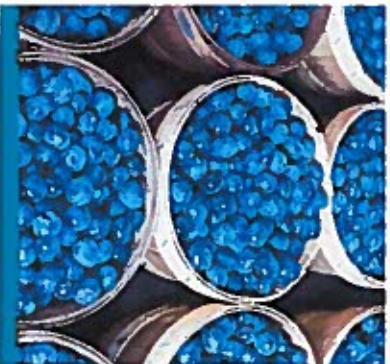




# Presentation to the House Agriculture Committee



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# Michigan's Food and Agriculture Industry

## What does it encompass?

- Farm to Fork (food and beverage)
- Nursery and landscape products
- Agriculture tourism and Culinary tourism

**Michigan's food and agriculture sector contributes \$104.7 billion to Michigan's economy annually; with \$2.1 billion in exports.**



# Michigan's Food and Agriculture Industry

## Michigan Grown. Nationally Known!

- Eggs, butter and apples for McDonald's
- Sandwich buns for Wendy's
- Pickles for Burger King & Subway
- Wheat for Pop-tarts
- Chipping potatoes for Better Made and Great Lakes Potato Chips



Wendy's



# MDARD Mission and Key Goals

Assure the food safety, agricultural, environmental, and economic interests of the people of the State of Michigan are met through service, partnership, and collaboration.

## Four Key Goals



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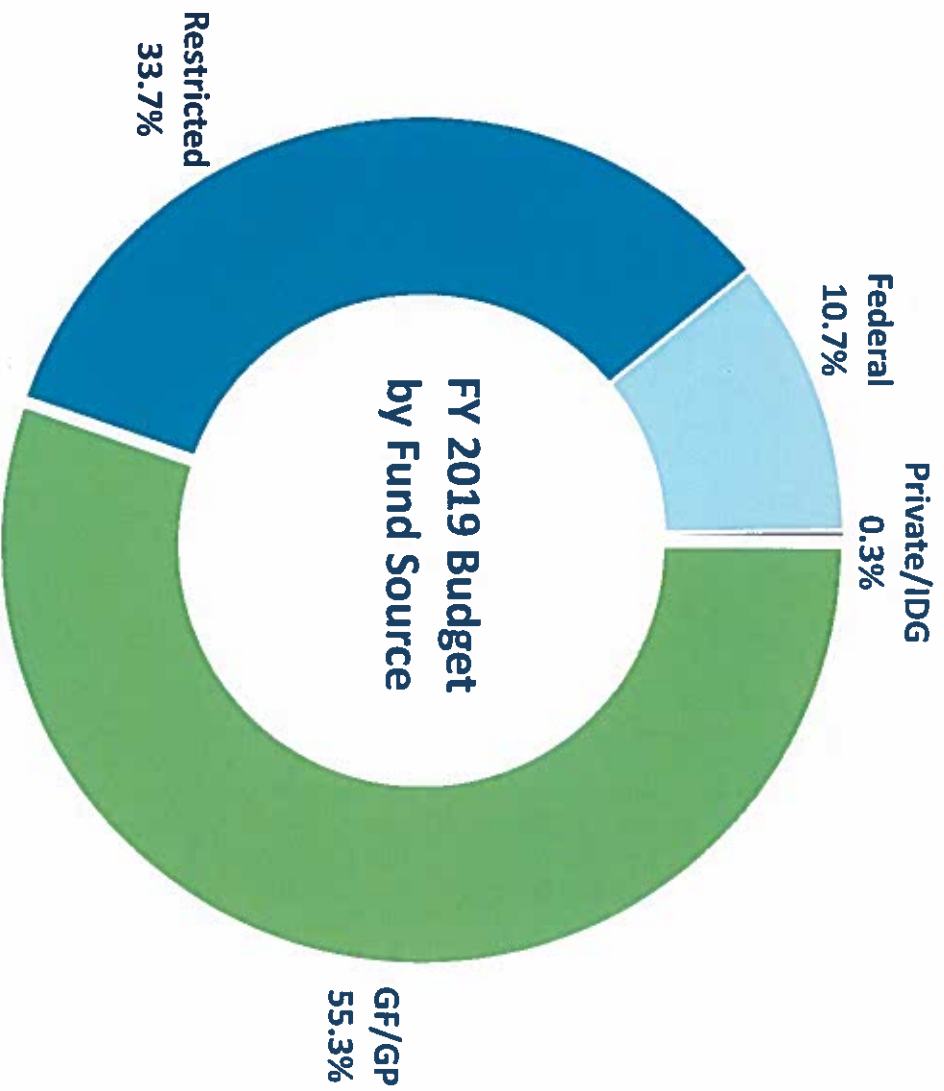
## Who We Are

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- Implement 20 primary laws; administer almost 90 mandated programs
- Issue more than 100,000 individual licenses, with 43 unique license types
- Employ 460 professional and seasonal staff
- 50% of staff work in the field all across the state



# FY 2019 MDARD Budget



FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP)	\$60,835,200
Restricted	\$37,172,000
Federal	\$11,775,200
Private	\$101,800
Interdepartmental Grants (IDGs)	\$313,900
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$110,198,100</b>

## Key Initiatives

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- Licensing & Inspection System
- Bovine TB
- Cannabis
- Emerging Contaminants
- Broadband/Infrastructure
- Workforce/Labor



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# Questions?



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