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Department: Agriculture

HB Section(s): 6.100

Program Name: Produce Safety

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Plant Industries

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

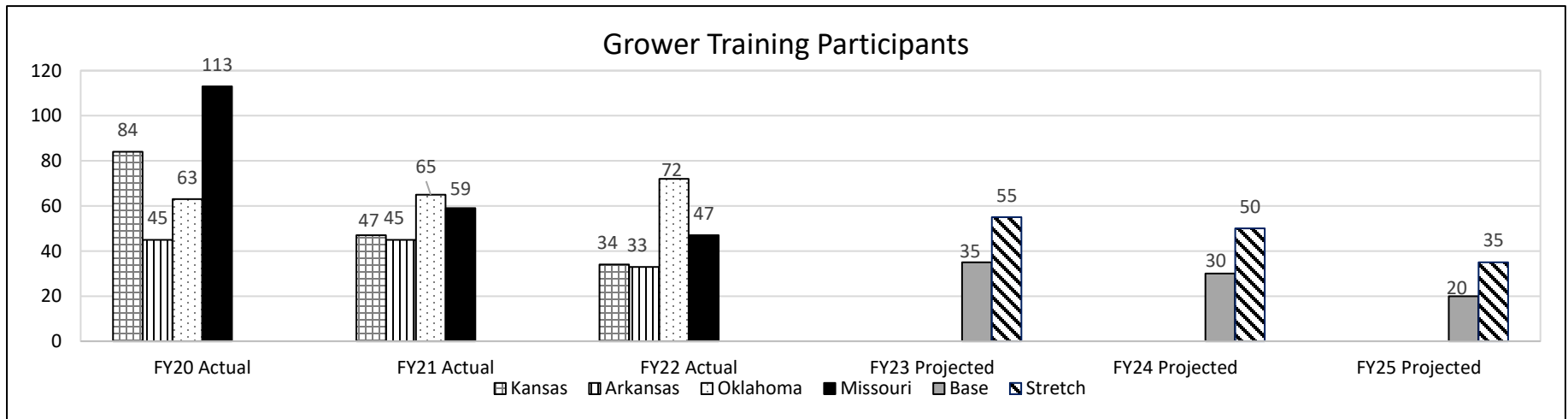
Empower More Agricultural Producers

1b. What does this program do?

The USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) estimates Missouri has 2,289 farms growing fruits and vegetables. All of Missouri's produce farms that sell more than \$25,000 of produce a year became subject to inspection under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) in 2021. The Department's Produce Safety Program is continuing to provide food safety trainings, outreach, and individual farm visits to assist growers with additional travel efforts being made to meet with Amish and Mennonite farmers.

The Department and Extension are working collectively to provide outreach and education to growers throughout the state. Produce Safety Alliance trainings, which are a requirement of FSMA, are being offered throughout the state. Individual farm visits are being made to assess a farm's produce safety practices. In addition to these visits, the Department has developed resources to help growers with compliance. For example, producers had difficulty understanding the type of records they needed to keep to meet the provisions of FSMA so the Department developed a record template booklet containing examples.

2a. Provide an activity measure for the program.



Note: FSMA Produce Safety Regulations require growers to attend this training.

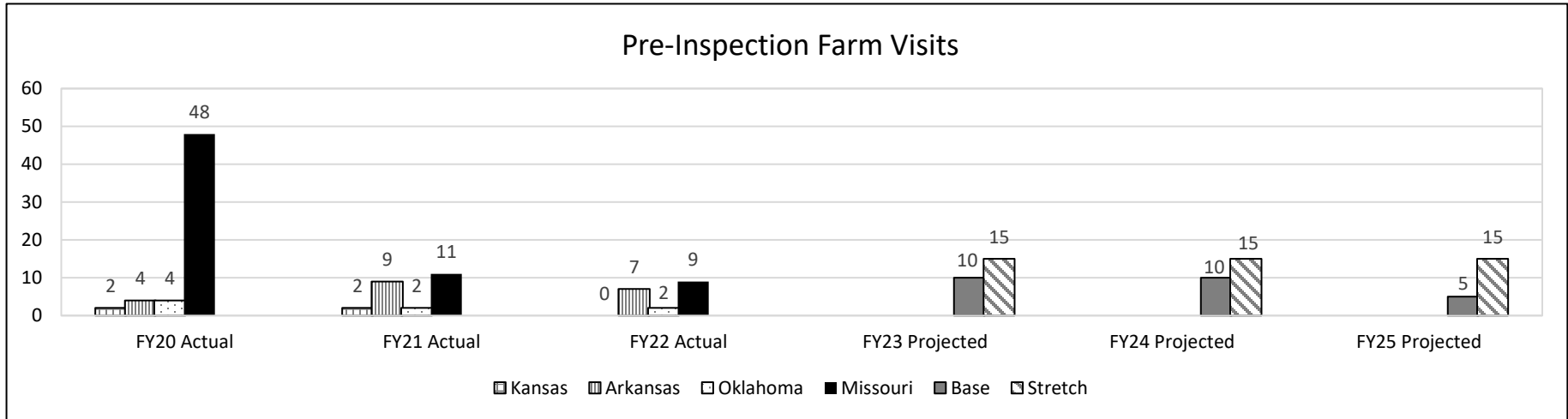
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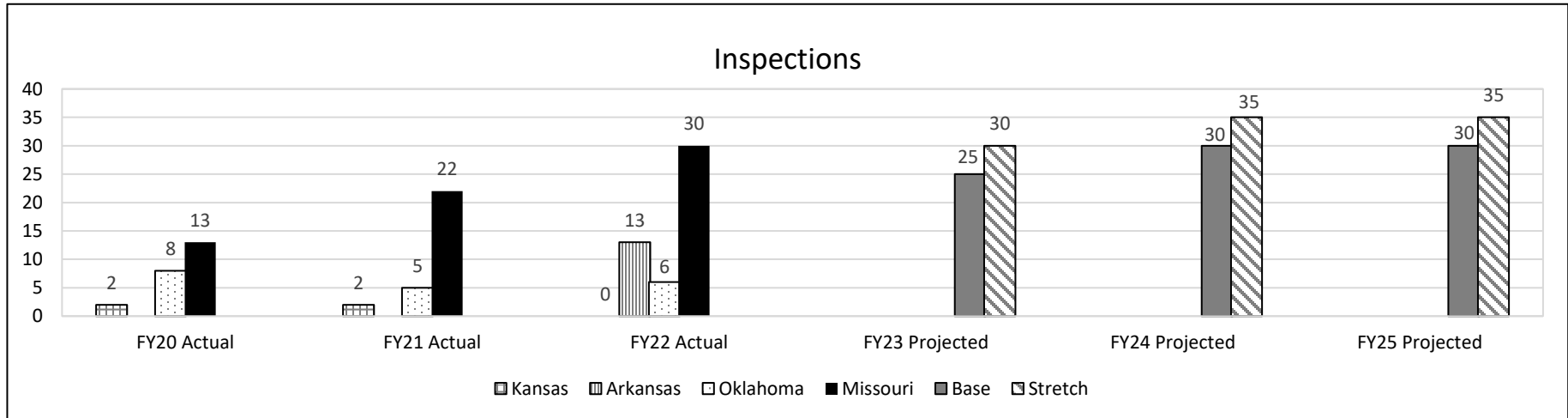
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Note: Pre-inspection farm visits are voluntary assessments designed to help farms prepare for future official inspections.



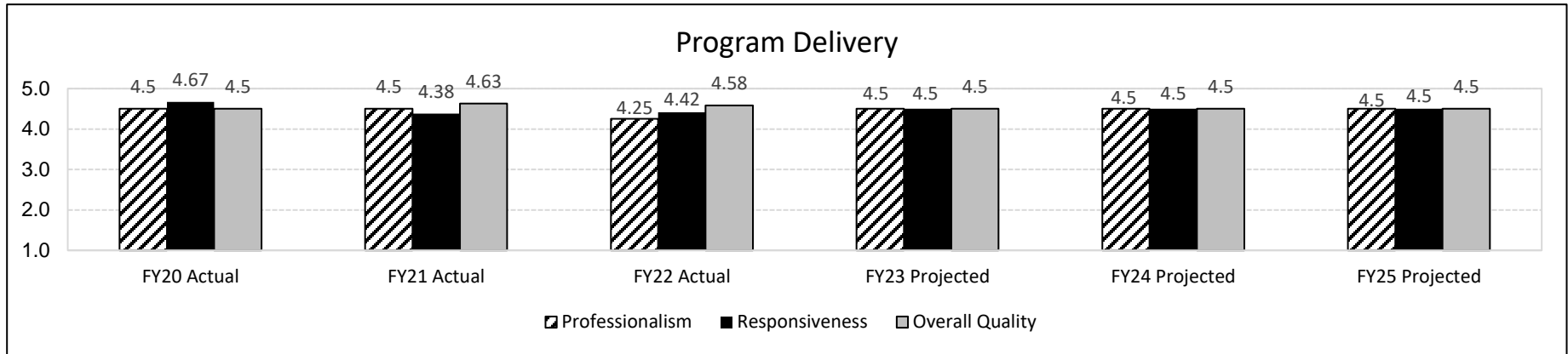
Note: The Produce Safety Program is new so there were no inspections prior to FY20. Inspections were phased in based on total produce sales: >\$500,000 inspected in FY20, \$250,000-\$500,000 in FY21, and \$25,000-\$250,000 in FY22.

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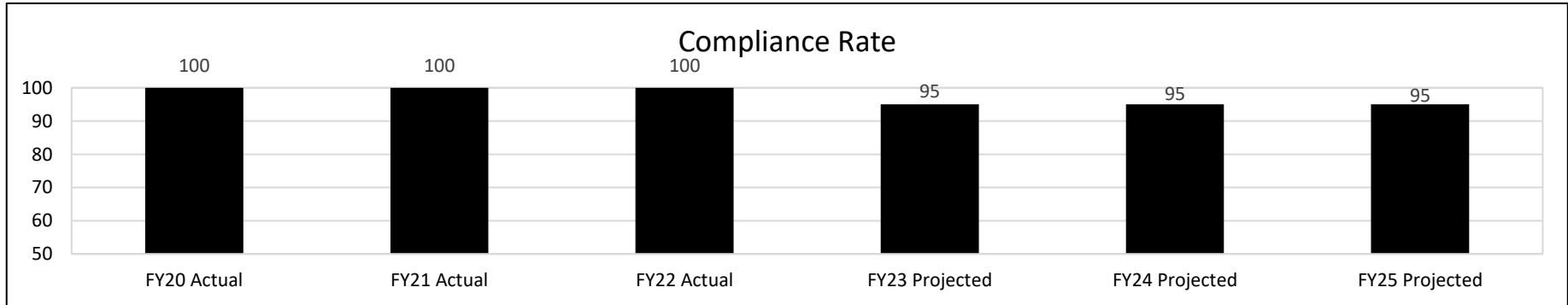
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2b. Provide a measure of the program's quality.



2c. Provide a measure of the program's impact.



Note: The program began inspections in FY20 with farms that sell more than \$500,000 worth of produce annually. Compliance for FY23 is projected at 95% since smaller farms will be inspected in FY24 and may have more compliance issues.

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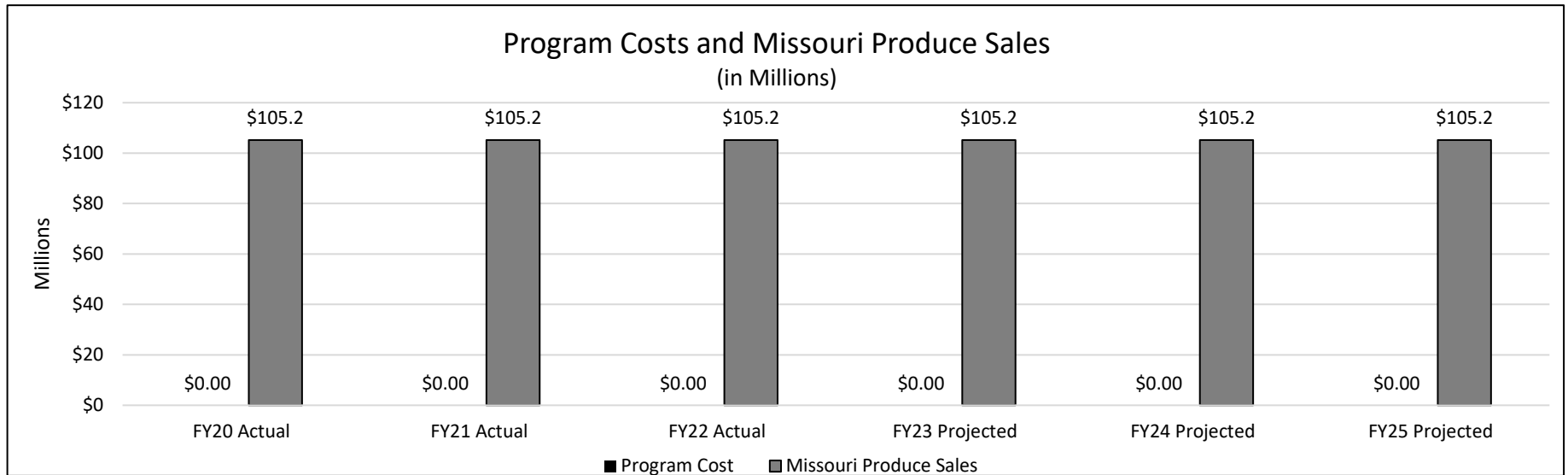
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2d. Provide a measure of the program's efficiency.



Note: Fruit and produce sales for Missouri in 2016 totaled \$105.2 million according the University of Missouri's "Economic Contributions of Missouri Agriculture and Forestry" report.

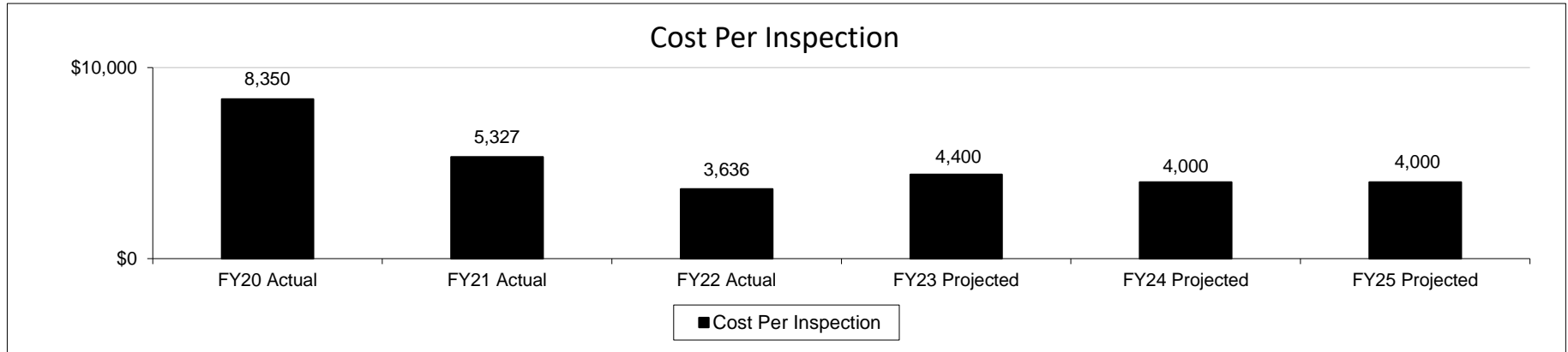
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Note: Based on FDA guidance, the program began inspections in FY20 on farms that sold more than \$500,000 worth of produce annually. Those with \$250,000-\$500,000 were inspected in FY21 and those with \$25,000-\$250,000 in annual sales will be inspected in FY22.

Note 2: This is calculated by dividing the total cost by the number of inspections. The program does a lot of outreach and has a subcontract with the

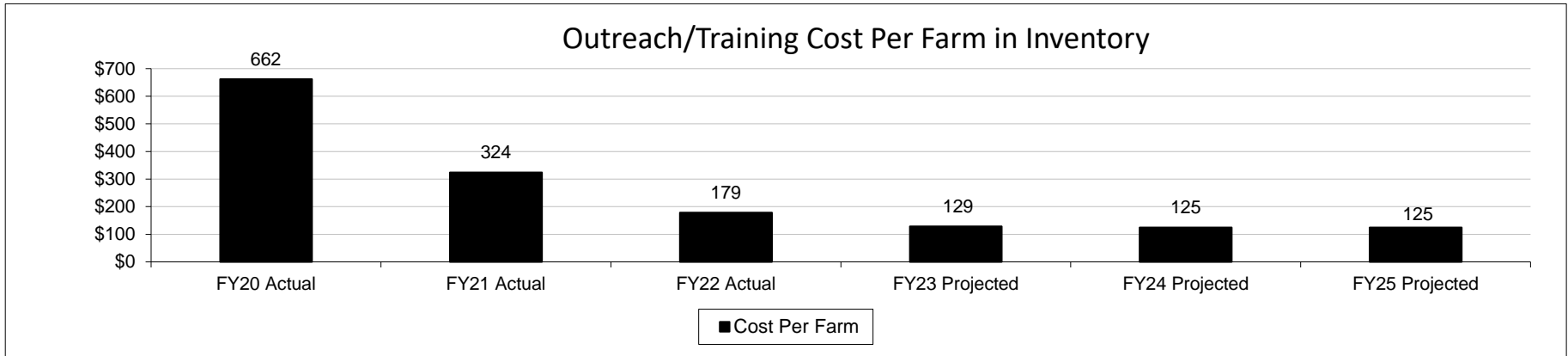
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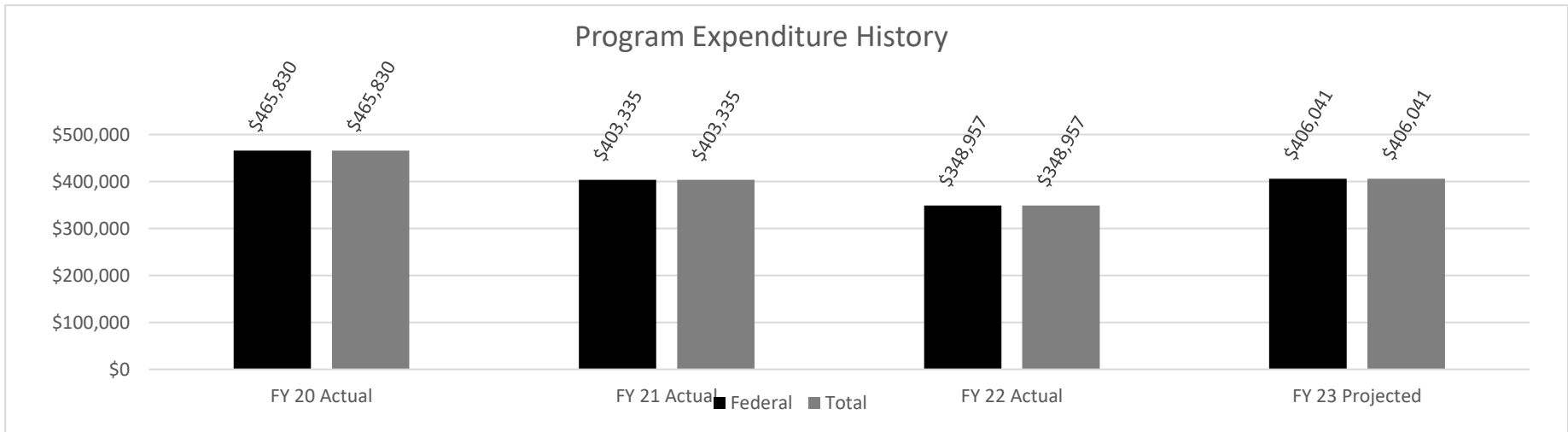
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Note: FDA stresses the need to "educate before and while you regulate" so substantial funding is provided to MDA for outreach with sub-awards to the University of Missouri and Lincoln University.

3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years; planned expenditures for the current fiscal year; and, when available, the Governor's recommended funding for the upcoming fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Note: FY23 projected expenditures are less due to beginning the fiscal year with two vacancies.

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4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

The Produce Safety Program is entirely funded with federal funds through the FDA Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP).

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

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6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

There are no federal matching requirements for the Produce Safety Program.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

The Produce Safety Rule is a federally mandated program that Missouri is implementing on behalf of FDA. The Missouri Department of Agriculture is administering the program because growers prefer to have State rather than Federal officials inspecting farms.