

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE
Senator Montford, Chair
Senator Bullard, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 4, 2012
TIME: 9:00 —11:00 a.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Montford, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, and Sachs

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Introduction of Committee Members and Staff by the Committee chair		Presented
2	Overview of the Committee's Jurisdiction by Committee Staff		Presented
3	Introduction of Agency Heads or Designee and Brief Discussion of Top Priorities - Florida Department of Citrus - Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

TAB 1

NO MATERIALS

FLORIDA SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Bill Montford, Chair

325 Knott Building
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Committee Jurisdiction

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Not Consumer Services)

Agriculture issues; food safety and inspections; animal control; animal safety and sales; citrus issues (including canker); pest control; aquaculture (w/ Environmental Preservation); forestry; taxes affecting agriculture industry and lands; agriculture economic development and assistance; wildlife habitats (w/ EP); agriculture markets; agriculture law enforcement; agriculture water policy; agriculture emergency preparedness; school nutrition.

Florida Department of Citrus

Citrus; marketing, research, and regulation of the Florida Citrus Industry.

DACS - Mission

The mission of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is to safeguard the public and support Florida's agricultural economy by:

Ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of food and other consumer products through inspection and testing programs;

Protecting consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices and providing consumer information;

Assisting Florida's farmers and agricultural industries with the production and promotion of agricultural products; and

Conserving and protecting the state's agricultural and natural resources by reducing wildfires, promoting environmentally safe agricultural practices, and managing public lands.

DACS – Divisions & Offices

Twelve Divisions

Administration; Agricultural Environmental Services; Animal Industry; Aquaculture; Consumer Services (CM*); Florida Forest Service; Food Safety; Food, Nutrition, and Wellness; Fruit and Vegetables; Licensing (CM*); Marketing and Development; Plant Industry

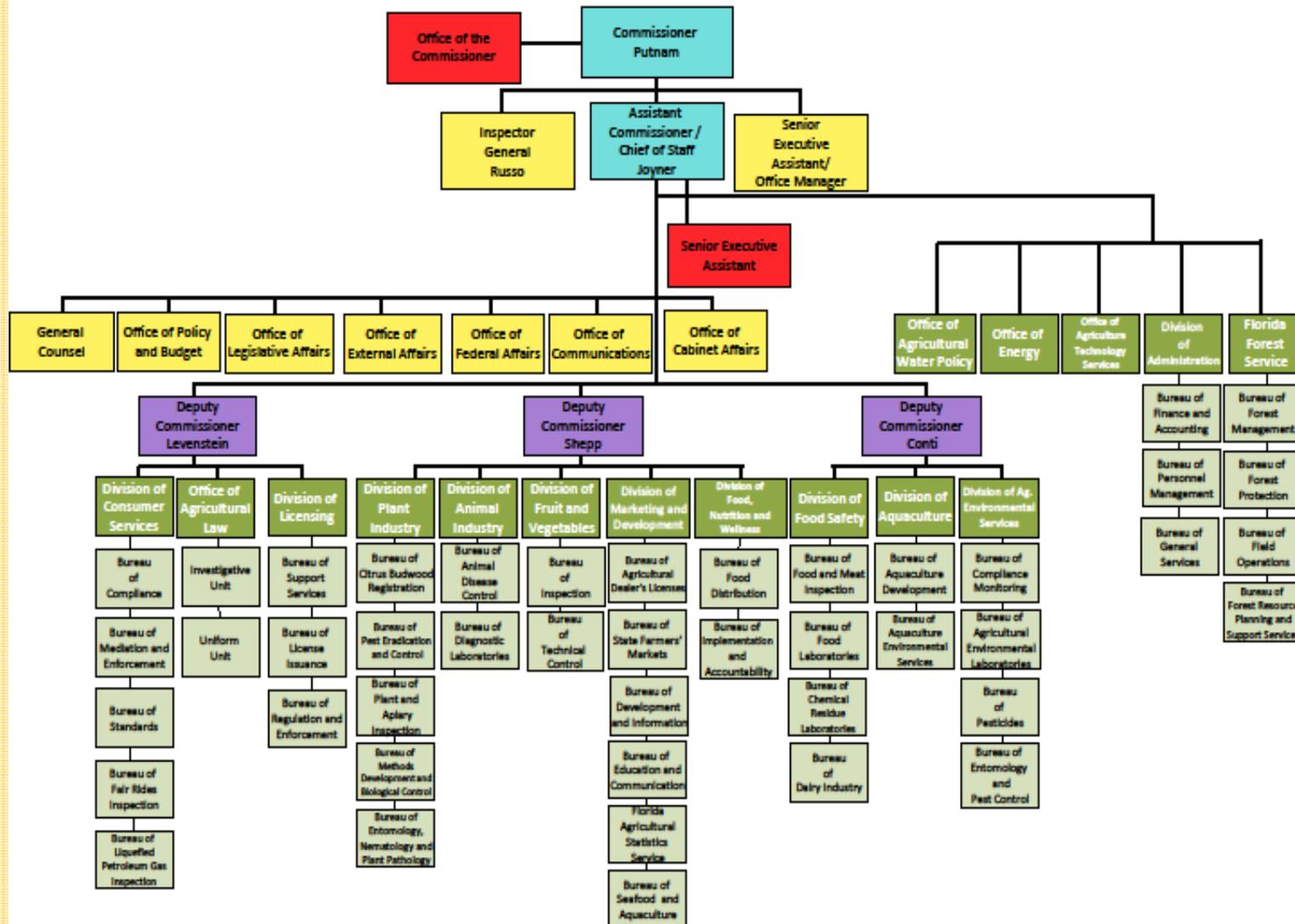
Six Offices

Agricultural Emergency Preparedness; Agricultural Law Enforcement; Agricultural Water Policy; Office of Energy; Office of General Counsel; Office of Inspector General

*CM: Divisions handled by the Committee on Commerce and Tourism

DACS - Organization

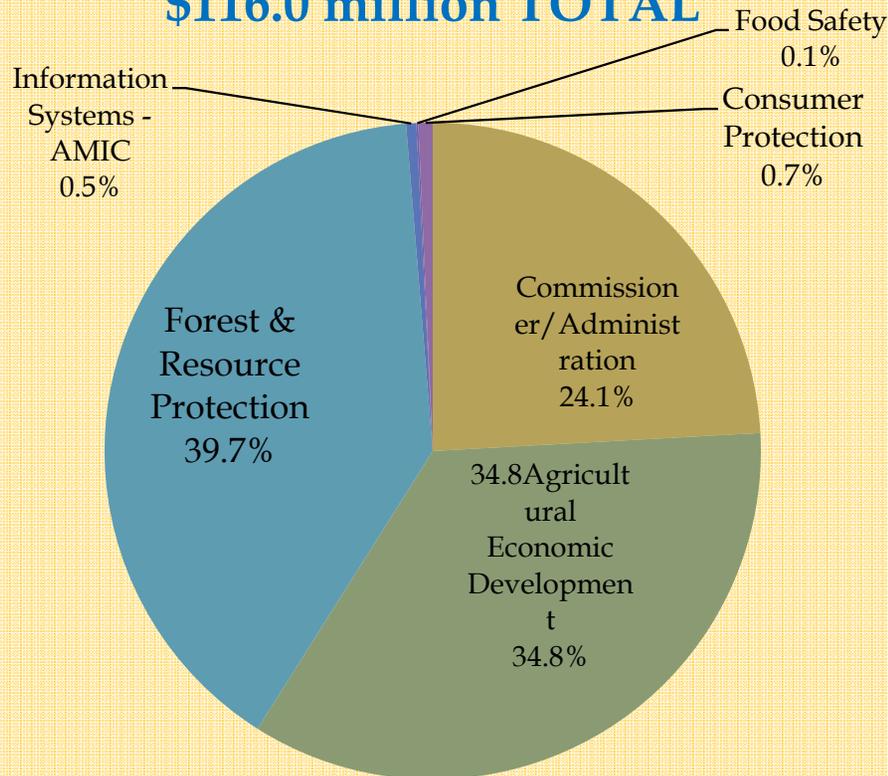
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services



DACS - Budget

Recurring General Revenue by Program

\$116.0 million TOTAL



Program	GR Recurring	% GR Recurring	Total TF
Commissioner/ Administration	\$27.9	24.1%	\$44.3
Forest & Resource Protection	\$46.1	39.7%	\$40.8
Information Systems - AMIC	\$0.6	0.5%	\$5.7
Food Safety	\$0.2	0.1%	\$26
Consumer Protection	\$0.9	0.7%	\$31.2
Agricultural Economic Development	\$40.3	34.8%	\$1,163
Total GR and Trust Funds (\$ in Millions)	\$116.0		\$1,311.1

Citrus - Mission

Mission Statement: Maximize consumer demand for Florida citrus products to ensure the sustainability and economic well-being of the Florida citrus grower, the citrus industry and the State of Florida.

The Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC) is an executive agency of the Florida government charged with the marketing, research and regulation of the Florida citrus industry. Its mission is to maximize demand for Florida citrus products in order to ensure the sustainability and economic well-being of the Florida citrus grower, the citrus industry and the State of Florida.

The FDOC executes marketing initiatives for Florida citrus products in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia to reach consumers, key influencers and health professionals.

The FDOC also has extensive regulatory responsibilities, covering every aspect of the industry, including research, production, fertilizing, maturity standards, harvesting, licensing, transportation, labeling, packing and processing.

The FDOC is governed by the Florida Citrus Commission, a nine-member board appointed by the Governor of Florida to represent citrus growers, processors and packers.

FDOC activities are funded by a tax paid by citrus growers on each box of citrus that moves through commercial channels.

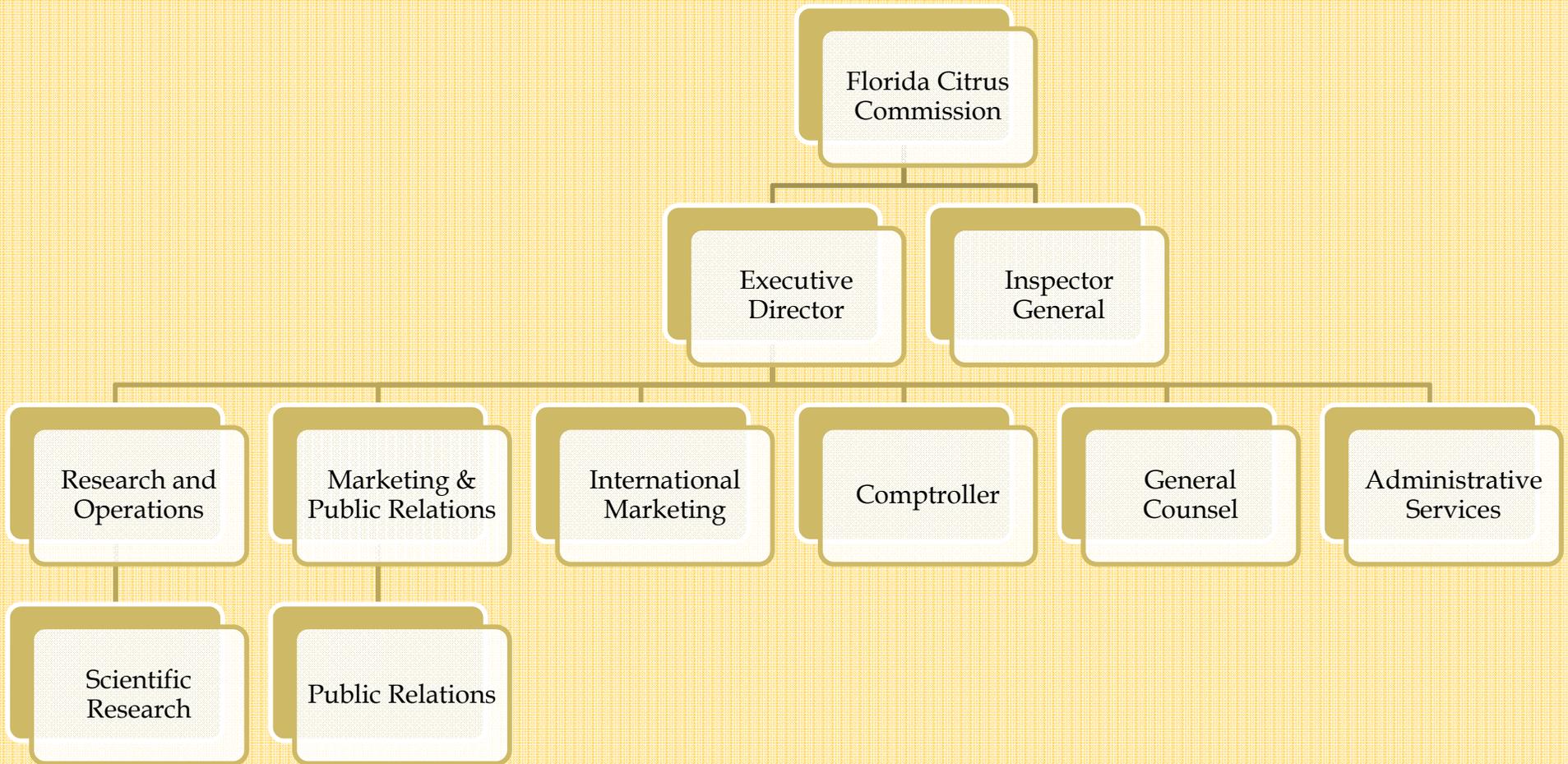
The Florida Citrus Commission

The Florida Citrus Commission (FCC) is a nine-member board appointed by the Governor of Florida to represent citrus growers, processors, and packers.

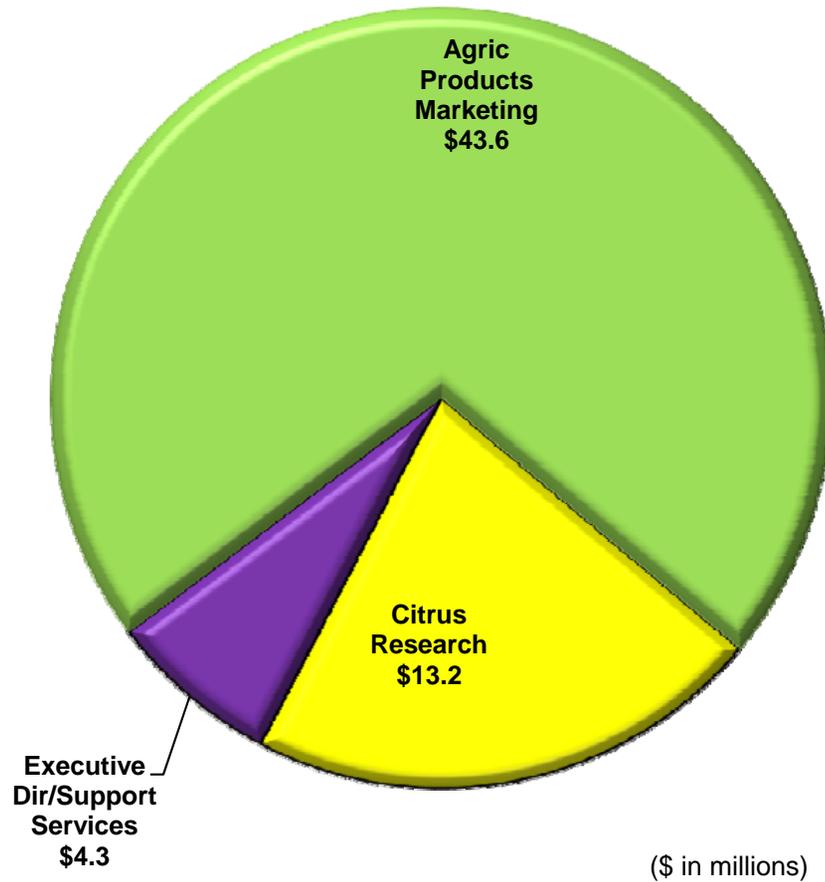
The FCC serves in the capacity of a board of directors for the Florida Department of Citrus. The Commission oversees and guides the activities of the FDOC. It is responsible for setting the annual amount of the excise tax as well as quality standards for all citrus grown, packed or processed in Florida.

In addition, the Commission conducts a wide variety of programs involving industry regulation, scientific, market and economic research, advertising, merchandising, public and industry relations and consumer promotions.

Citrus - Organization



Citrus - Budget



Program	GR	% GR	TF	TOTAL
Citrus Research			\$13.2	\$13.2
Executive Director/Support Services			\$4.3	\$4.3
Ag. Products Marketing			\$43.6	\$43.6
Total Funds (millions)			\$61.1	\$61.1

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TAB 3

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THE FLORIDA SENATE

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November 21, 2012

President Gaetz,

Please excuse my absence from committee meetings scheduled for the week of December 3, 2012, as I will be traveling out of the state to previously scheduled appointments. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria Lorts Sachs
District 34

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APPEARANCE RECORD

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12/4/12
Meeting Date

Topic FDACS introduction

Bill Number N/A
(if applicable)

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(if applicable)

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Speaking: For Against Information

Representing Dept. of Agriculture + Consumer Services

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 301
Caption: Agriculture Committee

Case:
Judge:

Type:

Started: 12/4/2012 9:00:36 AM

Ends: 12/4/2012 9:14:27 AM

Length: 00:13:52

9:00:36 AM Agriculture Committee Called to Order
9:00:36 AM Committee AA Called the role and stated a quorum present
9:00:36 AM Committee Members and Staff Introduction Themselves
9:00:36 AM Chairman Montford stated Senator Sachs was excused
9:00:37 AM Members talking
9:00:37 AM Staff talking
9:06:59 AM Overview of committee jurisdiction by Katherine Halley
9:08:14 AM Overview of committee jurisdiction by Katherine Halley
9:12:46 AM Grace Levitt presentation
9:13:33 AM Intern from the Department of Agriculture spoke brief - Sean Doreen
9:14:22 AM Senator Garcia moved we rise