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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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**IDOA proposed budget covers programs, new responsibilities**

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Use the article titled:

**IDOA proposed budget covers programs, new responsibilities**

1. **What does IDOA stand for?**
2. **What did Governor Pritzker do to the IDOA budget?**
3. **Define appropriations.**
4. **If the budget passes, how many employees will the IDOA have?**
5. **The article points our funds related to cannabis and industrial hemp. These are new positions. What do you think of the addition of these to the state budget? Defend you answer.**
6. **The state budget also includes funds for local and state fairs. Where are the two state fairgrounds located?**
7. **Do you think funding of the fairs is important? Why or why not?**
8. **Education spending on Agricultural Education is maintained at $5 million. Explain how this money is used.**

Answer Key

1. Illinois Department of Agriculture
2. The budget is basically the same.
3. A sum of money devoted to a special purpose.
4. The IDOA will increase staff to 320 workers
5. Answers will vary, but students should be able to defend their position.
6. Illinois has 2 state fairs. The State Fair in Springfield, and the DuQuoin State Fair
7. Answers will vary. Students should defend their answers
8. This fund provides incentives for secondary agricultural programs that meet standards, as well as extended year contracts for high school ag teachrs and professional development.