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## Virginia Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station (229)

219.	Educational and General Programs (10000)			\$85,794,415 \$85,943,814	\$76,584,016 \$77,078,426
	Higher Education Research (100102)	\$41,067,112	\$32,856,713		
	-	\$41,216,511	\$33,351,123		
	Higher Education Public Services (100103)	\$43,396,026	\$42,396,026		
	Higher Education Academic Support (100104)	\$766,427	\$766,427		
	Operation and Maintenance of Plant (100107)	\$564,850	\$564,850		
	Fund Sources: General	\$62,497,469	<del>\$58,043,444</del>		
			<i>\$58,537,854</i>		
	Higher Education Operating	<del>\$23,296,946</del>	\$18,540,572		
		\$23,446,345			

Authority: § 23-132.1 through § 23-132.11, Code of Virginia.

- A. Appropriations for this agency shall include operating expenses for research and investigations, and the several regional and county agricultural experiment stations under its control, in accordance with law.
- B.1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Cooperative Extension Service give highest priority to programs and services which comprised the original mission of the Extension Service, especially agricultural programs at the local level. The University shall ensure that the service utilizes information technology to the extent possible in the delivery of programs.
- 2. The budget of this agency shall include and separately account for local payments. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, in conjunction with Virginia State University, shall report, by fund source, actual expenditures for each program area and total actual expenditures for the agency, annually, by September 1, to the Department of Planning and Budget and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees. The report shall include all expenditures from local support funds.
- C. The Virginia Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station shall not charge a fee for testing the soil on property used for commercial farming.
- D. The appropriation for the fund source Higher Education Operating in this Item shall be considered a sum sufficient appropriation, which is an estimate of the amount of revenues to be collected for the educational and general program under the terms of the management agreement between Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commonwealth, as set forth in Chapters 933 and 943, of the 2006 Acts of Assembly.
- E. Out of this appropriation, \$4,756,374 \$4,905,773 the first year from nongeneral funds is provided to support educational and general programs. The source of the nongeneral funds is the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This funding is intended to moderate the general fund reductions to the institution. The institution is

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authorized to spend this funding in either the first year or the first quarter of the second year. Prior to release of this funding, the institution shall provide a plan to the Governor delineating the use of this funding to be used for educational and general program funding and the year it will be spent. In addition, the plan shall include anticipated tuition and fee increases for the first and second year of the biennium. The amounts appropriated are an estimate, and may be modified by the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, depending on final budget reduction actions taken to higher education and public education in the final budget bill enacted for the 2008-10 biennium.

F. Virginia Cooperative Extension shall report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, Chairmen of the Agriculture and Natural Resource Committees of the House and Senate,§ the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry and to the Secretary of Education on the results of its strategic planning process that is based on consultation with relevant industries and organizations, and that (1) places priority on the historic mission of extension to fulfill the land-grant mission in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, (2) defines programming, locations, and funding sources, (3) addresses potential duplication of effort with state and local agencies, (4) eliminates low-priority programs, and (5) seeks to restructure and consolidate local offices in a manner that is financially and logistically beneficial while preserving delivery of critical programs in high priority areas.