

Subject Agriculture

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## Summary

This bill grants the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) additional time to use \$60,000 of federal COVID-19 aid to provide additional Farm Advocates services in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The bill also requires MDA to report by January 31, 2022, regarding the agency's use of these dollars.

According to MDA, Farm Advocates provide free one-on-one assistance to Minnesota farmers in crisis. For more information, see:

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/about/commissionersoffice/farmadvocates>