



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

The mission of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries is to create a positive business climate for competitive, market-responsive, environmentally and socially sustainable agriculture, food and fisheries sectors and safeguard BC's ability to provide safe and high-quality agriculture and food products for consumers.

MINISTRY SUMMARY

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	Estimates 2004/05 ¹	Estimates 2005/06
VOTED APPROPRIATION		
Vote 10 — Ministry Operations.....	43,290	46,000
STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS		
Production Insurance Special Account.....	—	16,000
Less: Transfer from Ministry Operations Vote.....	—	(5,400)
OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>43,290</u>	<u>56,600</u>
PREPAID CAPITAL ADVANCES ²	—	—
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ³	1,857	1,923
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ⁴	(765)	(629)
REVENUE COLLECTED FOR, AND TRANSFERRED TO, OTHER ENTITIES ⁵	—	—
FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT ⁶	326	330

NOTES

¹ For comparative purposes only, figures shown for 2004/05 expense, FTEs and capital expenditures have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2005/06 Estimates. Schedule A presents a detailed reconciliation.

² Details of prepaid capital advances are presented in Schedule C.

³ Details of capital expenditures are presented in Schedule D.

⁴ Details of loans, investments and other requirements are presented in Schedule E.

⁵ Details of revenue collected for, and transferred to, other entities are presented in Schedule F.

⁶ Details of FTEs are presented in Schedule G.

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CORE BUSINESS SUMMARY

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	2004/05	2005/06 ESTIMATES		
	Net	Gross	External Recoveries	Net
OPERATING EXPENSE				
Core Business				
Industry Competitiveness.....	4,540	4,858	(17)	4,841
Fisheries and Aquaculture Management.....	4,702	6,418	(2)	6,416
Food Safety and Quality.....	3,854	7,452	(3,428)	4,024
Environmental Sustainability and Resource Development.....	2,546	6,996	(4,499)	2,497
Risk Management (includes special account).....	19,597	32,311	(1,641)	30,670
Executive and Support Services.....	8,051	8,227	(75)	8,152
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	43,290	66,262	(9,662)	56,600
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				
Core Business				
Industry Competitiveness.....	22	22	—	22
Fisheries and Aquaculture Management.....	483	483	—	483
Food Safety and Quality.....	346	346	—	346
Environmental Sustainability and Resource Development.....	812	812	—	812
Risk Management.....	106	172	—	172
Executive and Support Services.....	88	88	—	88
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	1,857	1,923	—	1,923
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS				
Core Business				
Industry Competitiveness.....	(765)	—	(629)	(629)
Risk Management.....	—	—	—	—
TOTAL LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.....	(765)	—	(629)	(629)

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OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS

\$000

	Estimates 2004/05	Estimates 2005/06
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VOTE 10 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS

This vote provides for ministry programs and operations described in the voted appropriations under the following six core businesses: Industry Competitiveness, Fisheries and Aquaculture Management, Food Safety and Quality, Environmental Sustainability and Resource Development, Risk Management, and Executive and Support Services.

INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS

Voted Appropriation

Industry Competitiveness.....	4,540	4,841
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for agriculture, food and fisheries industry competitiveness programs and includes work in partnership with agriculture, agri-food and fisheries organizations to provide advice on competitiveness issues affecting the production, marketing and business management of the agriculture, food and fisheries sector; internal to government advocacy on behalf of the agriculture, food and fish sectors to improve the business climate in which the sector operates; assembly and dissemination of technical information to producers and other agencies; the provincial component of the 4-H program, agriculture, food and fisheries research and innovation projects, and related food quality initiatives; the administration of Industry Loan Guarantee Programs under the *Financial Administration Act*; and administration of Agricultural Land Development Assistance loan assets under the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendments Act, 2003*. This sub-vote also provides for industry development and renewal initiatives and trusts. Recoveries are received from the federal government and parties external to government for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT

Voted Appropriation

Fisheries and Aquaculture Management.....	4,702	6,416
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for technical review of applications for tenure and for the licensing and enforcement of regulations as required under the *Fisheries Act* and the *Fisheries Inspection Act*; administration of relevant sections of the *Fisheries Act*; licensing and regulation of finfish and shellfish aquaculture; development and diversification of the fisheries and aquaculture (seafood) sectors; development and support of mechanisms to promote and improve the understanding of issues associated with fisheries management, including aquaculture in the marine environment, and with the sustainability of wild salmon stocks and aquaculture for coastal communities; and the development of strategies to create jobs and enhance the competitiveness of British Columbia's seafood products. Recoveries are received from the federal government and parties external to government for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.

FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY

Voted Appropriation

Food Safety and Quality.....	3,854	4,024
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for animal and plant health diagnostic and surveillance services; for inspection and/or licensing of dairy farms, game farms, fur farms, poultry processors, apiaries and crops; licensing of sale yard operations and production and sale of veterinary drugs; transfers to various agencies for pest management, food quality/safety and veterinary services; transfers in support of agriculture and food research; assembly and dissemination of technical information (on food safety and quality and plant and animal health) to producers and other agencies; and agriculture, food and fish research and demonstration projects plus related environmental, industry competitiveness and risk management initiatives. Recoveries are received from parties external to government for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Voted Appropriation

Environmental Sustainability and Resource Development.....	2,546	2,497
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides services and programs to initiate, plan, coordinate and implement province-wide land and water policies and services for soil management, waste management and water management; administration of the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*; cooperation with the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management to enhance sustainable resource development opportunities throughout the province, and support to joint planning with local governments to achieve growth of the agriculture and aquaculture sectors. Recoveries are received from the federal government and parties external to government for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.

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OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS (Continued)

\$000

	Estimates 2004/05	Estimates 2005/06
RISK MANAGEMENT		
Voted Appropriations		
National Safety Net Programs.....	18,603	19,079
BC Farm Industry Review Board.....	994	991
	<u>19,597</u>	<u>20,070</u>
Statutory Appropriation		
Production Insurance Special Account.....	—	16,000
Transfer from Ministry Operations Vote.....	—	(5,400)
	<u>19,597</u>	<u>30,670</u>
Voted Appropriations Description: This sub-vote provides for management of provincial and federal-provincial agricultural risk management programs and insurance schemes and funding of programs and trusts. This sub-vote also provides for the operation of the Farm Industry Review Board which is responsible for supervising the operations of the marketing boards and commissions formed under the <i>Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act</i> , hearing related appeals on regulated marketing issues and for hearing complaints and conducting inquiries related to farm practices under the <i>Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act</i> . Recoveries are received from the federal government and parties external to government for ministry services and programs provided for in this sub-vote. Recoveries may be received by the Farm Industry Review Board from parties external to government if costs are assessed against a party to a regulated marketing appeal.		
Statutory Appropriations Description: This statutory appropriation provides for the Production Insurance Account which is governed under the <i>Special Accounts Appropriations and Control Act</i> . Authority to operate the Production Insurance scheme is derived from the <i>Insurance for Crops Act</i> .		
EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES		
Voted Appropriations		
Minister's Office.....	390	390
Corporate Services.....	7,661	7,762
	<u>8,051</u>	<u>8,152</u>
Voted Appropriations Description: This sub-vote provides for the minister's office including salaries, benefits, allowances and operating expenses of the minister's staff; the executive direction and administrative services for the operating programs of the ministry, including financial administration and budget coordination, strategic and business planning and reporting, human resources, office management and accommodation, information systems and freedom of information, protection of privacy and records management; and the establishment of strategic directions, policy development, economic and statistical analysis, legislative programs and trade and intergovernmental relations. Recoveries are received from the federal government and parties external to government for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.		
VOTE 10 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS	43,290	46,000
STATUTORY — SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	—	16,000

MINISTRY GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY

GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION

Salaries and Benefits	22,451	23,289
Operating Costs	10,880	11,312
Government Transfers	18,478	15,267
Other Expenses	324	16,394
External Recoveries	(8,843)	(9,662)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE.....	<u>43,290</u>	<u>56,600</u>

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SPECIAL ACCOUNT¹

\$000

PRODUCTION INSURANCE

This account is established as a special account effective April 1, 2005 by section 9.2 of the *Special Account Appropriations and Control Act* and replaces the Crop Insurance Fund created by a regulation under the *Insurance for Crops Act*. The Production Insurance Program, through an insurance scheme, stabilizes farm income by minimizing, at an individual level, the detrimental economic effects of crop losses due to uncontrollable natural perils. The purpose of this account is to receive production insurance premiums from the federal government, the province, and producers. This account also receives interest on accumulated funds. Expenses include indemnification payments to producers, reinsurance premiums to third parties, and any costs of adjustments. No financing transactions are provided for under this account.

	Estimates 2004/05	Estimates 2005/06
SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR².....	—	28,000
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Revenue.....	—	16,000
Expense.....	—	(16,000)
Net Revenue (Expense).....	—	—
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Loans, Investments and Other Requirements		
Receipts.....	—	—
Disbursements - Capital.....	—	—
Disbursements - Other.....	—	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	—	—
PROJECTED SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR².....	—	28,000

NOTES

¹ A Special Account is an account in the General Fund where the authorization to spend money from the account is located in an Act other than the *Supply Act*.

² The Projected Spending Authority Available represents the cash and temporary investments projected to be available at the end of the fiscal year. The Spending Authority Available at the beginning of the fiscal year 2005/06 is based on an estimate.

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LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS BY CORE BUSINESS

\$000

Estimates	Estimates
2004/05	2005/06

INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS

AGRICULTURE CREDIT ACT — Receipts represent principal repayments on outstanding loans issued under the *Agriculture Credit Act* which was terminated on March 31, 1995. The *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendments Act, 2003*, provides the provisions for the loan repayments.

Receipts.....	765	629
Disbursements.....	—	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	<u>765</u>	<u>629</u>

RISK MANAGEMENT

PRODUCTION INSURANCE STABILIZATION — Disbursements are provided to cover deficits in the Production Insurance Trust Account that may arise due to payment of indemnity claims in excess of premiums and other revenue in the trust account. These advances are fully recovered from Production Insurance Program premium revenue in subsequent years (receipts). The Production Insurance Trust Account was dissolved on March 31, 2005 and has been replaced with the Production Insurance Special Account.

Receipts.....	3,000	—
Disbursements.....	<u>3,000</u>	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>