

Subject Plant-based food

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Summary

This bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to establish and administer a pilot plant-based food research and development grant program.

MDA would award competitive grants for plant protein processing innovations, plant-based food product formulation, and other specified activities that accelerate the scale-up and commercialization of industry-advancing plant-based food products. Grantees would be required to match the grant award with nonstate funds.

MDA would report program activities and outcomes to the legislature no later than January 15, 2024.