

1.19 **ARTICLE 1**  
1.20 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.21 Section 1. AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS.

1.22 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
1.23 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,  
1.24 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.  
1.25 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
1.26 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.  
1.27 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"  
1.28 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

2.5 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2.6 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 96,089,000 \$ 74,253,000

2.7 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
2.8		
2.9 <u>General</u>	<u>95,690,000</u>	<u>73,854,000</u>
2.10 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>

2.11 The amounts that may be spent for each  
2.12 purpose are specified in the following  
2.13 subdivisions.

2.14 Subd. 2. Protection Services

2.15 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
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2.3 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.  
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2.5 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

2.10 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2.11 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 90,969,000 \$ 73,029,000

2.12 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
2.13		
2.14 <u>General</u>	<u>90,570,000</u>	<u>72,630,000</u>
2.15 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>

2.16 The amounts that may be spent for each  
2.17 purpose are specified in the following  
2.18 subdivisions.

2.19 Subd. 2. Protection Services

2.20 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
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2.17 General 24,400,000 23,350,000

2.18 Remediation 399,000 399,000

2.19 (a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the  
2.20 second year are from the remediation fund for  
2.21 administrative funding for the voluntary  
2.22 cleanup program.

2.23 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
2.24 the second year are for the soil health financial  
2.25 assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.26 section 17.134. The commissioner may award  
2.27 no more than \$50,000 of the appropriation  
2.28 each year to a single recipient. This is a  
2.29 onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered  
2.30 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
2.31 year and is available in the second year.  
2.32 Appropriations encumbered under contract on  
2.33 or before June 30, 2025, for soil health  
2.34 financial assistance grants are available until  
2.35 June 30, 2027.

3.1 (c) \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the  
3.2 second year are for transfer to the noxious  
3.3 weed and invasive plant species assistance  
3.4 account in the agricultural fund to award  
3.5 grants to local units of government and Tribal  
3.6 Nations under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.7 18.90. The base for this appropriation is  
3.8 \$225,000 for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.

3.9 (d) \$215,000 the first year and \$215,000 the  
3.10 second year are for compensation for  
3.11 destroyed or crippled livestock under  
3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first  
3.13 year appropriation may be spent to compensate  
3.14 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled  
3.15 during fiscal year 2023. If the amount in the  
3.16 first year is insufficient, the amount in the  
3.17 second year is available in the first year. The

2.22 General 29,666,000 17,610,000

2.23 Remediation 399,000 399,000

2.24 (a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the  
2.25 second year are from the remediation fund for  
2.26 administrative funding for the voluntary  
2.27 cleanup program.

2.28 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
2.29 second year are for the soil health financial  
2.30 assistance program. The commissioner may  
2.31 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for  
2.32 costs incurred to administer the program. This  
2.33 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered  
2.34 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
2.35 year and is available in the second year.

3.1 Appropriations encumbered under contract on  
3.2 or before June 30, 2025, for soil health  
3.3 financial assistance grants are available until  
3.4 June 30, 2027.

3.5 (c) \$2,500,000 the first year is for transfer to  
3.6 the pollinator research account established  
3.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 18B.051.

3.8 (d) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
3.9 second year are for transfer to the noxious  
3.10 weed and invasive plant species assistance  
3.11 account established under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.12 section 18.89, to award grants to local units  
3.13 of government and Tribal Nations under  
3.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 18.90.

3.15 (e) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
3.16 second year are for compensation for  
3.17 destroyed or crippled livestock under  
3.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first  
3.19 year appropriation may be spent to compensate  
3.20 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled  
3.21 during fiscal year 2023. If the amount in the  
3.22 first year is insufficient, the amount in the  
3.23 second year is available in the first year. The

3.18 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year  
3.19 to reimburse expenses incurred by university  
3.20 extension educators to provide fair market  
3.21 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If  
3.22 the commissioner receives federal dollars to  
3.23 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,  
3.24 an equivalent amount of this appropriation  
3.25 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention  
3.26 methods performed by federal wildlife services  
3.27 staff. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
3.28 section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance  
3.29 does not cancel at the end of the first year and  
3.30 is available in the second year. The base for  
3.31 this appropriation is \$175,000 for fiscal year  
3.32 2026 and thereafter.

3.33 (e) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the  
3.34 second year are for compensation for crop  
3.35 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.1 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is  
4.2 insufficient, the amount in the second year is  
4.3 available in the first year. The commissioner  
4.4 may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation  
4.5 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by  
4.6 the commissioner or the commissioner's  
4.7 approved agent to investigate and resolve  
4.8 claims, as well as for costs associated with  
4.9 training for approved agents. The  
4.10 commissioner may use up to \$20,000 of the  
4.11 appropriation each year to make grants to  
4.12 producers for measures to protect stored crops  
4.13 from elk damage. If the commissioner  
4.14 determines that claims made under Minnesota  
4.15 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are  
4.16 unusually high, amounts appropriated for  
4.17 either program may be transferred to the  
4.18 appropriation for the other program.  
4.19 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.20 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not  
4.21 cancel at the end of the first year and is  
4.22 available in the second year. The base for this  
4.23 appropriation is \$155,000 for fiscal year 2026  
4.24 and thereafter.

3.24 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year  
3.25 to reimburse expenses incurred by university  
3.26 extension educators to provide fair market  
3.27 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If  
3.28 the commissioner receives federal dollars to  
3.29 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,  
3.30 an equivalent amount of this appropriation  
3.31 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention  
3.32 methods performed by federal wildlife services  
3.33 staff.

3.34 (f) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the  
3.35 second year are for compensation for crop  
4.1 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.2 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is  
4.3 insufficient, the amount in the second year is  
4.4 available in the first year. The commissioner  
4.5 may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation  
4.6 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by  
4.7 the commissioner or the commissioner's  
4.8 approved agent to investigate and resolve  
4.9 claims, as well as for costs associated with  
4.10 training for approved agents. The  
4.11 commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of the  
4.12 appropriation each year to make grants to  
4.13 producers for measures to protect stored crops  
4.14 from elk damage. If the commissioner  
4.15 determines that claims made under Minnesota  
4.16 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are  
4.17 unusually high, amounts appropriated for  
4.18 either program may be transferred to the  
4.19 appropriation for the other program.

4.25 (f) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the  
 4.26 second year are to replace capital equipment  
 4.27 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical  
 4.28 laboratory. The base for this appropriation for  
 4.29 fiscal year 2026 and thereafter is \$825,000.

4.30 (g) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
 4.31 second year are to support a meat processing  
 4.32 liaison position to assist new or existing meat  
 4.33 and poultry processing operations in getting  
 4.34 started, expanding, growing, or transitioning  
 4.35 into new business models.

5.1 (h) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000 the  
 5.2 second year are additional funding to maintain  
 5.3 the current level of service delivery for  
 5.4 programs under this subdivision. The base for  
 5.5 this appropriation is \$1,388,000 for fiscal year  
 5.6 2026 and thereafter.

5.7 (i) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000 the  
 5.8 second year are for grants to the Board of  
 5.9 Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
 5.10 fund the Forever Green Initiative and protect  
 5.11 the state's natural resources while increasing  
 5.12 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity  
 5.13 of Minnesota's farmers by incorporating  
 5.14 perennial and winter-annual crops into existing  
 5.15 agricultural practices. By February 1 each  
 5.16 year, the dean of the College of Food,  
 5.17 Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences  
 5.18 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
 5.19 minority members of the legislative  
 5.20 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture  
 5.21 finance and policy and higher education  
 5.22 detailing uses of the funds in this paragraph,  
 5.23 including administrative costs, and the  
 5.24 achievements these funds contributed to.

5.25 (j) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
 5.26 second year are for grants to organizations in  
 5.27 Minnesota to develop enterprises, supply  
 5.28 chains, and markets for continuous-living  
 5.29 cover crops and cropping systems in the early  
 5.30 stages of commercial development. For the

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 4.24 second year are to replace capital equipment  
 4.25 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical  
 4.26 laboratory.

4.27 (i) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
 4.28 second year are to support a meat processing  
 4.29 liaison position to assist new or existing meat  
 4.30 and poultry processing operations in getting  
 4.31 started, expanding, growing, or transitioning  
 4.32 into new business models.

8.8 (6) \$690,000 the first year and \$690,000 the  
 8.9 second year are to fund the Forever Green  
 8.10 Initiative and protect the state's natural  
 8.11 resources while increasing the efficiency,  
 8.12 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota  
 8.13 farmers by incorporating perennial and  
 8.14 winter-annual crops into existing agricultural  
 8.15 practices. The base for the allocation under  
 8.16 this clause is \$630,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 8.17 thereafter;

8.18 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year is to purchase and  
 8.19 maintain equipment and physical infrastructure  
 8.20 to support breeding, agronomic research, and  
 8.21 food science activities of the Forever Green  
 8.22 Initiative. The allocation in this clause is  
 8.23 onetime; and

4.33 (j) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 4.34 second year are for grants to organizations in  
 4.35 Minnesota to develop enterprises, supply  
 5.1 chains, and markets for continuous living  
 5.2 cover crops and cropping systems in the early  
 5.3 stages of commercial development. For the

5.31 purposes of this paragraph, "continuous-living  
5.32 cover crops and cropping systems" refers to  
5.33 agroforestry, perennial biomass, perennial  
5.34 forage, perennial grains, and winter-annual  
5.35 cereal grains and oilseeds that have market  
6.1 value as harvested or grazed commodities. By  
6.2 February 1 each year, the commissioner must  
6.3 submit a report to the chairs and ranking  
6.4 minority members of the legislative  
6.5 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture  
6.6 finance and policy detailing uses of the funds  
6.7 in this paragraph, including administrative  
6.8 costs, and the achievements these funds  
6.9 contributed to. Of the amount in the first year,  
6.10 \$1,000,000 must be used to support markets  
6.11 for Kernza perennial grain, winter camelina,  
6.12 hybrid hazelnut, and elderberry, and is  
6.13 available until June 30, 2027. The  
6.14 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of  
6.15 this appropriation for administrative costs.

6.16 (k) \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the  
6.17 second year are appropriated for  
6.18 wolf-livestock conflict-prevention grants. The  
6.19 commissioner may use up to \$125,000 from  
6.20 each year to reimburse nonlethal prevention  
6.21 work performed by federal wildlife services.  
6.22 This is a onetime appropriation.

6.23 (l) \$50,000 the first year is to convene a  
6.24 working group of interested parties, including  
6.25 representatives from the Department of  
6.26 Natural Resources, to investigate and  
6.27 recommend measures to protect crops, stored  
6.28 crops, and forage from destruction due to  
6.29 white-tailed deer. Membership of the working  
6.30 group is at the discretion of the commissioner.  
6.31 The commissioner or the commissioner's

5.4 purposes of this paragraph, "continuous-living  
5.5 cover crops and cropping systems" refers to  
5.6 agroforestry, perennial biomass, perennial  
5.7 forage, perennial grains, and winter-annual  
5.8 cereal grains and oilseeds that have market  
5.9 value as harvested or grazed commodities.  
5.10 The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent  
5.11 of this appropriation for costs incurred to  
5.12 administer the program. This is a onetime  
5.13 appropriation.

5.14 (k) \$1,126,000 the first year and \$562,000 the  
5.15 second year are to identify and regulate  
5.16 pesticides containing perfluoroalkyl or  
5.17 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

6.32 designated representative must convene and  
6.33 facilitate the working group. No later than  
6.34 February 1, 2024, the commissioner must  
6.35 submit a report on the working group's  
7.1 recommendations to the legislative committees  
7.2 with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and  
7.3 finance. This is a onetime appropriation.

7.4 **Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and**  
7.5 **Development**

4,815,000

4,815,000

7.6 (a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
7.7 second year are to expand international trade  
7.8 opportunities and markets for Minnesota  
7.9 agricultural products.

7.10 (b) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the  
7.11 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota  
7.12 Grown account and may be used as grants for  
7.13 Minnesota Grown promotion under Minnesota  
7.14 Statutes, section 17.102. Notwithstanding  
7.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
7.16 appropriations encumbered under contract on  
7.17 or before June 30, 2025, for Minnesota Grown  
7.18 grants in this paragraph are available until June  
7.19 30, 2027.

7.20 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the  
7.21 second year are for the continuation of the  
7.22 dairy development and profitability  
7.23 enhancement programs, including dairy  
7.24 profitability teams and dairy business planning  
7.25 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.26 32D.30.

5.18 (l) \$100,000 the first year is to regulate  
5.19 systemic pesticide-treated seed.

5.20 (m) \$65,000 the first year is for transfer to the  
5.21 commissioner of natural resources for a report  
5.22 on feral pigs and mink.

5.23 **Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and**  
5.24 **Development**

4,365,000

4,365,000

5.25 (a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
5.26 second year are to expand international trade  
5.27 opportunities and markets for Minnesota  
5.28 agricultural products. The base for this  
5.29 appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2026  
5.30 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2027.

5.31 (b) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the  
5.32 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota  
5.33 grown account and may be used as grants for  
5.34 Minnesota grown promotion established under  
6.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.102.  
6.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
6.3 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered under  
6.4 contract on or before June 30, 2025, for  
6.5 Minnesota grown grants in this paragraph are  
6.6 available until June 30, 2027.

6.7 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the  
6.8 second year are for continuation of the dairy  
6.9 development and profitability enhancement  
6.10 programs including dairy profitability teams  
6.11 and dairy business planning grants under  
6.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 32D.30.

7.27 (d) The commissioner may use funds  
7.28 appropriated in this subdivision for annual  
7.29 cost-share payments to resident farmers or  
7.30 entities that sell, process, or package  
7.31 agricultural products in this state for the costs  
7.32 of organic certification. The commissioner  
7.33 may allocate these funds for assistance to  
7.34 persons transitioning from conventional to  
7.35 organic agriculture.

8.1 (e) \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the  
8.2 second year are to maintain the current level  
8.3 of service delivery. The base for this  
8.4 appropriation is \$550,000 for fiscal year 2026  
8.5 and thereafter.

8.6 (f) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
8.7 second year are for mental health outreach and  
8.8 support to farmers, ranchers, and others in the  
8.9 agricultural community and for farm safety  
8.10 grant and outreach programs under Minnesota  
8.11 Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental health  
8.12 outreach and support may include a 24-hour  
8.13 hotline, stigma reduction, and education.  
8.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.15 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not  
8.16 cancel at the end of the first year and is  
8.17 available in the second year. This is a onetime  
8.18 appropriation.

8.19 (g) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
8.20 second year are to award and administer grants  
8.21 to facilitate the start-up or expansion of  
8.22 aggregation and food hub services at farmers  
8.23 markets. This is a onetime appropriation.  
8.24 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.25 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not  
8.26 cancel at the end of the first year and is  
8.27 available in the second year. This is a onetime  
8.28 appropriation.

6.19 (e) The commissioner may use funds  
6.20 appropriated in this subdivision for annual  
6.21 cost-share payments to resident farmers or  
6.22 entities that sell, process, or package  
6.23 agricultural products in this state for the costs  
6.24 of organic certification. The commissioner  
6.25 may allocate these funds for assistance to  
6.26 persons transitioning from conventional to  
6.27 organic agriculture.

8.29 **Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct**  
8.30 **Advancement** 36,232,000 30,732,000

8.31 (a) \$9,800,000 the first year and \$9,800,000  
8.32 the second year are for transfer to the  
8.33 agriculture research, education, extension, and  
8.34 technology transfer account under Minnesota  
8.35 Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of  
9.1 these amounts: at least \$600,000 the first year  
9.2 and \$600,000 the second year are for the  
9.3 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's  
9.4 agriculture rapid response fund under  
9.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,  
9.6 subdivision 1, clause (2); \$2,500,000 the first  
9.7 year and \$2,500,000 the second year are for  
9.8 grants to the Minnesota Agricultural Education  
9.9 Leadership Council to enhance agricultural  
9.10 education with priority given to Farm Business  
9.11 Management challenge grants; \$450,000 the  
9.12 first year and \$450,000 the second year are  
9.13 for projects, programs, and research associated  
9.14 with the preservation and production of wild  
9.15 rice in collaboration with Minnesota Tribal  
9.16 governments as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
9.17 section 10.65, subdivision 2, paragraph (a),  
9.18 clause (4); and \$350,000 the first year and  
9.19 \$350,000 the second year are for potato  
9.20 breeding. The commissioner shall transfer the  
9.21 remaining funds in this appropriation each  
9.22 year to the Board of Regents of the University  
9.23 of Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota  
9.24 Statutes, section 41A.14. Of the amount  
9.25 transferred to the Board of Regents, up to  
9.26 \$1,000,000 each year is for avian influenza  
9.27 prevention measures and research on avian  
9.28 influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related  
9.29 diseases. Funds may be used for researching  
9.30 avian influenza prevention measures, including  
9.31 but not limited to measures to prevent  
9.32 transmission of avian influenza from wild  
9.33 birds to domestic turkeys. To the extent  
9.34 practicable, money expended under Minnesota  
9.35 Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 1,

6.28 **Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct**  
6.29 **Advancement** 34,982,000 33,982,000

6.30 (a) \$11,740,000 the first year and \$10,740,000  
6.31 the second year are for the agriculture  
6.32 research, education, extension, and technology  
6.33 transfer program under Minnesota Statutes,  
6.34 section 41A.14. Except as provided below,  
6.35 the appropriation each year is for transfer to  
7.1 the agriculture research, education, extension,  
7.2 and technology transfer account under  
7.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,  
7.4 subdivision 3, and the commissioner shall  
7.5 transfer funds each year to the Board of  
7.6 Regents of the University of Minnesota for  
7.7 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.8 41A.14. To the extent practicable, money  
7.9 expended under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.10 41A.14, subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2),  
7.11 must supplement and not supplant existing  
7.12 sources and levels of funding. The  
7.13 commissioner may use up to one percent of  
7.14 this appropriation for costs incurred to  
7.15 administer the program.

7.16 Of the amount appropriated for the agriculture  
7.17 research, education, extension, and technology  
7.18 transfer grant program under Minnesota  
7.19 Statutes, section 41A.14:

7.20 (1) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
7.21 second year are for the Minnesota Agricultural  
7.22 Experiment Station's agriculture rapid  
7.23 response fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
7.24 section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2);

7.25 (2) up to \$1,000,000 the first year and up to  
7.26 \$1,000,000 the second year are for research  
7.27 on avian influenza, salmonella, and other  
7.28 turkey-related diseases;

7.29 (3) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000  
7.30 the second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
7.31 Agricultural Education Leadership Council to



9.36 clauses (1) and (2), must supplement and not  
 10.1 supplant existing sources and levels of  
 10.2 funding. By January 15 each year, the entities  
 10.3 receiving grants under this paragraph are  
 10.4 requested to submit a report on the  
 10.5 expenditures under this paragraph to the chairs  
 10.6 and ranking minority members of the  
 10.7 legislative committees and divisions with  
 10.8 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and  
 10.9 finance. The commissioner may use up to one  
 10.10 percent of this appropriation for costs incurred  
 10.11 to administer the program.

10.12 (b) \$26,432,000 the first year and \$20,932,000  
 10.13 the second year are for the agricultural growth,  
 10.14 research, and innovation program under  
 10.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. The  
 10.16 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of  
 10.17 this appropriation for costs incurred to  
 10.18 administer the program.

7.32 enhance agricultural education with priority  
 7.33 given to Farm Business Management  
 7.34 challenge grants;  
 8.1 (4) \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the  
 8.2 second year are for the cultivated wild rice  
 8.3 breeding project at the North Central Research  
 8.4 and Outreach Center to include a tenure  
 8.5 track/research associate plant breeder;  
 8.6 (5) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
 8.7 second year are for potato breeding;  
 8.24 (8) \$500,000 each year is for farm-scale winter  
 8.25 greenhouse research and development  
 8.26 coordinated by University of Minnesota  
 8.27 Extension Regional Sustainable Development  
 8.28 Partnerships. The allocation in this clause is  
 8.29 onetime.  
 8.30 (b) The base for the agriculture research,  
 8.31 education, extension, and technology transfer  
 8.32 program is \$10,180,000 in fiscal year 2026  
 8.33 and \$10,180,000 in fiscal year 2027.  
 9.1 (c) \$23,242,000 the first year and \$23,242,000  
 9.2 the second year are for the agricultural growth,  
 9.3 research, and innovation program under  
 9.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. Except  
 9.5 as provided below, the commissioner may  
 9.6 allocate this appropriation each year among  
 9.7 the following areas: facilitating the start-up,  
 9.8 modernization, improvement, or expansion of  
 9.9 livestock operations, including beginning and  
 9.10 transitioning livestock operations with  
 9.11 preference given to robotic dairy-milking  
 9.12 equipment; assisting value-added agricultural  
 9.13 businesses to begin or expand, to access new  
 9.14 markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics  
 9.15 systems; facilitating the start-up,  
 9.16 modernization, or expansion of other  
 9.17 beginning and transitioning farms, including  
 9.18 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,  
 9.19 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture  
 9.20 on-farm research and demonstration; the

10.19 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural  
10.20 growth, research, and innovation program  
10.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

10.22 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
10.23 the second year are for distribution in equal  
10.24 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to  
10.25 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

10.26 (2) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000  
10.27 the second year are for incentive payments  
10.28 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,  
10.29 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. Notwithstanding  
10.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first  
10.31 year appropriation is available until June 30,  
10.32 2025, and the second year appropriation is  
10.33 available until June 30, 2026. If this  
10.34 appropriation exceeds the total amount for  
10.35 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal  
11.1 year, the balance of the appropriation is  
11.2 available for other purposes under this  
11.3 paragraph. The base under this clause is  
11.4 \$6,125,000 in fiscal year 2026 and thereafter;

11.5 (3) \$4,500,000 the first year and \$4,500,000  
11.6 the second year are for grants that enable retail  
11.7 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and  
11.8 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the  
11.9 public in accordance with the biofuel

9.21 development or expansion of food hubs and  
9.22 other alternative community-based food  
9.23 distribution systems; enhancing renewable  
9.24 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,  
9.25 including basic and applied turf seed research;  
9.26 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;  
9.27 and good agricultural practices and good  
9.28 handling practices certification assistance. The  
9.29 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of  
9.30 this appropriation for costs incurred to  
9.31 administer the program.

9.32 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural  
9.33 growth, research, and innovation program  
9.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

10.1 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
10.2 the second year are for distribution in equal  
10.3 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to  
10.4 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

10.5 (2) \$6,750,000 the first year and \$6,750,000  
10.6 the second year are for incentive payments  
10.7 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,  
10.8 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. Of the amount  
10.9 allocated each year, \$1,000,000 is to pay prior  
10.10 claims that were not fully paid.

10.11 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.12 16A.28, the first year appropriation is  
10.13 available until June 30, 2025, and the second  
10.14 year appropriation is available until June 30,  
10.15 2026. If this appropriation exceeds the total  
10.16 amount for which all producers are eligible in  
10.17 a fiscal year, the balance of the appropriation  
10.18 is available for other purposes under this  
10.19 paragraph. The base under this clause is  
10.20 \$5,750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and thereafter  
10.21 and does not include funding to pay prior  
10.22 claims that were not fully paid;

10.23 (3) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000  
10.24 the second year are for grants that enable retail  
10.25 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and  
10.26 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the  
10.27 public in accordance with the biofuel

11.10 replacement goals established under  
 11.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail  
 11.12 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use  
 11.13 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model  
 11.14 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money  
 11.15 under this clause if the retail petroleum  
 11.16 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum  
 11.17 dispensing sites and each site is located in  
 11.18 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to  
 11.19 replace or upgrade equipment that does not  
 11.20 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant  
 11.21 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost  
 11.22 of the appropriate technology. A grant award  
 11.23 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The  
 11.24 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel  
 11.25 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant  
 11.26 program. The commissioner, in cooperation  
 11.27 with any economic or community development  
 11.28 financial institution and any other entity with  
 11.29 which the commissioner contracts, must  
 11.30 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure  
 11.31 financial assistance program by January 15 of  
 11.32 each year to the chairs and ranking minority  
 11.33 members of the legislative committees and  
 11.34 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture  
 11.35 policy and finance. The annual report must  
 11.36 include but not be limited to a summary of the  
 12.1 following metrics: (i) the number and types  
 12.2 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars  
 12.3 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the  
 12.4 geographic distribution of financed projects;  
 12.5 (iv) any market expansion associated with  
 12.6 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics  
 12.7 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the  
 12.8 program; and (vii) the number of grants to  
 12.9 minority-owned or female-owned businesses.  
 12.10 The base under this clause is \$3,375,000 for  
 12.11 fiscal year 2026 and thereafter;  
 12.12 (4) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
 12.13 the second year are for grants to facilitate the  
 12.14 start-up, modernization, or expansion of meat,  
 12.15 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A  
 12.16 grant award under this clause must not exceed

10.28 replacement goals established under  
 10.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail  
 10.30 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use  
 10.31 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model  
 10.32 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money  
 10.33 under this clause if the retail petroleum  
 10.34 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum  
 10.35 dispensing sites and each site is located in  
 11.1 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to  
 11.2 replace or upgrade equipment that does not  
 11.3 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant  
 11.4 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost  
 11.5 of the appropriate technology. A grant award  
 11.6 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The  
 11.7 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel  
 11.8 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant  
 11.9 program. The commissioner, in cooperation  
 11.10 with any economic or community development  
 11.11 financial institution and any other entity with  
 11.12 which the commissioner contracts, must  
 11.13 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure  
 11.14 financial assistance program by January 15 of  
 11.15 each year to the chairs and ranking minority  
 11.16 members of the legislative committees and  
 11.17 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture  
 11.18 policy and finance. The annual report must  
 11.19 include but not be limited to a summary of the  
 11.20 following metrics: (i) the number and types  
 11.21 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars  
 11.22 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the  
 11.23 geographic distribution of financed projects;  
 11.24 (iv) any market expansion associated with  
 11.25 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics  
 11.26 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the  
 11.27 program; and (vii) the number of grants to  
 11.28 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;  
 12.4 (5) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000  
 12.5 the second year are for grants to facilitate the  
 12.6 start-up, modernization, or expansion of meat,  
 12.7 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A  
 12.8 grant award under this clause must not exceed

12.17 \$200,000. Any unencumbered balance at the  
 12.18 end of the second year does not cancel until  
 12.19 June 30, 2026, and may be used for other  
 12.20 purposes under this paragraph. The base under  
 12.21 this clause is \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 12.22 thereafter;

12.23 (5) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000  
 12.24 the second year are for providing more fruits,  
 12.25 vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for  
 12.26 children in school and early childhood  
 12.27 education centers, including, at the  
 12.28 commissioner's discretion, providing grants  
 12.29 to reimburse schools and early childhood  
 12.30 education centers for purchasing equipment  
 12.31 and agricultural products. Of the amount  
 12.32 appropriated, \$150,000 each year is for a  
 12.33 statewide coordinator of farm-to-institution  
 12.34 strategy and programming. The coordinator  
 12.35 must consult with relevant stakeholders and  
 13.1 provide technical assistance and training for  
 13.2 participating farmers and eligible grant  
 13.3 recipients. The base under this clause is  
 13.4 \$800,000 in fiscal year 2026 and thereafter;

13.5 (6) \$5,500,000 the first year is for Dairy  
 13.6 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative  
 13.7 (DAIRI) grants to Minnesota dairy farmers  
 13.8 who enroll in coverage under a federal dairy  
 13.9 risk protection program and produced no more  
 13.10 than 25,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The  
 13.11 commissioner must award DAIRI grants based  
 13.12 on the amount of milk produced in 2022, up  
 13.13 to 5,000,000 pounds per participating  
 13.14 producer, at a rate determined by the  
 13.15 commissioner within the limits of available  
 13.16 funding. Any unencumbered balance does not  
 13.17 cancel at the end of the first year and is  
 13.18 available in the second year. Any  
 13.19 unencumbered balance at the end of the second  
 13.20 year does not cancel until June 30, 2026, and  
 13.21 may be used for other purposes under this  
 13.22 paragraph. This is a onetime appropriation;

12.9 \$200,000. Any unencumbered balance at the  
 12.10 end of the second year does not cancel until  
 12.11 June 30, 2026, and may be used for other  
 12.12 purposes under this paragraph. The base under  
 12.13 this clause is \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
 12.14 thereafter;

12.15 (6) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 12.16 the second year are to develop and enhance  
 12.17 farm-to-school markets for Minnesota farmers  
 12.18 by providing more fruits, vegetables, meat,  
 12.19 grain, and dairy for Minnesota children in  
 12.20 schools and early childhood education centers,  
 12.21 including, at the commissioner's discretion,  
 12.22 reimbursing schools and early childhood  
 12.23 education centers for purchases from local  
 12.24 farmers;

18.26 (6) \$3,000,000 the first year is for Dairy  
 18.27 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative  
 18.28 (DAIRI) grants to Minnesota dairy farmers  
 18.29 who enroll in coverage under a federal dairy  
 18.30 risk protection program and produced no more  
 18.31 than 25,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The  
 18.32 commissioner must award DAIRI grants based  
 18.33 on the amount of milk produced in 2022, up  
 18.34 to 5,000,000 pounds per participating  
 18.35 producer, at a rate determined by the  
 19.1 commissioner within the limits of available  
 19.2 funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 19.3 section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance  
 19.4 does not cancel at the end of the first year and  
 19.5 is available the second year and any  
 19.6 unencumbered balance at the end of the second  
 19.7 year is available until June 30, 2026. The  
 19.8 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of

13.23 (7) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
13.24 second year are for grants to support hemp  
13.25 processing. This is a onetime appropriation;

13.26 (8) up to \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000  
13.27 the second year are for urban youth  
13.28 agricultural education or urban agriculture  
13.29 community development;

13.30 (9) up to \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000  
13.31 the second year are for the good food access  
13.32 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.33 17.1017;

14.1 (10) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
14.2 the second year are for the livestock  
14.3 investment grant program under Minnesota  
14.4 Statutes, section 17.118. Any unencumbered  
14.5 balance at the end of the second year does not  
14.6 cancel until June 30, 2026, and may be used  
14.7 for other purposes under this paragraph;

14.8 (11) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000  
14.9 the second year are for value-added grants;

14.10 (12) \$340,000 the first year and \$340,000 the  
14.11 second year are for the New Markets Program;  
14.12 and

14.13 (13) \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the  
14.14 second year are for beginning farmer farm  
14.15 business management scholarships.

14.16 By January 15 each year, the commissioner  
14.17 must submit a report on the grants awarded  
14.18 under this paragraph to the chairs and ranking  
14.19 minority members of the legislative  
14.20 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
14.21 over agriculture policy and finance.  
14.22 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.23 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not  
14.24 cancel at the end of the first year and is

19.9 this appropriation for costs incurred to  
19.10 administer the program.

12.33 (9) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
12.34 the second year are to award and administer  
13.1 hemp fiber processing equipment grants under  
13.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 18K.10. The  
13.3 allocation in this clause is onetime.

12.25 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
12.26 the second year are for urban youth  
12.27 agricultural education or urban agriculture  
12.28 community development;

12.29 (8) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
12.30 second year are for the good food access  
12.31 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
12.32 17.1017; and

13.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.5 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not  
13.6 cancel at the end of the first year and is  
13.7 available for the second year, and  
13.8 appropriations encumbered under contract on  
13.9 or before June 30, 2025, for agricultural  
13.10 growth, research, and innovation grants are  
13.11 available until June 30, 2028.

14.25 available for the second year, and  
14.26 appropriations encumbered under contract on  
14.27 or before June 30, 2025, for agricultural  
14.28 growth, research, and innovation grants are  
14.29 available until June 30, 2028.

14.30 The base for the agricultural growth, research,  
14.31 and innovation program is \$17,582,000 in  
14.32 fiscal year 2026 and thereafter, and includes  
14.33 funding for incentive payments under  
15.1 Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16, 41A.17,  
15.2 41A.18, and 41A.20.

15.3 **Subd. 5. Administration and Financial**  
15.4 **Assistance**

30,243,000

14,957,000

15.5 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the  
15.6 second year are for payments to county and  
15.7 district agricultural societies and associations  
15.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,  
15.9 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and  
15.10 district agricultural societies and associations  
15.11 must be disbursed no later than July 15 of each  
15.12 year. These payments are the amount of aid  
15.13 from the state for an annual fair held in the  
15.14 previous calendar year.

15.15 (b) \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the  
15.16 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
15.17 Agricultural Education and Leadership

11.29 (4) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
11.30 second year are for grants to facilitate the  
11.31 start-up, modernization, or expansion of  
11.32 copacking facilities, commercial kitchens, and  
11.33 other key supply chain infrastructure, such as  
11.34 shared cold-chain capacity. Money  
11.35 appropriated in this clause may also be used  
11.36 to assist value-added processors with food  
12.1 safety and environmental sustainability  
12.2 guideline planning and third-party certification  
12.3 services;

13.12 (d) The base for the agricultural growth,  
13.13 research, and innovation program is  
13.14 \$16,079,000 in fiscal year 2026 and  
13.15 \$16,079,000 in fiscal year 2027, and includes  
13.16 funding for incentive payments under  
13.17 Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16, 41A.17,  
13.18 41A.18, and 41A.20.

13.19 **Subd. 5. Administration and Financial**  
13.20 **Assistance**

21,557,000

16,673,000

13.21 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the  
13.22 second year are for payments to county and  
13.23 district agricultural societies and associations  
13.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,  
13.25 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and  
13.26 district agricultural societies and associations  
13.27 must be disbursed no later than July 15 of each  
13.28 year. These payments are the amount of aid  
13.29 from the state for an annual fair held in the  
13.30 previous calendar year.

13.31 (b) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
13.32 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
13.33 Agricultural Education Leadership Council

15.18 Council for programs of the council under  
15.19 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

15.20 (c) \$2,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
15.21 Minnesota State Poultry Association. This is  
15.22 a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding  
15.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any  
15.24 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
15.25 end of the first year and is available for the  
15.26 second year.

15.27 (d) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the  
15.28 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
15.29 Livestock Breeders Association. This is a  
15.30 onetime appropriation.

15.31 (e) \$60,000 the first year and \$60,000 the  
15.32 second year are for grants to the Northern  
15.33 Crops Institute to purchase equipment.

16.1 (f) \$34,000 the first year and \$34,000 the  
16.2 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
16.3 State Horticultural Society. This is a onetime  
16.4 appropriation.

16.5 (g) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
16.6 second year are appropriated from the general  
16.7 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for  
16.8 grants to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for  
16.9 basic and applied research on: (1) the  
16.10 improved production of forage and turf seed  
16.11 related to new and improved varieties; and (2)  
16.12 native plants, including plant breeding,  
16.13 nutrient management, pest management,  
16.14 disease management, yield, and viability. The  
16.15 Minnesota Turf Seed Council may subcontract  
16.16 with a qualified third party for some or all of  
16.17 the basic or applied research. Any  
16.18 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
16.19 end of the first year and is available in the  
16.20 second year. The Minnesota Turf Seed Council  
16.21 must prepare a report outlining the use of the  
16.22 grant money and related accomplishments. No  
16.23 later than January 15, 2025, the council must  
16.24 submit the report to the chairs and ranking  
16.25 minority members of the legislative

13.34 for programs of the council under Minnesota  
13.35 Statutes, chapter 41D.

16.26 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
 16.27 over agriculture finance and policy.

16.28 (h) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the  
 16.29 second year are for grants to GreenSeam for  
 16.30 assistance to agriculture-related businesses to  
 16.31 support business retention and development,  
 16.32 business attraction and creation, talent  
 16.33 development and attraction, and regional  
 16.34 branding and promotion. These are onetime  
 16.35 appropriations. No later than December 1,  
 17.1 2024, and December 1, 2025, GreenSeam  
 17.2 must report to the chairs and ranking minority  
 17.3 members of the legislative committees with  
 17.4 jurisdiction over agriculture and rural  
 17.5 development with information on new and  
 17.6 existing businesses supported, number of new  
 17.7 jobs created in the region, new educational  
 17.8 partnerships and programs supported, and  
 17.9 regional branding and promotional efforts.

17.10 (i) \$1,950,000 the first year and \$1,950,000  
 17.11 the second year are for grants to Second  
 17.12 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's  
 17.13 six Feeding America food banks for the  
 17.14 following purposes:

17.15 (1) at least \$850,000 each year must be  
 17.16 allocated to purchase milk for distribution to  
 17.17 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable  
 17.18 organizations that are eligible to receive food  
 17.19 from the food banks. Milk purchased under  
 17.20 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota  
 17.21 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.  
 17.22 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding  
 17.23 America food bank serving Minnesota  
 17.24 according to the formula used in the  
 17.25 distribution of United States Department of  
 17.26 Agriculture commodities under The  
 17.27 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second  
 17.28 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or  
 17.29 agreements with food banks for shared funding  
 17.30 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of

14.8 (d) \$1,950,000 the first year and \$1,950,000  
 14.9 the second year are for grants to Second  
 14.10 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's  
 14.11 six Feeding America food banks for the  
 14.12 following:

14.13 (1) to purchase milk for distribution to  
 14.14 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable  
 14.15 organizations that are eligible to receive food  
 14.16 from the food banks. Milk purchased under  
 14.17 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota  
 14.18 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.  
 14.19 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding  
 14.20 America food bank serving Minnesota  
 14.21 according to the formula used in the  
 14.22 distribution of United States Department of  
 14.23 Agriculture commodities under The  
 14.24 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second  
 14.25 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or  
 14.26 agreements with food banks for shared funding  
 14.27 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of  
 14.28 milk. Each food bank that receives funding



17.31 milk. Each food bank that receives funding  
 17.32 under this clause may use up to two percent  
 17.33 for administrative expenses. Notwithstanding  
 17.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any  
 18.1 unencumbered balance the first year does not  
 18.2 cancel and is available the second year;

18.3 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and  
 18.4 processors for costs incurred to harvest and  
 18.5 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,  
 18.6 and other agricultural commodities that would  
 18.7 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or be  
 18.8 sold in a secondary market. Surplus  
 18.9 commodities must be distributed statewide to  
 18.10 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
 18.11 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
 18.12 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause  
 18.13 must be from Minnesota producers and  
 18.14 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may  
 18.15 use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded  
 18.16 under this clause for administrative and  
 18.17 transportation expenses; and

18.18 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,  
 18.19 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,  
 18.20 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's  
 18.21 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
 18.22 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
 18.23 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up  
 18.24 to two percent of each grant awarded under  
 18.25 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein  
 18.26 products purchased under the grants must be  
 18.27 acquired from Minnesota processors and  
 18.28 producers.

18.29 Second Harvest Heartland must submit  
 18.30 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the  
 18.31 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
 18.32 legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
 18.33 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by  
 18.34 the commissioner. The reports must include  
 18.35 but are not limited to information on the  
 19.1 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or  
 19.2 other commodities purchased, and the

14.29 under this clause may use up to two percent  
 14.30 for administrative expenses;

14.31 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and  
 14.32 processors for costs incurred to harvest and  
 14.33 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,  
 14.34 and other agricultural commodities that would  
 14.35 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or be  
 15.1 sold in a secondary market. Surplus  
 15.2 commodities must be distributed statewide to  
 15.3 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
 15.4 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
 15.5 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause  
 15.6 must be from Minnesota producers,  
 15.7 processors, and food hubs. Second Harvest  
 15.8 Heartland may use up to 15 percent of each  
 15.9 grant awarded under this clause for  
 15.10 administrative and transportation expenses;  
 15.11 and

15.12 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,  
 15.13 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,  
 15.14 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's  
 15.15 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
 15.16 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
 15.17 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up  
 15.18 to two percent of each grant awarded under  
 15.19 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein  
 15.20 products purchased under the grants must be  
 15.21 acquired from Minnesota processors,  
 15.22 producers, and food hubs.

15.23 Of the amount appropriated under this  
 15.24 paragraph, at least \$850,000 each year must  
 15.25 be allocated under clause (1) and at least  
 15.26 \$100,000 each year must be used to purchase  
 15.27 eligible items from food hubs that aggregate  
 15.28 food produced by emerging farmers.  
 15.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 15.30 16A.28, any unencumbered balance the first  
 15.31 year does not cancel and is available in the

19.3 organizations to which this food was  
19.4 distributed. By January 15 each year, the  
19.5 commissioner must submit a report on the  
19.6 grants awarded under this paragraph to the  
19.7 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
19.8 legislative committees and divisions with  
19.9 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and  
19.10 finance. The base for this appropriation is  
19.11 \$1,700,000 for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.

19.12 (j) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the  
19.13 second year are for grants to the Southern  
19.14 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote  
19.15 local foods through an annual event that raises  
19.16 public awareness of local foods and connects  
19.17 local food producers and processors with  
19.18 potential buyers.

19.19 (k) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
19.20 second year are for grants to The Good Acre  
19.21 for the Local Emergency Assistance Farmer  
19.22 Fund (LEAFF) program to compensate  
19.23 emerging farmers for crops donated to hunger  
19.24 relief organizations in Minnesota. This is a  
19.25 onetime appropriation.

19.26 (l) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the  
19.27 second year are for services to beginning and  
19.28 emerging farmers to increase connections  
19.29 between farmers and market opportunities  
19.30 throughout the state. This appropriation may  
19.31 be used for grants, translation services,  
19.32 training programs, or other purposes in line  
19.33 with the recommendations of the Emerging  
19.34 Farmer Working Group established under  
19.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,  
20.1 subdivision 1. By January 15 each year, the  
20.2 commissioner must submit a report on the  
20.3 grants awarded under this paragraph to the  
20.4 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
20.5 legislative committees and divisions with  
20.6 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and

15.32 second year. Second Harvest Heartland must  
15.33 submit quarterly reports to the commissioner  
15.34 and the chairs and ranking minority members  
15.35 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
16.1 over agriculture finance in the form prescribed  
16.2 by the commissioner. The reports must include  
16.3 but are not limited to information on the  
16.4 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or  
16.5 other commodities purchased, and the  
16.6 organizations to which this food was  
16.7 distributed.

16.15 (f) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the  
16.16 second year are for grants to the Southern  
16.17 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote  
16.18 local foods through an annual event that raises  
16.19 public awareness of local foods and connects  
16.20 local food producers and processors with  
16.21 potential buyers.

16.8 (e) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
16.9 second year are for grants to The Good Acre  
16.10 for the Local Emergency Assistance Farmer  
16.11 Fund program to compensate emerging  
16.12 farmers for crops donated to hunger relief  
16.13 organizations in Minnesota. This is a onetime  
16.14 appropriation.

16.22 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
16.23 second year are to expand the Emerging  
16.24 Farmer Office. The Emerging Farmer Office  
16.25 must engage and support emerging farmers  
16.26 regarding resources and opportunities  
16.27 available through the Department of  
16.28 Agriculture and throughout the state. For  
16.29 purposes of this paragraph, "emerging farmer"  
16.30 has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes,  
16.31 section 17.055, subdivision 1. Of the amount  
16.32 appropriated each year, \$25,000 is for  
16.33 translation services.

20.7 finance. The base for this appropriation is  
 20.8 \$350,000 for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.

20.9 (m) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the  
 20.10 second year are for farm advocate services.  
 20.11 Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and  
 20.12 \$50,000 the second year are for the  
 20.13 continuation of the farmland transition  
 20.14 programs and may be used for grants to  
 20.15 farmland access teams to provide technical  
 20.16 assistance to potential beginning farmers.  
 20.17 Farmland access teams must assist existing  
 20.18 farmers and beginning farmers with  
 20.19 transitioning farm ownership and farm  
 20.20 operation. Services provided by teams may  
 20.21 include but are not limited to mediation  
 20.22 assistance, designing contracts, financial  
 20.23 planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and  
 20.24 housing assistance.

20.25 (n) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the  
 20.26 second year are for a pass-through grant to  
 20.27 Region Five Development Commission to  
 20.28 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business  
 20.29 Management, statewide mental health  
 20.30 counseling support to Minnesota farm  
 20.31 operators, families, and employees, and  
 20.32 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers  
 20.33 in a professional capacity. Region Five  
 20.34 Development Commission may use up to 6.5

17.26 (j) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
 17.27 second year are to award and administer  
 17.28 beginning farmer equipment and infrastructure  
 17.29 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 17.30 17.055.

18.11 (m) \$50,000 the first year is to provide  
 18.12 technical assistance and leadership in the  
 18.13 development of a comprehensive and  
 18.14 well-documented state aquaculture plan. The  
 18.15 commissioner must provide the state  
 18.16 aquaculture plan to the legislative committees  
 18.17 with jurisdiction over agriculture finance and  
 18.18 policy by February 15, 2025.

16.34 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the  
 16.35 second year are for farm advocate services.  
 17.1 Of the amount appropriated each year, \$50,000  
 17.2 is for the continuation of the farmland  
 17.3 transition programs and may be used for grants  
 17.4 to farmland access teams to provide technical  
 17.5 assistance to potential beginning farmers.  
 17.6 Farmland access teams must assist existing  
 17.7 farmers and beginning farmers with  
 17.8 transitioning farm ownership and farm  
 17.9 operation. Services provided by teams may  
 17.10 include but are not limited to mediation  
 17.11 assistance, designing contracts, financial  
 17.12 planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and  
 17.13 housing assistance.

17.14 (i) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the  
 17.15 second year are for a pass-through grant to  
 17.16 Region Five Development Commission to  
 17.17 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business  
 17.18 Management, statewide mental health  
 17.19 counseling support to Minnesota farm  
 17.20 operators, families, and employees, and  
 17.21 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers  
 17.22 in a professional capacity. Region Five  
 17.23 Development Commission may use up to 6.5

21.1 percent of the grant awarded under this  
21.2 paragraph for administration.

21.3 (o) \$1,400,000 the first year is for transfer to  
21.4 the agricultural emergency account established  
21.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041. This  
21.6 is a onetime transfer.

21.7 (p) \$1,084,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
21.8 the second year are to support IT  
21.9 modernization efforts, including laying the  
21.10 technology foundations needed for improving  
21.11 customer interactions with the department for  
21.12 licensing and payments. This is a onetime  
21.13 appropriation.

21.14 (q) \$1,425,000 the first year and \$1,425,000  
21.15 the second year are transferred to the  
21.16 agricultural and environmental revolving loan  
21.17 account established under Minnesota Statutes,  
21.18 section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest  
21.19 loans to farmers, rural landowners, and  
21.20 agricultural businesses through the agriculture  
21.21 best management practices loan program in  
21.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117.

21.23 (r) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
21.24 second year are for administrative support for  
21.25 the Rural Finance Authority.

17.24 percent of the grant awarded under this  
17.25 paragraph for administration.

19.25 (q) \$1,000,000 the first year is for transfer to  
19.26 the agricultural emergency account established  
19.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041.

19.28 (r) \$1,584,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
19.29 the second year are to support IT  
19.30 modernization efforts, including laying the  
19.31 technology foundations necessary to improve  
19.32 customer licensing and payment interactions  
19.33 with the department. This is a onetime  
19.34 appropriation.

19.11 (p) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
19.12 second year are for technical assistance grants  
19.13 to certified community development financial  
19.14 institutions that participate in United States  
19.15 Department of Agriculture loan or grant  
19.16 programs for small or emerging farmers,  
19.17 including but not limited to the Increasing  
19.18 Land, Capital, and Market Access Program.  
19.19 For purposes of this paragraph, "emerging  
19.20 farmer" has the meaning given in Minnesota  
19.21 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1. The  
19.22 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of  
19.23 this appropriation for costs incurred to  
19.24 administer the program.

14.1 (c) \$1,425,000 the first year and \$1,425,000  
14.2 the second year are for transfer to the  
14.3 agricultural and environmental revolving loan  
14.4 account established under Minnesota Statutes,  
14.5 section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest  
14.6 loans under Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.7 17.117.

17.31 (k) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
17.32 second year are for administrative support for  
17.33 the Rural Finance Authority.

21.26 (s) \$14,000,000 the first year is for transfer to  
 21.27 the grain indemnity account established in  
 21.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 223.24. This is a  
 21.29 onetime transfer.

21.30 (t) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 21.31 second year are to maintain the current level  
 21.32 of service delivery. The base for this  
 21.33 appropriation is \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026  
 21.34 and thereafter.

22.1 (u) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
 22.2 Board of Regents of the University of  
 22.3 Minnesota to purchase equipment for the  
 22.4 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to test for  
 22.5 chronic wasting disease, African swine fever,  
 22.6 avian influenza, and other animal diseases.  
 22.7 This is a onetime appropriation.

22.8 (v) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000  
 22.9 the second year are to award down payment  
 22.10 assistance grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 22.11 section 17.133. Of the amount appropriated  
 22.12 each year, at least \$375,000 is for down

4.20 (g) \$5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to  
 4.21 the grain indemnity account established under  
 4.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 223.24.

20.1 (s) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
 20.2 second year are to coordinate climate-related  
 20.3 activities and services within the Department  
 20.4 of Agriculture and counterparts in local, state,  
 20.5 and federal agencies and to hire a full-time  
 20.6 climate implementation coordinator. The  
 20.7 climate implementation coordinator must  
 20.8 coordinate efforts seeking federal funding for  
 20.9 Minnesota's agricultural climate adaptation  
 20.10 and mitigation efforts and develop strategic  
 20.11 partnerships with the private sector and  
 20.12 nongovernment organizations.

20.28 (u) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000  
 20.29 the second year are to maintain the current  
 20.30 level of service delivery. The base for this  
 20.31 appropriation is \$3,011,000 in fiscal year 2026  
 20.32 and \$3,011,000 in fiscal year 2027.

20.13 (t) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
 20.14 Board of Regents of the University of  
 20.15 Minnesota to purchase equipment for the  
 20.16 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to test for  
 20.17 chronic wasting disease, African swine fever,  
 20.18 avian influenza, and other animal diseases.  
 20.19 The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory must  
 20.20 report expenditures under this paragraph to  
 20.21 the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
 20.22 over agriculture finance and higher education  
 20.23 with a report submitted by January 3, 2024,  
 20.24 and a final report submitted by September 1,  
 20.25 2025. The reports must include a list of  
 20.26 equipment purchased, including the cost of  
 20.27 each item.

17.34 (l) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
 17.35 second year are to award and administer down  
 18.1 payment assistance grants under Minnesota  
 18.2 Statutes, section 17.133, to emerging farmers  
 18.3 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section

22.13 payment assistance grants to emerging  
 22.14 farmers. If the commissioner has not awarded  
 22.15 \$375,000 to emerging farmers by March 1  
 22.16 each year, the commissioner may award  
 22.17 remaining funds to any eligible farmer. By  
 22.18 January 15 each year, the commissioner must  
 22.19 submit a report on the grants awarded under  
 22.20 this paragraph to the chairs and ranking  
 22.21 minority members of the legislative  
 22.22 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
 22.23 over agriculture policy and finance.  
 22.24 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 22.25 16A.28, the first year appropriation is  
 22.26 available until June 30, 2025, and the second  
 22.27 year appropriation is available until June 30,  
 22.28 2026. The base for this appropriation is  
 22.29 \$750,000 for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.

22.30 (w) \$222,000 the first year and \$322,000 the  
 22.31 second year are appropriated for grants to meat  
 22.32 and poultry processors to reimburse costs for  
 22.33 training and retention of employees. A meat  
 22.34 processor with 100 full-time equivalent  
 22.35 employees or fewer is eligible for grant money  
 23.1 under this section. Grants may be used for  
 23.2 tuition reimbursement at Minnesota State  
 23.3 Colleges and Universities, child care stipends,  
 23.4 retention bonuses, and other related expenses.  
 23.5 A grant award may not exceed \$5,000 per  
 23.6 employee. By January 15 each year, the  
 23.7 commissioner must submit a report on the  
 23.8 grants awarded under this paragraph to the  
 23.9 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
 23.10 legislative committees and divisions with  
 23.11 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and  
 23.12 finance. The commissioner may use up to 6.5  
 23.13 percent of the appropriation each year for  
 23.14 administration. This is a onetime  
 23.15 appropriation.

18.4 17.055, subdivision 1. Notwithstanding  
 18.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any  
 18.6 unencumbered balance at the end of the first  
 18.7 year does not cancel and is available in the  
 18.8 second year and appropriations encumbered  
 18.9 under contract by June 30, 2025, are available  
 18.10 until June 30, 2027.

18.19 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 18.20 second year are for meat processing training  
 18.21 and retention incentive grants under section  
 18.22 6. The commissioner may use up to 6.5  
 18.23 percent of this appropriation for costs incurred  
 18.24 to administer the program. This is a onetime  
 18.25 appropriation.

20.33 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 20.34 the second year are for transfer to the Board  
 20.35 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
 21.1 evaluate, propagate, and maintain the genetic

23.16 (x) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
23.17 second year are appropriated from the general  
23.18 fund to the commissioner of agriculture to  
23.19 award cooperative grants under Minnesota  
23.20 Statutes, section 17.1016. The commissioner  
23.21 may use up to 6.5 percent of the appropriation  
23.22 each year to administer the grant program.  
23.23 This is a onetime appropriation.

23.24 (y) \$100,000 the first year is for grants or other  
23.25 forms of technical assistance to meat and  
23.26 poultry processors to reimburse the cost of  
23.27 attending courses or training and receiving  
23.28 technical assistance in fiscal year 2024 that  
23.29 supports developing sanitation standard  
23.30 operating procedures, hazard analysis and  
23.31 critical control points plans, or business plans.  
23.32 A meat processor with 50 full-time equivalent  
23.33 employees or fewer is eligible for grant money  
23.34 under this section. This is a onetime  
23.35 appropriation.

24.1 Sec. 3. BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH                    \$            6,771,000 \$            6,931,000

24.2 (a) \$170,000 the first year and \$170,000 the  
24.3 second year are to cover increased costs

21.2 diversity of oilseeds, grains, grasses, legumes,  
21.3 and other plants including flax, timothy,  
21.4 barley, rye, triticale, alfalfa, orchard grass,  
21.5 clover, and other species and varieties that  
21.6 were in commercial distribution and use in  
21.7 Minnesota before 1970, excluding wild rice.  
21.8 This effort must also protect traditional seeds  
21.9 brought to Minnesota by immigrant  
21.10 communities. This appropriation includes  
21.11 funding for associated extension and outreach  
21.12 to small and Black, Indigenous, and People of  
21.13 Color (BIPOC) farmers. This is a onetime  
21.14 appropriation.  
  
21.15 (w) The commissioner shall continue to  
21.16 increase connections with ethnic minority and  
21.17 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities  
21.18 and farming programs throughout the state.

6.13 (d) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the  
6.14 second year are to award cooperative grants  
6.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1016.  
6.16 The commissioner may use up to six percent  
6.17 of the appropriation each year to administer  
6.18 the grant program.

21.19 Sec. 3. BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH                    \$            6,613,000 \$            6,779,000

24.4 associated with importing companion animals  
24.5 from parts of the world with a high prevalence  
24.6 of animal diseases.  
24.7 (b) \$560,000 the first year and \$560,000 the  
24.8 second year are for agricultural emergency  
24.9 preparedness and response.

24.10 Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION  
24.11 RESEARCH INSTITUTE                    \$        6,643,000 \$        4,343,000

24.12 (a) \$1,800,000 the first year is for equipment  
24.13 upgrades, equipment replacement, installation  
24.14 expenses, and laboratory infrastructure at the  
24.15 Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's  
24.16 laboratories in the cities of Crookston,  
24.17 Marshall, and Waseca. The is a onetime  
24.18 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
24.19 2026.

21.20 (a) \$560,000 the first year and \$560,000 the  
21.21 second year are for agricultural emergency  
21.22 preparedness and response. As part of the  
21.23 fiscal year 2024 and 2025 reports required  
21.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 35.03, the  
21.25 Board of Animal Health must report the  
21.26 number of additional staff positions created  
21.27 under this paragraph, the number of full-time  
21.28 equivalent staff hired under this paragraph and  
21.29 their specific expertise and training, and the  
21.30 specific types of incidents and animal diseases  
21.31 for which the board is preparing.

21.32 (b) \$6,000 the first year and \$6,000 the second  
21.33 year are for meeting expenses for the  
21.34 additional board members.

22.1 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$332,000 the  
22.2 second year are to maintain the current level  
22.3 of service delivery.

22.4 Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION  
22.5 RESEARCH INSTITUTE                    \$        5,643,000 \$        4,343,000

22.6 (a) \$300,000 the first year is for equipment  
22.7 upgrades, equipment replacement, installation  
22.8 expenses, and laboratory infrastructure at the  
22.9 Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's  
22.10 laboratories in the cities of Crookston,  
22.11 Marshall, and Waseca.

22.12 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year is to replace  
22.13 analytical and processing equipment and make  
22.14 corresponding facility upgrades at Agricultural  
22.15 Utilization Research Institute facilities in the  
22.16 cities of Marshall and Waseca. This is a  
22.17 onetime appropriation and is available until  
22.18 June 30, 2026.



24.20 (b) \$500,000 the first year is for renewable  
24.21 natural gas and anaerobic digestion projects.  
24.22 The is a onetime appropriation and is available  
24.23 until June 30, 2026.

24.24 Sec. 5. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as  
24.25 amended by Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 1, section 1, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

24.26 Subd. 5. **Administration and Financial**  
24.27 **Assistance** 11,477,000 13,429,000

24.28 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the  
24.29 second year are for payments to county and  
24.30 district agricultural societies and associations  
24.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,  
24.32 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and  
24.33 district agricultural societies and associations  
24.34 shall be disbursed no later than July 15 of each  
25.1 year. These payments are the amount of aid  
25.2 from the state for an annual fair held in the  
25.3 previous calendar year.

25.4 (b) \$387,000 the first year and \$337,000 the  
25.5 second year are for farm advocate services.  
25.6 Of these amounts, \$100,000 the first year and  
25.7 \$50,000 the second year are for a pilot  
25.8 program creating farmland access teams to  
25.9 provide technical assistance to potential  
25.10 beginning farmers. The farmland access teams  
25.11 must assist existing farmers and beginning  
25.12 farmers on transitioning farm ownership and  
25.13 operation. Services provided by teams may  
25.14 include but are not limited to providing  
25.15 mediation assistance, designing contracts,  
25.16 financial planning, tax preparation, estate  
25.17 planning, and housing assistance. Of this  
25.18 amount for farm transitions, up to \$50,000 the  
25.19 first year may be used to upgrade the  
25.20 Minnesota FarmLink web application that  
25.21 connects farmers looking for land with farmers  
25.22 looking to transition their land.

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22.20 second year are to maintain the current level  
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23.15 financial planning, tax preparation, estate  
23.16 planning, and housing assistance. Of this  
23.17 amount for farm transitions, up to \$50,000 the  
23.18 first year may be used to upgrade the  
23.19 Minnesota FarmLink web application that  
23.20 connects farmers looking for land with farmers  
23.21 looking to transition their land.

25.23 (c) \$47,000 the first year and \$47,000 the  
25.24 second year are for grants to the Northern  
25.25 Crops Institute that may be used to purchase  
25.26 equipment. These are onetime appropriations.

25.27 (d) \$238,000 the first year and \$260,000 the  
25.28 second year are for a pass-through grant to  
25.29 Region Five Development Commission to  
25.30 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business  
25.31 Management, statewide mental health  
25.32 counseling support to Minnesota farm  
25.33 operators, families, and employees, and  
25.34 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers  
25.35 in a professional capacity. Region Five  
26.1 Development Commission may use up to 6.5  
26.2 percent of the grant awarded under this  
26.3 paragraph for administration. The base for this  
26.4 appropriation is \$260,000 in fiscal year 2024  
26.5 and later.

26.6 (e) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000  
26.7 the second year are for grants to Second  
26.8 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's  
26.9 six Feeding America food banks for the  
26.10 following:

26.11 (1) to purchase milk for distribution to  
26.12 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable  
26.13 organizations that are eligible to receive food  
26.14 from the food banks. Milk purchased under  
26.15 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota  
26.16 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.  
26.17 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding  
26.18 America food bank serving Minnesota  
26.19 according to the formula used in the  
26.20 distribution of United States Department of  
26.21 Agriculture commodities under The  
26.22 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second  
26.23 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or  
26.24 agreements with food banks for shared funding  
26.25 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of  
26.26 milk. Each food bank that receives funding  
26.27 under this clause may use up to two percent  
26.28 for administrative expenses;

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24.24 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of  
24.25 milk. Each food bank that receives funding  
24.26 under this clause may use up to two percent  
24.27 for administrative expenses;

26.29 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and  
 26.30 processors for costs incurred to harvest and  
 26.31 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,  
 26.32 and other agricultural commodities that would  
 26.33 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or  
 26.34 sold in a secondary market. Surplus  
 26.35 commodities must be distributed statewide to  
 27.1 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
 27.2 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
 27.3 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause  
 27.4 must be from Minnesota producers and  
 27.5 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may  
 27.6 use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded  
 27.7 under this clause for administrative and  
 27.8 transportation expenses; and

27.9 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,  
 27.10 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,  
 27.11 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's  
 27.12 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
 27.13 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
 27.14 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up  
 27.15 to two percent of each grant awarded under  
 27.16 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein  
 27.17 products purchased under the grants must be  
 27.18 acquired from Minnesota processors and  
 27.19 producers.

27.20 Of the amount appropriated under this  
 27.21 paragraph, at least \$600,000 each year must  
 27.22 be allocated under clause (1). Notwithstanding  
 27.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any  
 27.24 unencumbered balance the first year does not  
 27.25 cancel and is available in the second year.  
 27.26 Second Harvest Heartland must submit  
 27.27 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the  
 27.28 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
 27.29 legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
 27.30 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by  
 27.31 the commissioner. The reports must include  
 27.32 but are not limited to information on the  
 27.33 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or  
 27.34 other commodities purchased, and the

24.28 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and  
 24.29 processors for costs incurred to harvest and  
 24.30 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,  
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 24.32 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or  
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 25.7 transportation expenses; and

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 25.33 other commodities purchased, and the

28.1 organizations to which this food was  
28.2 distributed.

28.3 (f) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
28.4 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
28.5 Agricultural Education and Leadership  
28.6 Council for programs of the council under  
28.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

28.8 (g) \$1,437,000 the first year and \$1,437,000  
28.9 the second year are for transfer to the  
28.10 agricultural and environmental revolving loan  
28.11 account established under Minnesota Statutes,  
28.12 section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest  
28.13 loans under Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.14 17.117. The base for appropriations under this  
28.15 paragraph in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter  
28.16 is \$1,425,000. The commissioner must  
28.17 examine how the department could use up to  
28.18 one-third of the amount transferred to the  
28.19 agricultural and environmental revolving loan  
28.20 account under this paragraph to award grants  
28.21 to rural landowners to replace septic systems  
28.22 that inadequately protect groundwater. No  
28.23 later than February 1, 2022, the commissioner  
28.24 must report to the legislative committees with  
28.25 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and  
28.26 environment finance on the results of the  
28.27 examination required under this paragraph.  
28.28 The commissioner's report may include other  
28.29 funding sources for septic system replacement  
28.30 that are available to rural landowners.

28.31 (h) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
28.32 second year are for grants to the Center for  
28.33 Rural Policy and Development. These are  
28.34 onetime appropriations.

29.1 (i) \$150,000 the first year is to provide grants  
29.2 to Central Lakes College for the purposes of  
29.3 designing, building, and offering credentials  
29.4 in the area of meat cutting and butchery that  
29.5 align with industry needs as advised by local  
29.6 industry advisory councils. Notwithstanding  
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29.8 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
29.9 end of the first year and is available for the  
29.10 second year. The commissioner may only  
29.11 award a grant under this paragraph if the grant  
29.12 is matched by a like amount from another  
29.13 funding source. The commissioner must seek  
29.14 matching dollars from Minnesota State  
29.15 Colleges and Universities or other entities.  
29.16 The appropriation is onetime and is available  
29.17 until June 30, 2024. Any money remaining on  
29.18 June 30, 2024, must be transferred to the  
29.19 agricultural growth, research, and innovation  
29.20 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.21 41A.12, and is available until June 30, 2025.  
29.22 Grants may be used for costs including but  
29.23 not limited to:  
  
29.24 (1) facility renovation to accommodate meat  
29.25 cutting;  
  
29.26 (2) curriculum design and approval from the  
29.27 Higher Learning Commission;  
  
29.28 (3) program operational start-up costs;  
  
29.29 (4) equipment required for a meat cutting  
29.30 program; and  
  
29.31 (5) meat handling start-up costs in regard to  
29.32 meat access and market channel building.  
  
29.33 No later than January 15, 2023, Central Lakes  
29.34 College must submit a report outlining the use  
30.1 of grant money to the chairs and ranking  
30.2 minority members of the legislative  
30.3 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
30.4 over agriculture and higher education.  
  
30.5 (j) \$2,000 the first year is for grants to the  
30.6 Minnesota State Poultry Association. This is  
30.7 a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding  
30.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any  
30.9 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
30.10 end of the first year and is available for the  
30.11 second year.

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28.8 end of the first year and is available for the  
28.9 second year.

30.12 (k) \$17,000 the first year and \$17,000 the  
30.13 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
30.14 State Horticultural Society. These are onetime  
30.15 appropriations.

30.16 (l) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the  
30.17 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
30.18 Livestock Breeders Association. These are  
30.19 onetime appropriations.

30.20 (m) The commissioner shall continue to  
30.21 increase connections with ethnic minority and  
30.22 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities  
30.23 and farming programs throughout the state.

30.24 (n) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the  
30.25 second year are for grants to the Southern  
30.26 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote  
30.27 local foods through an annual event that raises  
30.28 public awareness of local foods and connects  
30.29 local food producers and processors with  
30.30 potential buyers.

30.31 (o) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
30.32 second year are for grants to Greater Mankato  
30.33 Growth, Inc., for assistance to  
30.34 agriculture-related businesses to promote jobs,  
31.1 innovation, and synergy development. These  
31.2 are onetime appropriations.

31.3 (p) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
31.4 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
31.5 Turf Seed Council for basic and applied  
31.6 research. The Minnesota Turf Seed Council  
31.7 may subcontract with a qualified third party  
31.8 for some or all of the basic or applied research.  
31.9 No later than January 15, 2023, the Minnesota  
31.10 Turf Seed Council must submit a report  
31.11 outlining the use of the grant money and  
31.12 related accomplishments to the chairs and  
31.13 ranking minority members of the legislative  
31.14 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture.  
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29.14 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
29.15 end of the first year and is available for the  
29.16 second year.

31.19 (q) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
31.20 second year are to establish an emerging  
31.21 farmer office and hire a full-time emerging  
31.22 farmer outreach coordinator. The emerging  
31.23 farmer outreach coordinator must engage and  
31.24 support emerging farmers regarding resources  
31.25 and opportunities available throughout the  
31.26 Department of Agriculture and the state. For  
31.27 purposes of this paragraph, "emerging farmer"  
31.28 has the meaning provided in Minnesota  
31.29 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1. Of the  
31.30 amount appropriated each year, \$25,000 is for  
31.31 translation services for farmers and cottage  
31.32 food producers.

31.33 (r) \$222,000 the first year and \$286,000 the  
31.34 second year are to maintain the current level  
31.35 of service delivery.

32.1 (s) \$827,000 the second year is to award and  
32.2 administer grants to:

32.3 (1) organizations to provide technical and  
32.4 culturally appropriate services to emerging  
32.5 farmers and related businesses;

32.6 (2) organizations to help emerging farmers  
32.7 pay for up to 65 percent of premium expenses  
32.8 each year up to two years under the federal  
32.9 micro farm insurance program; and

32.10 (3) The Good Acre for the Local Emergency  
32.11 Assistance Farmer Fund (LEAFF) program to  
32.12 compensate emerging farmers for crops  
32.13 donated to hunger relief organizations in  
32.14 Minnesota.

32.15 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
32.16 available until June 30, 2024.

32.17 (t) \$750,000 the second year is to support the  
32.18 IT modernization efforts, including laying the  
32.19 technology foundations needed for improving  
32.20 customer interactions with the department for  
32.21 licensing and payments. The base for this

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32.22 appropriation is \$584,000 in fiscal year 2024  
32.23 and \$0 in fiscal year 2025.

32.24 (u) \$1,500,000 the first year is for transfer to  
32.25 the agricultural emergency account established  
32.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041. This  
32.27 is a onetime transfer. This transfer is in  
32.28 addition to the appropriations made in Laws  
32.29 2022, chapter 47, section 2.

32.30 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
32.31 17.041, the commissioner may use the amount  
32.32 to be transferred for the purposes identified  
32.33 under Laws 2022, chapter 47, section 2,  
33.1 paragraph (b). This paragraph expires on  
33.2 December 31, 2022.

33.3 (v) \$250,000 in the second year is for a grant  
33.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
33.5 Minnesota to purchase equipment for the  
33.6 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to test for  
33.7 chronic wasting disease, African swine fever,  
33.8 avian influenza, and other animal diseases.  
33.9 The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory must  
33.10 report expenditures under this paragraph to  
33.11 the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
33.12 over agriculture finance and higher education  
33.13 with initial reports completed by January 3,  
33.14 2023, and January 3, 2024, and a final report  
33.15 by ~~September 1, 2025~~ December 31, 2024.  
33.16 The reports must include a list of equipment  
33.17 purchased, including the cost of each item.  
33.18 The base for this appropriation is \$250,000 in  
33.19 fiscal year 2024 and \$0 in fiscal year 2025.

33.20 (w) \$141,000 the second year is for additional  
33.21 funding to administer the beginning farmer  
33.22 tax credit. The base for this appropriation is  
33.23 \$56,000 in fiscal year 2024 and later.

33.24 (x) \$750,000 the second year is for a grant to  
33.25 the Ag Innovation Campus to continue  
33.26 construction of a soybean processing and  
33.27 research facility. This is a onetime  
33.28 appropriation.

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33.30 utilization of the grants to the chairs and  
33.31 ranking minority members of the legislative  
33.32 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
33.33 over agriculture policy and finance by  
33.34 February 1, 2024.

34.1 (y) \$50,000 is added to the base for fiscal year  
34.2 2024 and \$0 for fiscal year 2025 to provide  
34.3 technical assistance and leadership in the  
34.4 development of a comprehensive and  
34.5 well-documented state aquaculture plan. The  
34.6 commissioner must provide the state  
34.7 aquaculture plan to the legislative committees  
34.8 with jurisdiction over agriculture finance and  
34.9 policy by February 15, 2025.

34.10 (z) \$500,000 the second year is to award and  
34.11 administer down payment assistance grants  
34.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133. The  
34.13 base for this appropriation is \$750,000 in fiscal  
34.14 year 2024 and thereafter.

34.15 (aa) \$350,000 the second year is to provide  
34.16 grants to secondary career and technical  
34.17 education programs for the purpose of offering  
34.18 instruction in meat cutting and butchery. By  
34.19 January 15, 2023, the commissioner must  
34.20 report to the chairs and ranking minority  
34.21 members of the committees with jurisdiction  
34.22 over agriculture finance and education finance  
34.23 by listing the grants made under this paragraph  
34.24 by county and noting the number and amount  
34.25 of grant requests not fulfilled. The report may  
34.26 include additional information as determined  
34.27 by the commissioner, including but not limited  
34.28 to information regarding the outcomes  
34.29 produced by these grants. If additional grants  
34.30 are awarded under this paragraph that were  
34.31 not covered in the report due by January 15,  
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34.33 additional report to the chairs and ranking  
34.34 minority members of the committees with  
34.35 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and  
35.1 education finance regarding all grants issued  
35.2 under this paragraph by November 1, 2023.  
35.3 This is a onetime appropriation. Grants may  
35.4 be used for costs, including but not limited to:

35.5 (1) equipment required for a meat cutting  
35.6 program;

35.7 (2) facility renovation to accommodate meat  
35.8 cutting; and

35.9 (3) training faculty to teach the fundamentals  
35.10 of meat processing.

35.11 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of  
35.12 up to \$70,000 and may use up to ten percent  
35.13 of the grant for faculty training.

35.14 Priority may be given to applicants who are  
35.15 coordinating with meat cutting and butchery  
35.16 programs at Minnesota State Colleges and  
35.17 Universities system and local industry  
35.18 partners.

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33.2 education finance regarding all grants issued  
33.3 under this paragraph by November 1, 2023.  
33.4 This is a onetime appropriation. Grants may  
33.5 be used for costs, including but not limited to:

33.6 (1) equipment required for a meat cutting  
33.7 program;

33.8 (2) facility renovation to accommodate meat  
33.9 cutting; and

33.10 (3) training faculty to teach the fundamentals  
33.11 of meat processing.

33.12 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of  
33.13 up to \$70,000 and may use up to ten percent  
33.14 of the grant for faculty training.

33.15 Priority may be given to applicants who are  
33.16 coordinating with meat cutting and butchery  
33.17 programs at Minnesota State Colleges and  
33.18 Universities system and local industry  
33.19 partners.

33.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

33.21 Sec. 6. **GRANTS FOR MEAT PROCESSING TRAINING AND RETENTION**  
33.22 **INCENTIVES.**

33.23 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
33.24 the meanings given.

33.25 (b) "Partner organizations" include:

33.26 (1) foundations engaged in economic development;

33.27 (2) community development financial institutions;

33.28 (3) federally recognized economic development districts; and

33.29 (4) community development corporations.

34.1 (c) "Small- to medium-sized meat and poultry processor" means a meat and poultry  
34.2 processor licensed by the state of Minnesota or the federal government that has fewer than  
34.3 150 employees.

- 34.4 Subd. 2. **Grants.** (a) The commissioner of agriculture must provide grants to partner  
34.5 organizations to assist small- to medium-sized meat and poultry processors with hiring and  
34.6 training new employees. New employees at eligible meat and poultry processing plants may  
34.7 receive up to \$10,000 in the form of tuition reimbursement for programs at Minnesota State  
34.8 Colleges and Universities, sign-on bonuses, relocation assistance, retention incentives, child  
34.9 care stipends, and other related expenses. Employees at any one meat or poultry processor  
34.10 may not receive more than \$50,000 under this paragraph.
- 34.11 (b) Up to 20 percent of a grant to a partner organization may be used for direct services  
34.12 to employees, including but not limited to translation services.
- 34.13 (c) Priority must be given to applications from partner organizations working in  
34.14 partnership with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.