

Subject Agriculture

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Summary

This bill would increase the FY 2026-2027 base funding level for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program (AGRI) by \$1.288 million per year. With this increase, the AGRI base for FY 2026-2027 would equal the FY 2024-2025 AGRI base of \$17.582 million per year.

AGRI is an umbrella program established by the legislature in 2009 to promote the advancement of the state's agricultural and renewable energy industries. Recent AGRI funding recipients include beginning farmers, livestock producers, dairy farmers, meat processors, schools that purchase local foods, gas stations that sell ethanol-gasoline blends, companies producing biochemicals, and county fairs.