

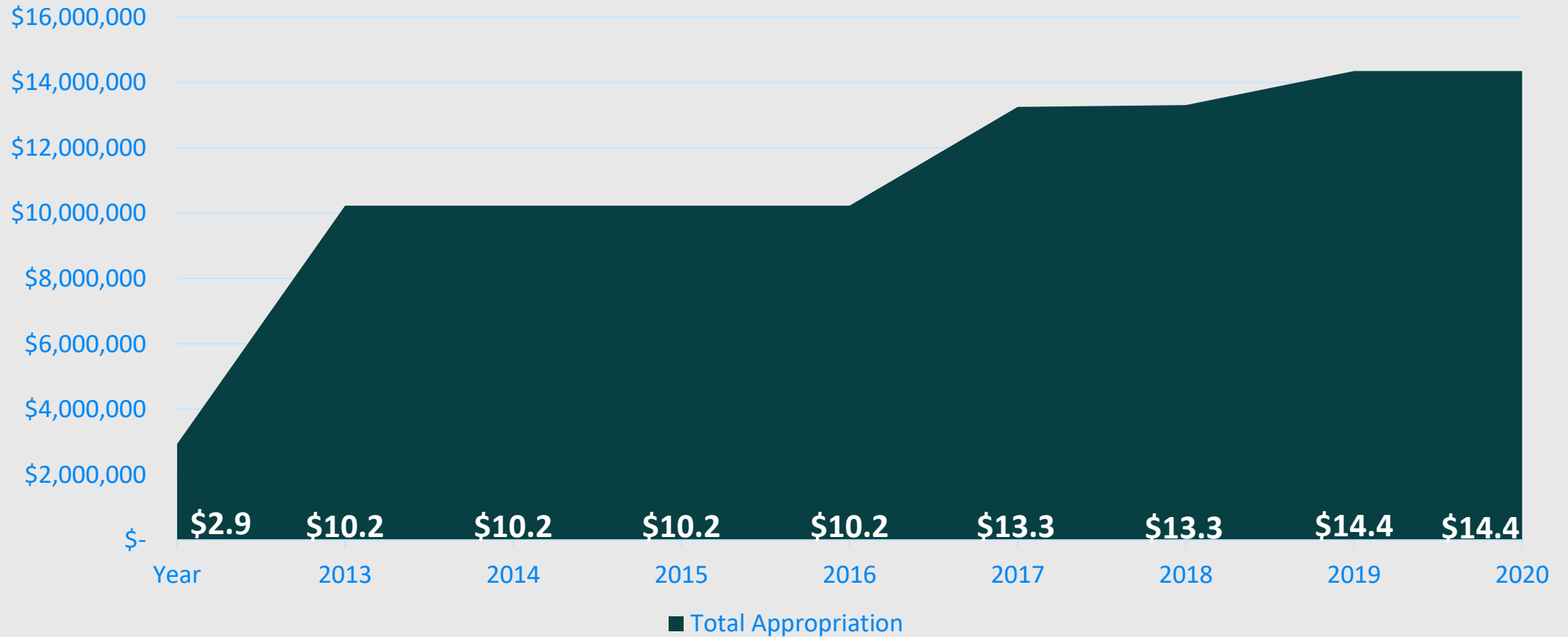


# Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program

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# Appropriations

## AGRI Appropriations



# AGRI Programs

Livestock Investment Grants

Value-Added Grants

Farm to School Grants

Crop Research Grants

Minnesota Pavilions

Tradeshow and Demo Support

Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration  
Grants

Bioincentive Payments

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)  
Cost-Share

Farm Business Management  
Scholarships

County Fair Grants

# 2018-2019 Biennium New/Special Programs

Large Value-Added Grants (FY 2018 and FY 2019, \$2 million)

Urban Agriculture Grants (FY 2018 and 2019, \$250,000)

Good Food Access Program (GFAP) Grants (FY 2018 and 2019, \$250,000)

Minnesota Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership Grants (FY 2018, \$1.2 million, and FY 2019, \$169,000)

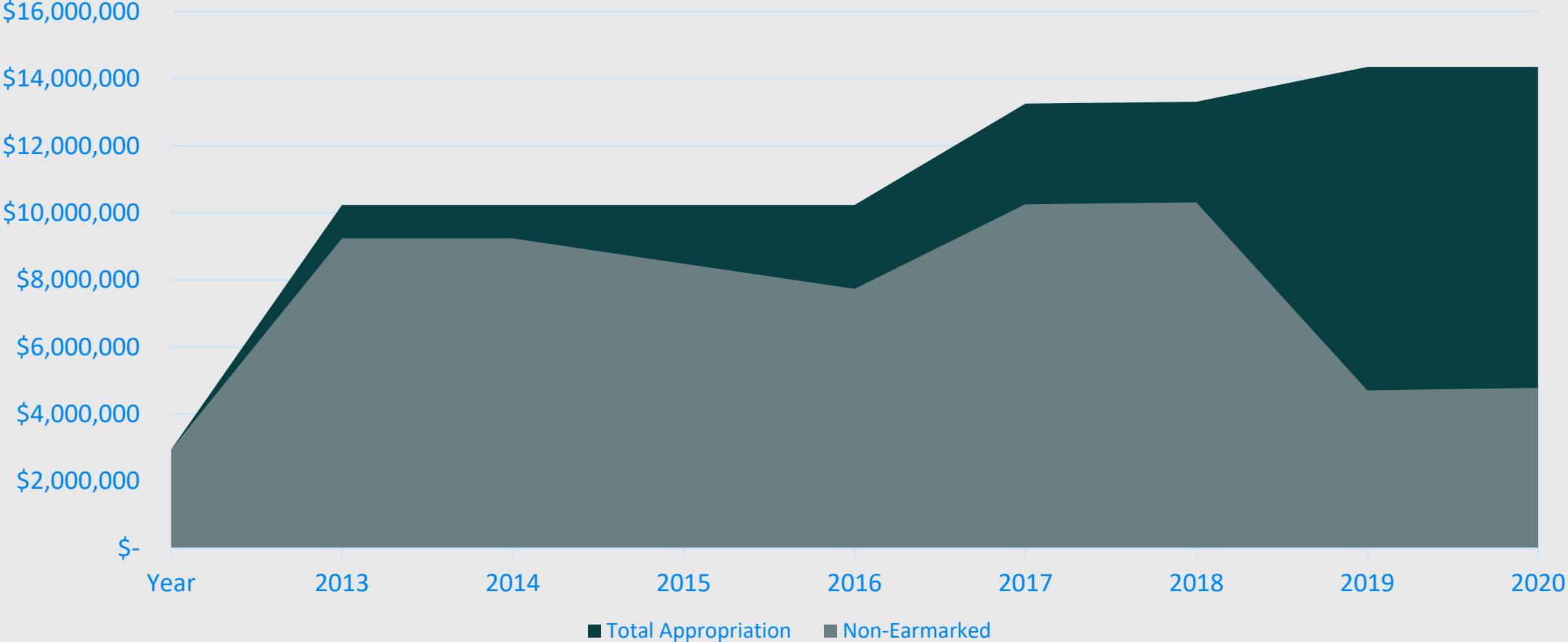
Biofuel Blending Infrastructure Grant (FY 2019, \$380,000)

Bioenergy/Biochemical Pilot Project Grant (FY 2019, \$150,000)

Dairy Farm Improvement Grants (FY 2019, \$750,000)

# Prescribed Spending

## Earmarks



# 2020 – 2021 Biennium Budget

**Appropriation: \$14.35 million/year**

Earmarks:

\$5 million: DAIRI in year 1, Soybean in year 2

\$2.5 million: Bioincentive Payments

\$1 million: County Fair Grants

\$400k: Farm to School Grants

\$300k: Urban Agriculture Grants

\$300k: Good Food Access Grants

\$75k: Minnesota Turf Seed Council

\$75k: Greater Mankato Growth (year 1 only)

# 2020 – 2021 Biennium Budget

**\$14.35 million**

**-- \$9.65 million in earmarks**

**\$4.7 million available for everything else**

Livestock Investment Grants

Crop Research Grants

FBM Scholarships

GAP Cost-Share

Administrative Costs

Value-Added Grants

Sustainable Ag Demo Grants

New Market Development

Biofuels Infrastructure Grants

**Awarded:** Crop Research, Sustainable Ag Demo, Farm to School, Urban Agriculture, Bioincentive Payments, FBM Scholarships, County Fairs, and DAIRI

**Under Review:** GFAP Equipment/Physical Improvement and Technical Assistance, Value-Added, and Livestock Investment

**Accepting Applications:** Milk Coolers, Tradeshow and Demo Support, and GAP Cost-Share



# App Review, Evaluation & Monitoring

- External evaluations
- Office of Grants Management guidelines
- Site visits for projects over \$25,000
- Reimbursement basis for most projects

# Value-Added Grant Overview

Helps businesses, including meat processors, purchase equipment in order to create, upgrade, and modernize, and thereby increasing usage of Minnesota grown/raised products

- Annual Allocation: >\$2 million (\$1 million in 2020 and 2021)
- Award Range: \$1,000 - \$150,000 or \$199,999
- Match Requirement: 75%
- 2020 Request: \$3.2 million

# Value-Added Grant Recipient

TFC Poultry, Darrin Froemming  
Ashby, Minnesota



# New Market Programs

Helps small- to medium-sized food businesses and value-added agriculture producers explore new markets and expand their market reach through Tradeshow and Demo Cost-Share and Minnesota Pavilions

- Annual Allocation: \$400,000 (\$310,000-\$340,000 in 2020 and 2021)
- Maximum Tradeshow Support Annual Award: \$4,000

# Value-Added Grant Recipient, Tradeshaw and Demo Support Program Participant

CannonBelles Cheese, Deeann Lufkin

Cannon Falls, Minnesota



# Livestock Investment Grant

Assists livestock operations initiate and expand livestock production and processing; created through Minn. Stat. 17.118

- Annual Allocation: >\$2 million (\$768k in 2020)
- Award Range: \$1,000 - \$25,000
- Match Requirement: 90%
- 2020 Request: \$2.5 million

# Livestock Investment Grant Recipient

Andrew Miron

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# Thank you!

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