



TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION
AUSTIN, TEXAS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
August 31, 2014

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Executive Director

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TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Austin, Texas
For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2014

DEE B. ELLIS, D.V.M., M.P.A.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Executive Director

November 5, 2014

Honorable Rick Perry, Governor
Honorable Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller
Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board
John Keel, CPA, State Auditor

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit the annual financial report of the Texas Animal Health Commission for the year ended Aug. 31, 2014, in compliance with Texas Government Code Annotated, Section 2101.011, and in accordance with the requirements established by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Due to the statewide requirements embedded in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 34, the Comptroller of Public Accounts does not require the accompanying annual financial report to comply with all the requirements in this statement. The financial report will be considered for audit by the state auditor as part of the audit of the State of Texas Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR); therefore, an opinion has not been expressed on the financial statements and related information contained in this report.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Hilker at (512) 719-0752. Ms. Hilker may also be contacted for questions related to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Sincerely,

Dee B. Ellis, D.V.M., M.P.A.
Executive Director

Brandon Bouma
William Edmiston, Jr., D.V.M.
Ken Jordan
Thomas G. Kezar
Joe L. Leathers
Coleman H. Locke

COMMISSIONERS:

Thomas E. Oates
Ralph Simmons
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Exhibit I - Combined Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Assets -
Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2014

	General Funds	Governmental Funds Total
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Temporary Investments		
Cash in Bank	30,000.00	30,000.00
Cash in State Treasury	-	-
Legislative Appropriations	1,810,830.93	1,810,830.93
Consumable Inventories	155,391.81	155,391.81
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 1,996,222.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,222.74</u>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital Assets:		
Non-Depreciable		
Depreciable		
Furniture and Equipment		
Accumulated Depreciation		
Other Assets		
Accumulated Depreciation		
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,996,222.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,222.74</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current Liabilities:		
Payables from		
Accounts Payable	340,097.43	340,097.43
Payroll Payable	791,577.15	791,577.15
Due to Other Agencies	-	-
Employees Compensable Leave	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,131,674.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,674.58</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Employees Compensable Leave		
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,131,674.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,674.58</u>
Fund Financial Statement-Fund Balances		
Fund Balances (Deficits):		
Nonspendable for:		
Inventories	\$ 155,391.81	155,391.81
Unassigned	709,156.35	709,156.35
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 864,548.16</u>	<u>\$ 864,548.16</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,996,222.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,222.74</u>

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Exhibit II - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances/Statement of Activities - Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2014

	General Funds	Governmental Funds Total
REVENUES		
Legislative Appropriations:		
Original Appropriations	\$ 8,057,805.00	\$ 8,057,805.00
Additional Appropriations	1,666,016.71	1,666,016.71
Federal	2,657,429.02	2,657,429.02
Federal Pass-Through	55,210.09	55,210.09
License, Fees and Permits	447,403.16	447,403.16
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 12,883,863.98</u>	<u>\$ 12,883,863.98</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,064,395.44	\$ 7,064,395.44
Payroll Related Costs	2,063,213.26	2,063,213.26
Professional Fees and Services	58,886.62	58,886.62
Travel	606,654.83	606,654.83
Materials and Supplies	875,716.01	875,716.01
Communication and Utilities	260,093.21	260,093.21
Repairs and Maintenance	146,950.57	146,950.57
Rentals & Leases	534,785.90	534,785.90
Printing and Reproduction	11,721.61	11,721.61
Public Assistance Payments	(19,772.34)	(19,772.34)
Other Expenditures	282,995.38	282,995.38
Capital Outlay	469,238.96	469,238.96
Depreciation Expense	-	-
Total Expenditures/Expenses	<u>\$ 12,354,879.45</u>	<u>\$ 12,354,879.45</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 528,984.53</u>	<u>\$ 528,984.53</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Operating Transfers Out	(284,406.00)	(284,406.00)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>\$ (284,406.00)</u>	<u>\$ (284,406.00)</u>
Net change in fund balances/net assets	<u>\$ 244,578.53</u>	<u>\$ 244,578.53</u>
Fund Financial Statement-Fund Balances		
Fund Balances--Beginning, Sept. 1, 2013	\$ 629,120.30	\$ 629,120.30
Restatements	-	-
Fund Balances, September 1, 2013, as Restated	<u>629,120.30</u>	<u>629,120.30</u>
Appropriations Lapsed	(9,150.67)	(9,150.67)
Fund Balances--August 31, 2014	<u>\$ 864,548.16</u>	<u>\$ 864,548.16</u>

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Exhibit VI
Combined Statement of Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds
August 31, 2014

	Agency Funds (Exh J-1)	Total
ASSETS		
Cash in State Treasury	8,346.72	8,346.72
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,346.72</u>	<u>\$ 8,346.72</u>
LIABILITIES		
Vouchers Payable	\$ -	-
Funds Held for Others	8,346.72	8,346.72
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 8,346.72</u>	<u>\$ 8,346.72</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Not required.

NOTE 2: CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in General Fixed Assets for the year ended August 31, 2014, is presented below.

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					Balance 08/31/14
	Balance 09/01/13	Adjustments	Reclassi- fication	Additions	Deletions	
Governmental						
Activities:						
Depreciable Assets						
Furniture and Equipment	631,845.89	5,047.00		294,560.96	(17,365.72)	914,088.13
Vehicles	987,172.61			174,678.00		1,161,850.61
Total depreciable assets						
at historical cost:	1,619,018.50	5,047.00	-	469,238.96	(17,365.72)	2,075,938.74
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Furniture and Equipment	(443,494.17)	(360.48)		(70,040.67)	17,365.72	(496,529.60)
Vehicles	(523,556.76)			(140,389.62)		(663,946.38)
Total accumulated depreciation	(967,050.93)	(360.48)	-	(210,430.29)	17,365.72	(1,160,475.98)
Depreciable assets, net	651,967.57	4,686.52	-	258,808.67	-	915,462.76
Amortized Assets-Intangible						
Software	36,805.39					36,805.39
Total amortized assets - Intangible:	36,805.39					36,805.39
Less accumulated amortization for:						
Software	(36,805.39)					(36,805.39)
Total accumulated amortization	(36,805.39)		-			(36,805.39)
Amortizable assets, net	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governmental activities						
Total Governmental activities	\$651,967.57	\$ 4,686.52	\$ -	\$ 258,808.67	\$ -	\$ 915,462.76

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NOTE 3: DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, & REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Texas Animal Health Commission is authorized to maintain travel advance and petty cash funds for the central office and petty cash funds for each of the seven field offices and the four laboratories.

The Texas Animal Health Commission is authorized by statute to make investments following the “prudent person rule.” There were no significant violations of legal provisions during the period.

All deposits are within limits for coverage by depository insurance.

Deposits of Cash in Bank

As of August 31, 2014, the carrying amount of deposits was zero.

Governmental Activities

<u>Cash in Bank – Carrying Value</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
<u>Cash in Bank per AFR</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
<u>Governmental Funds Current Assets Cash in Bank</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
<u>Cash in Bank per AFR</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

Investments

The Texas Animal Health Commission does not participate in investments.

NOTE 4: SHORT-TERM DEBT

Not applicable

NOTE 5: SUMMARY OF LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended August 31, 2014, the following changes occurred in liabilities.

Governmental Activities	Balance 09/01/13	Additions	(Reductions)	Balance 08/31/14	Amounts Due Within One Year
Compensable Leave	\$1,289,539.15	\$1,104,096.86	(\$965,168.25)	\$1,428,467.76	\$744,945.29
Total Governmental Activities	\$1,289,539.15	\$1,104,096.86	(\$965,168.25)	\$1,428,467.76	\$744,945.29

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Employees' Compensable Leave

A state employee is entitled to be paid for all unused vacation time accrued, in the event of the employee's resignation, dismissal, or separation from state employment, provided the employee has had continuous employment with the state for six months. Expenditures for accumulated annual leave balances are recognized in the period paid or taken in governmental fund types. For these fund types, the liability for unpaid benefits is recorded in the Statement of Net Assets. An expense and liability for proprietary fund types are recorded in the proprietary funds as the benefits accrue to employees. No liability is recorded for non-vesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.

NOTE 6: BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Non-Applicable

NOTE 7: CAPITAL LEASES

Non-Applicable

NOTE 8: OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Included in the expenditures reported in the financial statements are the following amounts of rent paid or due under operating lease obligations.

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	\$ 444,308.16

Future minimum lease rental payments under non-cancellable operating leases having an initial term in excess of one year are as follows:

<u>For the year ended August 31</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$ 369,899.40
2016	335,484.92
2017	281,768.36
2018	277,368.36
2019	185,114.41
2020-2024	490,888.25
2025-2029	0.00
Total future minimum lease payments	\$ 1,940,523.70

NOTE 9: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLANS

Not Required

NOTE 10: DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Not Required

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NOTE 11: POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

Not Required

NOTE 12: INTERFUND BALANCES

As explained in Note 1 on Interfund Activities and Balances there are numerous transactions between funds and agencies. At year-end amounts to be received or paid are reported as:

- Interfund Receivables or Interfund Payables
- Due From Other Agencies or Due to Other Agencies
- Due From Other Funds or Due to Other Funds
- Transfers In or Transfers Out.
- Legislative Transfers In or Legislative Transfers Out

The agency experienced routine transfers with other state agencies, which were consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer. Repayment of interfund balances will occur within one year from the date of the financial statement.

Individual balances and activity at August 31, 2014, follows:

Total Operating Transfers (Exh II)	<u>Operating Transfers-In</u>	<u>Operating Transfers-Out</u>
<u>GAAP Fund 0001</u>		
Agency 902, Fund 0001		\$ 284,406.00
Total Transfers		<u>\$ 284,406.00</u>

NOTE 13: CONTINUANCE SUBJECT TO REVIEW

The Texas Animal Health Commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the Commission is abolished and this Act expires September 1, 2019. If abolished, the Commission may continue until September 1, 2020 to close out its operations.

NOTE 14: ADJUSTMENT OF FUND BALANCES/NET ASSETS

Non-Applicable

NOTE 15: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Non-Applicable

NOTE 16: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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NOTE 17: RISK MANAGEMENT

Non-Applicable

NOTE 18: MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Non-Applicable

NOTE 19: THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY & JOINT VENTURE

Non-Applicable

NOTE 20: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Non-Applicable

NOTE 21:

Non-Applicable

NOTE 22: DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS

Non-Applicable

NOTE 23: SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

Non-Applicable

NOTE 24: DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE BALANCES

Non-Applicable

NOTE 25: TERMINATION BENEFITS

Not Required

NOTE 26: SEGMENT INFORMATION

Not Required

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Exhibit J-1
 Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities - Agency Funds
 August 31, 2014

	Beginning Balance September 1, 2013	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance August 31, 2014
Child Support Employee Deduction Fund 0807				
ASSETS				
Cash in State Treasury	2,067.46	28,840.98	28,928.98	1,979.46
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,067.46</u>	<u>\$ 28,840.98</u>	<u>\$ 28,928.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,979.46</u>
LIABILITIES				
Vouchers Payable		26,861.52	26,861.52	-
Funds Held for Others	2,067.46	28,840.98	28,928.98	1,979.46
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,067.46</u>	<u>\$ 55,702.50</u>	<u>\$ 55,790.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,979.46</u>
Direct Deposit Fund 0980				
ASSETS				
Cash in State Treasury	-	6,367.26	-	6,367.26
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,367.26</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,367.26</u>
LIABILITIES				
Funds Held for Others	-	6,367.26	0.00	6,367.26
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,367.26</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,367.26</u>
Unappropriated Fund 1000				
ASSETS				
Cash in State Treasury	-	319,747.00	319,747.00	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 319,747.00</u>	<u>\$ 319,747.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
LIABILITIES				
Funds Held for Others	-	319,747.00	319,747.00	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 319,747.00</u>	<u>\$ 319,747.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total				
ASSETS				
Cash in State Treasury	2,067.46	354,955.24	348,675.98	8,346.72
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,067.46</u>	<u>\$ 354,955.24</u>	<u>\$ 348,675.98</u>	<u>\$ 8,346.72</u>
LIABILITIES				
Vouchers Payable		26,861.52	26,861.52	-
Funds Held for Others	2,067.46	354,955.24	348,675.98	8,346.72
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,067.46</u>	<u>\$ 381,816.76</u>	<u>\$ 375,537.50</u>	<u>\$ 8,346.72</u>

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SCHEDULE 1A
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2014

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	IDENTIFYING NUMBER	Pass AGY./ UNIV. #	Through From AGENCIES OR UNIV. AMOUNT
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
<u>Direct Programs:</u>				
Plant and Animal Disease				
Pest Control and Animal Care	10.025			
<u>Pass Through From</u>				
Plant and Animal Disease				
Pest Control and Animal Care				
<u>Pass Through From:</u>				
West Texas A&M University	10.025		757	\$49,154.92
Totals - U.S. Department of Agriculture				\$49,154.92
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
<u>Pass Through From</u>				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)				
<u>Pass Through From:</u>				
Department of Public Safety	97.036		405	\$6,055.17
Totals - U.S. Department of Homeland Security				\$6,055.17
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$55,210.09

Note 1: The Texas Animal Health Commission does not have Nonmonetary Assistance for Commodities/Surplus Property
 Note 2: Below is a reconciliation of the total of federal pass through and federal expenditures as reported on the Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance to the total of federal revenues and federal grant pass through revenues as reported in the general-purpose financial statements. Generally, federal funds are not earned expended; therefore federal revenues equal federal expenditures for the reporting period.

Federal Revenues (Exh II)	\$2,657,429.02
Federal Pass Thru Revenue (Exh II)	\$55,210.09
Total Pass Thru and Expenditures per Federal Schedule	\$2,712,639.11

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DIRECT PROGRAM AMOUNT	TOTAL PT FROM & DIRECT PROGRAM	Pass AGY./ UNIV. #	Through AGENCIES OR UNIV. AMOUNT	To NON-STATE ENTITIES AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES AMOUNT	TOTAL PT FROM & EXPENDITURES
\$2,657,429.02	\$2,657,429.02				\$2,657,429.02	\$2,657,429.02
	\$49,154.92				\$49,154.92	\$49,154.92
\$2,657,429.02	\$2,706,583.94				\$2,706,583.94	\$2,706,583.94
	\$6,055.17				\$6,055.17	\$6,055.17
	\$6,055.17				\$6,055.17	\$6,055.17
\$2,657,429.02	\$2,712,639.11				\$2,712,639.11	\$2,712,639.11

Note 3: The Texas Animal Health Commission does not have Student Loans Processed and Administrative Cost Recovered.

Note 4: The Texas Animal Health Commission does not have Depository Libraries for Governmental Publications.

Note 5: The Texas Animal Health Commission does not have Unemployment Insurance Funds.

Note 6: The Texas Animal Health Commission does not have Rebates for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children

Note 7: The Texas Animal Health Commission does not have Deferred Federal Revenues

Note 8: The Texas Animal Health Commission does not participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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ADDENDUM I

ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL COMMENTS

In 1893 the Texas Legislature established the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission to fight the tick fever epidemic which threatened to cripple the economic viability of the state's cattle industry. In 1959 the agency was renamed the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Over time, the Legislature has expanded TAHC's jurisdiction and animal health responsibilities into a growing number of new animal health programs. Many programs of which are mandated by state and federal law, some of which were requested by the affected industry and all of which have significant real or potential impact on Texas' animal agriculture industries. Today, TAHC works to prevent, control, and eradicate disease in Texas livestock, exotic livestock, domestic fowl, and exotic fowl.

Administration of the Commission's programs is handled at the Austin central office. The TAHC is divided into seven "regions", each with a regional office managed by a veterinarian. TAHC and its USDA APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) partners are responsible for ensuring that Texas meets animal disease prevention, surveillance, control, and eradication standards. Three main elements embody animal health program field operations functions — Animal Health Assurance, Animal Health Management, and Animal Health Emergency Response.

Thirteen Commissioners are appointed by the Governor to serve for six-year terms. Representing all segments of the livestock industry and the public, to ensure industry representation by the Commission, one member, qualified by experience, must be from each of the following fields: (1) practitioner of veterinary medicine; (2) dairy industry; (3) cattle industry; (4) hog industry; (5) sheep or goat industry; (6) poultry industry; (7) feed-lot industry; (8) equine industry; (9) livestock marketing industry; and (10) exotic livestock industry. The three remaining members represent the general public.

Commission members serving at August 31, 2014, were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ernesto A. Morales, Chairman, Devine	Feedlot	09/06/2017
Brandon Bouma, Plainview	Dairy	09/06/2017
Eric D. White, Mason	General Public	09/09/2019
William F. Edmiston, Jr., DVM, Eldorado	Sheep and Goat	09/09/2019
Kenneth G. Jordan, San Saba	Livestock Market	09/09/2019
Thomas G. Kezar, Dripping Springs	General Public	09/06/2017
Coleman H. Locke, Wharton	Beef Cattle	09/06/2015
Jay R. Winter, Lubbock	Swine	09/09/2019
Ralph Simmons, Center	Poultry	09/06/2015
Michael L. Vickers, DVM, Falfurrias	Veterinary Profession	09/06/2017
Joe L. Leathers, Guthrie	Equine	09/09/2019
Beau White, Rosanky	General Public	09/06/2015
Thomas E. Oates, Huntsville	Exotic Livestock & Fowl	09/09/2019

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The Commission's key employees at August 31, 2014, were:

Name	Title
Dee Ellis, D.V.M., M.P.A.	Executive Director
Larissa Schmidt, S.P.H.R.	Director of Administration
Thomas R. Lansford, D.V.M.	Assistant Executive Director for Animal Health Programs
Andy Schwartz, D.V.M.	Assistant Executive Director for Epidemiology & Lab Systems
Holly Hughes-Garza, D.V.M.	Director of Laboratories
Wallace E. Snelson	General Counsel

Region Offices:

David Finch, D.V.M.	Region Director, Amarillo
Mark Michalke, D.V.M.	Region Director, Hempstead
Maxwell Dow, D.V.M.	Region Director, Ft Worth
Gregory Hawkins, D.V.M.	Region Director, Mt Pleasant
T. R. Lansford, D.V.M.	Region Director, Beeville
Pete Fincher, D.V.M.	Region Director, Lampasas
Tommy Barton, D.V.M.	Region Director, Rockdale

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ADDENDUM II

BALANCE SHEET COMMENTS

Exhibit I presents a combined balance sheet for the fund types of the Texas Animal Health Commission at August 31, 2014. The following comments expound on various elements of that exhibit.

Legislative Appropriations

Legislative appropriations consist of unexpended general revenue fund appropriation balances in the state treasury and federal cooperative agreement funds deposited to these appropriations.

Cash in State Treasury

Eighty-third Texas Legislatures approved rider 9 for Contingency Appropriations: Cost Recovery for Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission assessing fees sufficient to generate during the 2014-2015 biennium, revenue to cover, at a minimum the General Revenue appropriations expended for these programs. During fiscal year 2014, collected fees are reflected in the increase of \$437,409.00 Livestock Imp/Export Processing Fees. An additional amount of \$265,255.00, for the sale of Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, Fowl Registration and administrative penalties, was deposited to unappropriated funds in the state treasury and swept by the Comptroller during the year.

Transactions for agency funds for fiscal 2014 are shown in Exhibit J-1.

Cash in Bank- Travel Advance Fund

The Commission maintains a \$25,000.00 travel advance fund at Frost Bank.

Cash in Bank- Petty Cash Fund

The Austin office of the Commission maintains a \$1,000.00 petty cash fund at Frost Bank. The Commission's seven region offices and the laboratory maintain \$500.00 petty cash funds in local banks.

Consumable Supplies and Postage

Consumable supplies and postage on hand at August 31, 2014 were:

Insecticides	\$	12,348.16
Field/Office Supplies		129,074.41
Postage		<u>13,969.24</u>
Total	\$	<u>155,391.81</u>

Fixed Assets

Accounting policies with respect to fixed assets are presented in the notes to the financial statements.

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ADDENDUM III
COMMENTS ON OPERATIONS

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended August 31, 2014, is presented in Exhibit II. The following comments provide supplemental information regarding fiscal operations.

The Commission works to prevent, control, and eradicate disease in Texas livestock, exotic livestock, domestic fowl, and exotic fowl. The agency mission includes:

- protecting livestock and fowl from domestic, foreign, and emerging animal diseases;
- increasing the marketability of Texas livestock commodities worldwide;
- promoting and ensuring animal health and productivity;
- protecting human health from animal disease and conditions that are transmissible to people; and
- preparing for and responding to emergencies involving animals.

As Texas hones its competitiveness in the global food market, TAHC programs support animal agriculture by focusing on the control and eradication of domestic diseases and emerging diseases and/or pests such as cattle and swine brucellosis, tuberculosis, trichomoniasis, equine piroplasmiasis, and cattle fever ticks. The TAHC also ensures that the basic infrastructure is in place to reduce the risk of emerging and foreign animal diseases and exotic pests.

The Texas Animal Health Commission, as a livestock and poultry health agency, also provides services to key groups which include: private practice veterinarians, cattle producers/feeders, poultry producers, swine producers, exotic livestock and fowl producers, auction markets, livestock shows and rodeos, stakeholder organizations, equine producers, equestrians, non-profit emergency response organizations, and local governments.

New and/or innovative funding streams, and/or the return of traditional forms of fiscal support will be needed to ensure the agency can handle the long standing disease response activities, while strengthening new processes and partnerships to manage all the emerging situations mentioned above. Regardless, TAHC leadership is committed to continuing the proud tradition of service to the citizens and animals of Texas and looks forward to meeting any future challenges.

Six key functions of the agency in addressing diseases and parasites in animals and emergency management are: (1) Prevention, (2) Surveillance, (3) Diagnosis, (4) Control, (5) Eradication, and (6) Emergency Management/Homeland Security.

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Organization Chart

Texas Animal Health Commission
Fiscal Year 2014

