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**Implementation of FY09 GF-S Reductions**

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ESHB 1694 was signed into law on February 18, 2009, reducing the Department of Agriculture's General Fund-State appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009 by \$1.65 million.

**Total FY09 GF-S appropriation (as of 4/1/08) \$14,542,000**

Governor-Directed Freeze	- \$740,000
Governor-Directed 1% Cut	- \$118,000
Governor-Directed November Reductions	- \$573,000
Additional Legislature-Directed Reduction	<u>-\$222,000</u>
<b>Total FY09 GF-S Reduction</b>	<b>- \$1,653,000</b>

**Criteria used to determine reductions**

- Preserve core activities
- Pull back on new or expanded programs, as possible
- Reduce/suspend/eliminate one-time and lower priority activities
- Use other funds in lieu of GF-S whenever practical
- Reduce operational costs, as possible

Reduction	FY09 GF-S Budget	FY09 GF-S Reduction
<b>• Pull back on new or expanded programs</b>		
- Farm-to-School program (delayed start-up, reduce by 1 FTE)*	\$ 290,000	\$ 142,000
- Biofuels Quality Assurance (reduce by 1 FTE)*	99,000	50,000
- Weed control grants*	250,000	25,000
<b>• Suspend/eliminate one-time and lower priority activities</b>		
- Heart of Washington program*	200,000	124,000
- Market Promotion/Trade Barrier grants*	250,000	40,000
- Targeted industry-assistance projects (wine, asparagus)*	480,000	366,000
- Ag Worker training (one-time funding)	250,000	88,000
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions – ESSB 2815 (one-time funding)	57,000	32,000
<b>• Use other funds in lieu of GF-S whenever practical</b>		
- Commercial Feed program*	77,000	77,000
- Administrative Services (one-time)	2.4 million	136,000
<b>• One-time savings across the agency</b>		
- Includes holding vacancies, delaying equipment purchases, and managing variances	-	573,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,653,000</b>

\* = Early implementation of recommended 2009-11 reduction

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