



**COLORADO**  
Department of Agriculture

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## Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Performance Report

The Department of Agriculture identified four wildly important goals (WIGs) for FY 2023-24 and beyond.

For this annual performance report, the Department has updated progress on those goals identified in its FY 2023-24 Performance Plan that capture the Department's WIGs and reflect the overall direction as identified by Department leadership.

Additional detail for these, and other WIGs are available in the **Department's Performance Plan**.

For a visual representation of the Department's WIG progress please visit the **Governor's Dashboard**.

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### 01 Advancing Local Food Access

Increase access to healthy food in Colorado by increasing the capacity of farmers to distribute and small food retailers to purchase healthy food by \$1M in low-income, low-access communities.

### 02 Supporting the Next Generation

Reduce barriers young people face in building careers in agriculture by providing training, education, and financial opportunities to 1,500 of the next generation of agricultural leaders and producers.

### 03 Expanding Water-Resilient Agriculture

Through technical assistance, grant funding, marketing assistance, advocacy, and partnerships, CDA will assist 1,000 water conservation leaders to incorporate water-resilience practices to maintain robust agricultural production.

### 04 Advancing Animal Health and Welfare

Provide education and outreach to 3,500 veterinarians, animal owners, and stakeholders to advance animal health and welfare.



Wildly Important Goal	June 2023 Baseline	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY23-24 Target	Target Met
Increase small food retailers' purchasing and farmers' distribution capacity of healthy food in low-income, low-access communities by \$1 million.	0	\$0	\$0	\$824K	\$1.69M	<b>\$1M</b>	<b>Met</b>

Strategies	June 2023 Baseline	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY23-24 Target	Target Met
Establish an impact analysis in the first year of the agency's Community Food Access program.	0	0%	5%	10%	20%	<b>100%</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
Provide grant funding to 75 small food retailers and small family farms to promote better food access in urban and rural communities.	0	0	0	19	99	<b>75</b>	<b>Met</b>
Provide business and food access technical assistance to at least 50 small and mid-sized food and farm businesses.	0	0	18	18	81	<b>50</b>	<b>Met</b>
Establish a consortium and increase membership to at least 50.	0	0	7	42	76	<b>50</b>	<b>Met</b>



Wildly Important Goal	June 2023 Baseline	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY23-24 Target	Target Met
Reduce barriers young people face in building career in agriculture by providing training, education, and financial opportunities to 1,500 of the next generation of agricultural leaders and producers.	210	869	1,094	1,290	1,588	<b>1,500</b>	<b>Met</b>

  

Strategies	June 2023 Baseline	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY23-24 Target	Target Met
Based on their experience, 80% of Ag Workforce Development program participants anticipate career advancement after program completion.	0	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%	86.1%	<b>80%</b>	<b>Met</b>
90% of Next Generation Agriculture Leadership participants receiving scholarships or funding report gaining significant new leadership skills or knowledge.	0	0%	0%	0%	93.3%	<b>90%</b>	<b>Met</b>
One year from loan origination, 80% of borrowers report increased profitability, asset size, or equity and an increase in their economic well-being.	0	0%	0%	0%	90%	<b>80%</b>	<b>Met</b>
Increase the number of Livestock and Small Animal entries at the 2023 Colorado State Fair by 10% from 2,570 to 2,827.	2,570	0	2,384	2,384	2,384	<b>2,827</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
Expand the Colorado Proud Farm Trail activity to reach 10,000 youth that highlights Colorado's diverse agriculture offerings.	0	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	<b>10,000</b>	<b>Not Met</b>



Wildly Important Goal	June 2023 Baseline	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY23-24 Target	Target Met
CDA will assist 1,000 producers and water conservation leaders in incorporating water resiliency practices to ensure robust agricultural production.	0	0	120	1,300	1,500	<b>1,500</b>	<b>Met</b>

  

Strategies	June 2023 Baseline	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY23-24 Target	Target Met
Sustain agriculture and increase profitability by increasing the number of Colorado's farm acres enrolled in the Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources programs from 24,473 to 44,000 acres..	27,291	0	12,214	32,914	53,546	<b>44,000</b>	<b>Met</b>
Advance six Agency Actions outlined in the Colorado Water Plan.	0	0	5	7	8	<b>6</b>	<b>Met</b>
Invest in strategic soil health research by increasing research fields from 15 to 50.	15	22	45	45	50	<b>50</b>	<b>Met</b>
Increase the number of producers educated in healthy soil practices by holding six in-field demonstrations.	0	3	5	5	16	<b>6</b>	<b>Met</b>
Obtain financial commitment from five companies to invest in Colorado farmers and ranchers using climate-smart practices.	0	0	0	1	5	<b>5</b>	<b>Met</b>



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Provide education and outreach to 3,500 veterinarians, animal owners, and stakeholders to advance animal health and welfare.	3,026	813	1,763	3,603	4,986	<b>3,500</b>	<b>Met</b>

  

Strategies	June 2023 Baseline	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY23-24 Target	Target Met
Advance animal welfare by conducting four training sessions on identifying and reporting animal neglect and mistreatment.	0	4	5	5	9	<b>4</b>	<b>Met</b>
Enhance emergency preparedness for foreign animal diseases by conducting three educational events.	0	3	6	8	8	<b>3</b>	<b>Met</b>
Support the development of 23 new Secure Beef Supply plans for all approved feedlots.	0	5	8	8	8	<b>23</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
Provide two new Animal Health continuing education courses to 250 veterinarians.	0	60	60	77	159	<b>250</b>	<b>Not Met</b>