,225
Nuttall Oak	404,250	220,000	404,250
Overcup Oak	356,350	300,000	356,350
Pin Oak	227,700	104,800	177,475
Post Oak	101,000	100,000	70,050
Shumard Oak	545,000	200,000	183,733
Southern Red Oak	118,275	69,000	118,275
Swamp White Oak	26,000	26,000	13,700
Water Oak	799,000	556,800	673,350
White Oak	250,000	250,000	98,500
Willow Oak	327,125	130,500	327,125
<b>TOTAL OAK</b>	<b>4,077,775</b>	<b>2,895,390</b>	<b>3,158,416</b>

SPECIES OTHER HARDWOOD	TARGET	INVENTORY	ORDERS
American Elm	50,000	50000	5,275
Baldcypress	426,208	464,000	426,208
Bi-color Lespedeza	2,500	2,500	175
Bitter Pecan	425,408	345,000	425,408
Black Cherry	250	250	25
Blackgum	130,350	5,000	130,350
Black Walnut	45,375	57,000	45,375
Button Bush	100,000	100,000	11,200
Cedar Elm	50,000	50,000	75
Chinese Chestnut	0	0	0
Crabapple	500	500	25
Dogwood	500	500	75
Hackberry	85,025	25,000	85,025
False Indigo	5,000	5,000	2,600
Mayhaw	100	0	100
Paw Paw	9,000	0	100
Pecan (native)	302,000	208,000	228,275
Persimmon	479,500	425,000	312,275
Chickasaw Plum	2,000	2,000	375
Mexican Plum	0	0	0
Redbud	150	0	150
Red Cedar	2,500	2,500	100
Red Maple	5,175	500	5,175
Red Mulberry	79,775	25,000	79,775
River Birch	75	0	75
Shagbark Hickory	50	0	50
Sugarberry	275,000	275,000	203,975
Sweet Gum	100,025	100,000	100,025
Sycamore	120,150	50,000	120,150
Tupelo Gum	125,125	75,000	125,125
Yellow Poplar	15,500	1,400	15,500
Magnolia	8,700	8,700	0
<b>TOTAL OTHER HARDWOOD</b>	<b>2,845,941</b>	<b>2,277,850</b>	<b>2,323,041</b>
2 Year Pecan	8,700	7,100	0
Beautifcation Bundle	150	150	9
Wildlife Bundle	150	150	23
	<b>8,700</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>TOTAL HARDWOOD</b>	<b>6,932,416</b>	<b>5,181,940</b>	<b>5,481,457</b>
<b>TOTAL SEEDLINGS</b>	<b>8,533,041</b>	<b>8,034,140</b>	<b>6,340,807</b>

# Attachment 3

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
OPERATING FUNDS  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	General Revenue	Rural Fire Protection Program	Forestry Special Revenue/Operating Fund	Forestry Trust Fund	Federal Funds	Foresters for Future Scholarships	Total	FY25 Actual	Fiscal Year 26 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY26 Budget
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>										
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	-	-	4,157,415	472,015	1,935,322	-	6,564,753	8,224,467	6,564,753	
General Revenue	2,565,738	10,000	-	-	-	-	2,575,738	10,142,362	10,972,371	23%
Special Revenue:										
Timber Severance Tax	-	-	1,007,350	-	-	-	1,007,350	3,720,906	3,781,658	27%
Acresage Tax	-	-	239,060	-	-	-	239,060	2,869,487	3,122,797	8%
Fire Protection/Suppression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Timber Sales	-	-	45,377	-	-	-	45,377	1,523,613	518,194	9%
Seedling Sales	-	-	112,993	-	-	-	112,993	1,420,945	1,641,806	7%
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	-	-	(36,189)	-	-	-	(36,189)	(196,585)	-	
Net Special Revenue	-	-	1,368,590	-	-	-	1,368,590	9,338,365	8,702,029	16%
Federal Grant Reimbursements	-	-	700,690	-	146,744	-	847,434	4,699,737	4,699,737	18%
Sales of Goods and Services	-	-	7,315	-	-	-	7,315	76,448	76,448	10%
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	15	-	33	-	-	-	49	1,107	1,107	4%
Other Refunds	-	-	4,623	-	-	-	4,623	121,616	121,616	4%
Perard Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,173	24,173	0%
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	91,612	-	-	-	91,612	247,320	247,320	37%
Miscellaneous Revenue (Fines, Rents, Donations)	56	-	21,053	-	1,300	-	22,409	162,541	162,541	14%
Transfers In	-	-	1,304	-	-	12,000	13,304	539,802	539,802	2%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>2,575,810</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>6,352,635</b>	<b>472,015</b>	<b>2,083,367</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>11,495,827</b>	<b>33,577,938</b>	<b>32,111,897</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>										
Salary and Personnel Expense	2,268,431	-	1,963,722	-	35,863	-	4,268,016	15,857,155	17,190,716	25%
Maintenance & Operations:										
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	4,505	-	21,493	-	91	-	26,089	155,657	-	
Printing & Advertising	65	-	1,043	-	-	-	1,109	30,089	-	
Repairing & Servicing	102,490	-	274,127	-	148	-	376,764	1,043,130	-	
Utilities & Rent	30,259	-	76,712	7,824	208	-	115,004	344,543	-	
Travel & Subsistence	1,085	-	23,274	-	2,306	-	26,665	152,916	-	
Professional Services & Fees	-	-	28,427	4,498	256	-	33,182	451,572	-	
Insurance & Bonds	690	-	164,416	-	-	-	165,106	232,513	-	
Other Expenses & Services	32,531	-	17,913	-	47	-	50,490	383,362	-	
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	78,198	-	253,112	-	24,706	-	356,016	1,987,052	-	
Refunds Taxes & Claims	0	-	(1,970)	-	-	-	(1,970)	48,772	-	
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	249,824	-	858,547	12,322	27,762	-	1,148,454	4,828,606	8,544,074	13%
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	140	52,058	-	53,557	12,000	117,755	4,880,258	2,199,563	5%
Capital Outlay	-	-	97,673	-	-	-	97,673	420,485	8,029,795	1%
Other Expenses	-	-	(6,984)	-	22,123	-	15,138	3,800	-	
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136,013	-	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,518,255</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2,865,015</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>139,304</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>5,647,037</b>	<b>26,127,318</b>	<b>38,582,660</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Other Items that Affect Cash Balance:</b>										
Transfers for Claims	38,290	-	406,504	-	-	-	444,895			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable Balance	-	-	500	-	-	-	500			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable Balance	-	-	-	-	22,122.68	-	22,123			
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>9,265</b>	<b>9,860</b>	<b>2,981,515</b>	<b>459,693</b>	<b>1,866,186</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,428,518</b>			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	General Revenue	Rural Fire Protection Program	Total	FY25 Actual	Fiscal Year 26 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY26 Budget
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>						
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	-	-	-	5,824	-	
General Revenue	2,565,738	10,000	2,575,738	10,142,362	10,972,371	23%
Special Revenue:						
Timber Severance Tax	-	-	-	-	-	
Acroage Tax	-	-	-	-	-	
Fire Protection/Suppression	-	-	-	-	-	
Timber Sales	-	-	-	-	-	
Seedling Sales	-	-	-	-	-	
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	
Federal Grant Reimbursements	-	-	-	559	559	
Sales of Goods and Services	-	-	-	-	-	
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	15	-	15	29	29	
Other Refunds	-	-	-	554	554	
Peard Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	24,173	24,173	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue	56	-	56	2	2	
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>2,565,810</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>2,575,810</b>	<b>10,173,603</b>		
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>						
Salary and Personnel Expense	2,268,431	-	2,268,431	8,309,947	8,160,070	28%
Maintenance & Operations:						
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	4,505	-	4,505	37,252		
Printing & Advertising	65	-	65	5,028		
Repairing & Servicing	102,490	-	102,490	426,701		
Utilities & Rent	30,259	-	30,259	148,789		
Travel & Subsistence	1,085	-	1,085	28,176		
Insurance & Bonds	690	-	690	115,448		
Other Expenses & Services	32,531	-	32,531	71,535		
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	78,198	-	78,198	525,326		
Refunds Taxes & Claims	0	-	0	28,520		
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	249,824	-	249,824	1,386,776	1,488,581	17%
Professional Services & Fees	-	-	-	-	-	
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	140	140	50,000	50,000	0%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,518,255</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2,518,395</b>	<b>9,746,723</b>	<b>9,708,651</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Other Items that Affect Cash Balance:</b>						
Transfers for Claims	38,290	-	38,290			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	-	-	-			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-	-			
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>9,285</b>	<b>9,860</b>	<b>19,125</b>			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	Forestry Special Revenue/Operating Fund	Foresters for Future Scholarships	Total	FY25 Actual	Fiscal Year 26 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY26 Budget
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>						
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	4,157,415	0	4,157,415	5,473,358	4,157,415	
General Revenue			-	-		
Special Revenue:			-	-		
Timber Severance Tax	1,007,350	-	1,007,350	3,720,906	3,781,658	27%
Acresage Tax	239,060	-	239,060	2,869,487	2,922,797	8%
Fire Protection/Suppression	-	-	-	-	-	
Timber Sales	45,377	-	45,377	1,523,613	518,194	9%
Seedling Sales	112,993	-	112,993	1,420,945	1,479,380	8%
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	(36,189)	-	(36,189)	(196,585)	-	
Net Special Revenue	1,368,590	-	1,368,590	9,338,365	8,702,028	
Federal Grant Reimbursements	700,690	-	700,690	2,246,988	2,246,988	31%
Sales of Goods and Services	7,315	-	7,315	76,448	76,448	10%
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	33	-	33	1,063	1,063	3%
Other Refunds	4,623	-	4,623	121,062	121,062	4%
Pcard Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	91,612	-	91,612	41,220	41,220	222%
Miscellaneous Revenue	21,053	-	21,053	158,789	158,789	13%
Transfers In	1,304	12,000	13,304	539,802	539,802	2%
			-	-		
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>6,352,835</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>6,364,835</b>	<b>17,897,095</b>	<b>16,044,617</b>	
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>						
Salary and Personnel Expense	1,963,722	-	1,963,722	7,397,930	8,880,869	22%
			-	-		
Maintenance & Operations:			-	-		
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	21,493	-	21,493	117,313		
Printing & Advertising	1,043	-	1,043	19,653		
Repairing & Servicing	274,127	-	274,127	604,751		
Utilities & Rent	76,712	-	76,712	194,837		
Travel & Subsistence	23,274	-	23,274	104,258		
Insurance & Bonds	164,416	-	164,416	117,065		
Other Expenses & Services	17,913	-	17,913	311,024		
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	253,112	-	253,112	1,167,710		
Refunds Taxes & Claims	(1,970)	-	(1,970)	20,252		
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	830,119	-	830,119	2,656,884	3,833,277	22%
			-	-		
Professional Services & Fees	28,427	-	28,427	241,515	258,512	11%
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	52,058	12,000	64,058	2,890,520	1,097,000	6%
Capital Outlay	97,673	-	97,673	193,864	791,795	12%
Other Expenses	(6,984)	-	(6,984)	0		
Debt Service	-	-	-	-		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,965,015</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>2,977,015</b>	<b>13,380,692</b>	<b>14,861,453</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Other Items that Affect Cash Balance:</b>						
Transfers for Claims	406,604	-	406,604			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	500	-	500			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-	-			
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>2,981,515</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,981,515</b>			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
TRUST FUNDS  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Forestry Trust Fund	Total	FY25 Actual	Fiscal Year 26 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY26 Budget
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>					
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	472,015	472,015	998,924	472,015	
General Revenue	-	-	-		
Special Revenue:					
Timber Severance Tax	-	-	-		
Acreage Tax	-	-	-	200,000	
Fire Protection/Suppression	-	-	-		
Timber Sales	-	-	-		
Seedling Sales	-	-	-	162,426	
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	-	-	-		
Net Special Revenue	-	-	-		
Federal Grant Reimbursements	-	-	-		
Sales of Goods and Services	-	-	-		
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	-	-	-		
Other Refunds	-	-	-		
Card Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-		
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	-		
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-		
Interest	-	-	-		
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>472,015</b>	<b>472,015</b>	<b>998,924</b>	<b>834,441</b>	<b>56.57%</b>
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>					
Salary and Personnel Expense	-	-	-		
Maintenance & Operations:					
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	-	-	-		
Printing & Advertising	-	-	-		
Repairing & Servicing	-	-	-		
Utilities & Rent	7,824	7,824	-		
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-		
Insurance & Bonds	-	-	-		
Other Expenses & Services	-	-	-		
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	-	-	176,620		
Refunds Taxes & Claims	-	-	-		
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	7,824	7,824	176,620	340,000	2%
Professional Services & Fees	4,498	4,498	207,417	305,000	1%
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	-	-		
Capital Outlay	-	-	6,859	450,000	0%
Other Expenses	-	-	-		
Debt Service	-	-	136,013		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>526,909</b>	<b>1,085,000</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Other Items that Affect Cash Balance:</b>					
Transfers for Claims	-	-			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	-	-			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-			
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>459,693</b>	<b>459,693</b>			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	FY26 Revenue & Expenses	Total	FY25 Actual	Fiscal Year 26 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY26 Budget
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>					
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	1,935,322	1,935,322	1,748,262	1,935,322	
General Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Special Revenue:	-	-	-	-	
Timber Severance Tax	-	-	-	-	
Acreage Tax	-	-	-	-	
Fire Protection/Suppression	-	-	-	-	
Timber Sales	-	-	-	-	
Seedling Sales	-	-	-	-	
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	-	-	-	-	
Net Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Federal Grant Reimbursements	146,744	146,744	2,452,189	2,452,189	6%
Sales of Goods and Services	-	-	-	-	
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	-	-	14	14	
Other Refunds	-	-	-	-	
Permit Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	206,100	206,100	
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,300	1,300	3,750	3,750	
Interest	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>2,083,367</b>	<b>2,083,367</b>	<b>4,408,315</b>	<b>4,597,376</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>					
Salary and Personnel Expense	35,863	35,863	149,278	149,777	24%
Maintenance & Operations:					
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	91	91	1,091	-	
Printing & Advertising	-	-	5,408	-	
Repairing & Servicing	148	148	11,678	-	
Utilities & Rent	208	208	917	-	
Travel & Subsistence	2,306	2,306	20,482	-	
Professional Services & Fees	256	256	2,640	-	
Insurance & Bonds	-	-	-	-	
Other Expenses & Services	47	47	803	-	
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	24,706	24,706	117,395	-	
Refunds Taxes & Claims	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	27,762	27,762	160,415	2,672,215	1%
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	53,557	53,557	1,939,738	1,052,563	5%
Capital Outlay	-	-	219,762	6,788,000	0%
Other Expenses	22,123	22,123	3,800	-	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>139,304</b>	<b>139,304</b>	<b>2,472,893</b>	<b>10,897,555</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Other Items that Affect Cash Balance:</b>					
Transfers for Claims	-	-	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	22,123	22,123	-	-	
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>1,966,186</b>	<b>1,966,186</b>			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT LOANS  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	FY 2026 Revenue & Expenses	Total	Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY26 Budget
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>				
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	411,200	411,200	411,200	
<b>General Revenue</b>				
Sales of Equipment to Volunteer Fire Departments	67,411	67,411	700,000	10%
Acreage Tax		-		
Fire Protection/Suppression		-		
Timber Sales		-		
Seedling Sales		-		
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges		-		
Net Special Revenue	67,411	67,411	700,000	
Other Refunds		-		
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds		-		
Interest		-		
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>478,611</b>	<b>478,611</b>	<b>1,111,200</b>	
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>				
Purchases of Equipment & Materials for Resale	111,214	111,214	1,200,000	9%
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operations:</b>				
Repairing & Servicing		-		
Utilities & Rent		-		
Travel & Subsistence		-		
Professional Services & Fees		-		
Insurance & Bonds		-		
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	-	-	-	
Professional Services & Fees		-		
Assistance, Grants, & Aid		-		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>111,214</b>	<b>111,214</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Other Items that Affect Cash Balance:</b>				
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable Balance	26,708	26,708		
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable Balance		-		
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>394,105</b>	<b>394,105</b>		

**ARKANSAS FORESTRY DIVISION**  
**YEAR - TO - YEAR CASH POSITION**  
**AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	<u>Balance as of July 1, 2019</u>	<u>Balance as of July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Balance as of July 1, 2021</u>	<u>Balance as of July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Balance as of July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30, 2025</u>	<u>Balance as of September 30, 2025</u>
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>	4,202,009	3,823,506	4,656,917	4,533,200	2,933,591	5,473,358	2,977,315	2,981,515
<b>TRUST FUND</b>	2,526,567	1,671,503	1,437,691	1,117,144	1,097,217	998,924	472,015	459,693
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>6,728,576</u>	<u>5,495,010</u>	<u>6,094,607</u>	<u>5,650,344</u>	<u>4,030,809</u>	<u>6,472,282</u>	<u>3,449,331</u>	<u>3,441,208</u>

**TIMBER SEVERANCE TAX  
FISCAL YEAR RECEIPTS  
MONTH BY MONTH RESULTS**

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
July	\$361,696	\$377,606	\$335,301	\$329,615	\$359,483	\$350,347	\$289,359	\$306,904
August	\$381,730	\$382,023	\$355,485	\$390,611	\$364,226	\$298,540	\$358,218	\$333,493
September	\$402,102	\$405,931	\$312,875	\$392,007	\$376,213	\$377,223	\$350,148	\$366,952
October	\$373,475	\$381,546	\$352,954	\$379,946	\$387,172	\$343,183	\$340,088	
November	\$395,515	\$398,117	\$384,846	\$401,437	\$368,942	\$319,509	\$364,531	
December	\$301,903	\$323,056	\$374,456	\$345,675	\$347,060	\$346,236	\$281,861	
January	\$268,683	\$395,064	\$357,037	\$402,170	\$282,698	\$326,994	\$317,079	
February	\$332,401	\$300,787	\$282,426	\$354,937	\$279,719	\$281,317	\$252,339	
March	\$339,267	\$474,022	\$250,950	\$298,685	\$244,275	\$308,245	\$277,500	
April	\$337,157	\$273,601	\$322,151	\$318,797	\$297,819	\$300,569	\$344,953	
May	\$286,053	\$262,455	\$303,996	\$275,210	\$254,434	\$291,981	\$268,184	
June	\$311,208	\$307,437	\$288,491	\$276,600	\$320,530	\$287,517	\$276,646	
<b>TOTAL FOR YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,145,528</b>	<b>\$1,165,560</b>	<b>\$1,003,661</b>	<b>\$1,112,232</b>	<b>\$1,099,922</b>	<b>\$1,026,110</b>	<b>\$997,724</b>	<b>\$1,007,350</b>

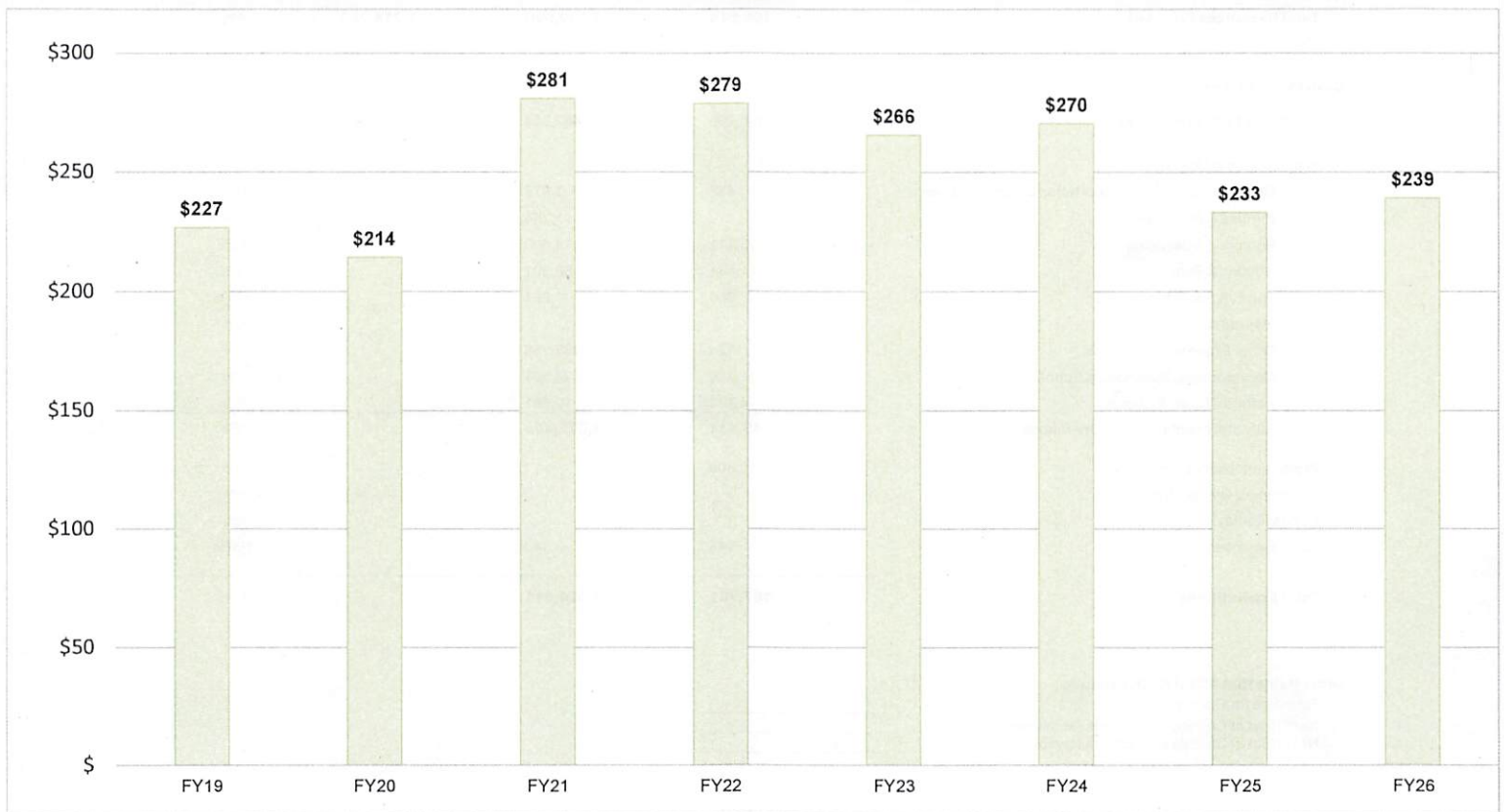
**TIMBER SEVERANCE TAX COLLECTIONS EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS  
YTD JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER**



**FIRE PROTECTION/ACREAGE TAX  
FISCAL YEAR RECEIPTS  
MONTH BY MONTH RESULTS**

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
July	\$103,334	\$125,612	\$140,637	\$133,592	\$139,258	\$141,691	\$120,696	\$121,301
August	\$39,389	\$33,581	\$59,485	\$59,891	\$44,685	\$59,734	\$39,681	\$49,328
September	\$84,007	\$55,125	\$80,827	\$85,343	\$81,690	\$68,993	\$72,671	\$68,432
October	\$206,724	\$282,782	\$244,113	\$268,485	\$269,243	\$232,475	\$327,355	\$327,355
November	\$824,079	\$667,351	\$799,986	\$649,492	\$508,895	\$657,753	\$619,884	\$619,884
December	\$646,537	\$536,199	\$456,052	\$428,228	\$590,027	\$686,795	\$711,455	\$711,455
January	\$417,770	\$665,841	\$643,964	\$750,229	\$563,604	\$495,657	\$393,241	\$393,241
February	\$33,340	\$14,476	\$11,329	\$13,052	\$194,143	\$28,374	\$53,596	\$53,596
March	\$16,818	\$16,589	\$23,448	\$20,751	\$19,474	\$43,150	\$34,596	\$34,596
April	\$140,455	\$118,505	\$134,900	\$147,196	\$169,015	\$195,755	\$182,387	\$182,387
May	\$166,228	\$135,186	\$184,718	\$208,325	\$192,402	\$159,428	\$154,677	\$154,677
June	\$122,471	\$117,403	\$113,667	\$127,315	\$114,688	\$152,991	\$159,248	\$159,248
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$226,730</b>	<b>\$214,319</b>	<b>\$280,949</b>	<b>\$278,826</b>	<b>\$265,633</b>	<b>\$270,418</b>	<b>\$233,048</b>	<b>\$239,060</b>

**ACREAGE TAX COLLECTIONS -EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS  
YTD JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER**



**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
BAUCUM NURSERY  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Baucum Nursery FY26 Actual Revenue & Expenses	Baucum Nursery FY25 Actual Revenue & Expenses	Fiscal Year 26 Budget	% of FY25 Actual
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>				
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	55,653	191,835	55,653	
General Revenue				
Special Revenue:				
Timber Severance Tax				
Acreage Tax				
Fire Protection/Suppression				
Timber Sales			21,310	
Seedling Sales	112,993	1,420,945	1,641,806	8%
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges	(1,695)	(21,314)		
Net Special Revenue	111,298	1,399,631	1,663,116	8%
Federal Grant Reimbursements	-	-	-	
Sales of Goods and Services	-	-	-	
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	-	436	-	0%
Other Refunds	-	143	-	0%
Peard Incentive Proceeds	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue	(2)	44	-	-4%
Interest				
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>166,949</b>	<b>1,592,090</b>	<b>1,718,769</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>				
Salary and Personnel Expense	106,795	462,324	-	23%
Maintenance & Operations:				
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	438	1,677	-	26%
Printing & Advertising	-	1,764	-	0%
Repairing & Servicing	13,711	114,600	-	12%
Utilities & Rent	11,586	38,201	-	30%
Travel & Subsistence	900	281	-	320%
Insurance & Bonds	-	-	-	0%
Other Expenses & Services	124	330,738	-	0%
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	17,486	574,501	-	3%
Refunds Taxes & Claims	4,189	10,681	-	39%
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	48,434	1,072,444	-	5%
Professional Services & Fees	12,408	-	-	0%
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	-	-	0%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	0%
Other Expenses	143	143	-	100%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>167,781</b>	<b>1,534,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Other Items that Affect Cash Balance:</b>				
Transfers for Claims	-	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-	-	
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>(832)</b>			

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS  
CASH FUNDS  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Cash Reg Foresters Operation	Total	FY25 Actual	Fiscal Year 26 Budget	Percentage of Budget Received or Consumed compared to FY25 actual
<b>Cash Resources Provided (Receipts)</b>					
Cash Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025	141,568	141,568	124,695	141,568	
General Revenue					
Special Revenue:					
Application Fees	160	160	1,072	1,150	15%
Testing Fees	-	-	270	120	0%
Registration Fees	60	60	310	440	19%
Renewal Fees	30	30	12,253	11,210	0%
Interest	1,216	1,216	4,532	908	27%
Penalties	21	21	333	240	6%
Less: Treasurer of State Service Charges					
Net Special Revenue	1,487	1,487	18,769	14,069	
Other Fees	-	-	-	3	
Federal Grant Reimbursements	-	-	-	200	
Marketing & Redistribution Sale Proceeds	-	-	-	21	
Pcard Incentivo Proceeds	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Program Proceeds	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	10	
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Resources Provided</b>	<b>143,055</b>	<b>143,055</b>	<b>143,464</b>	<b>155,871</b>	
<b>Cash Expenditures</b>					
Salary and Personnel Expense	-	-	-	40,064	
Maintenance & Operations:					
Communication & Transportation of Commodities	-	-	-		
Printing & Advertising	-	-	-		
Repairing & Servicing	-	-	-		
Utilities & Rent	-	-	-		
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-		
Professional Services & Fees	-	-	-		
Insurance & Bonds	-	-	50		0%
Other Expenses & Services	100	100	-		
Commodities, Materials, & Supplies	-	-	-		
Refunds Taxes & Claims	-	-	10		
Subtotal Maintenance & Operations	100	100	60	6,104	167%
Debt Service	-	-	-		
Capital Outlay	-	-	-		
Assistance, Grants, & Aid	-	-	1,000		
Other Expenses	-	-	-		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>46,168</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Other Items:</b>					
Transfers for Claims	-	-			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Receivable	-	-			
Net Effect of Change in Accounts Payable	-	-			
<b>Cash Ending Balance, September 30, 2025</b>	<b>142,955</b>	<b>142,955</b>			