

Subject Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, and Technology Transfer

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Overview

This bill transfers money to the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer (AGREETT) account for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to issue grants under the AGREET program and to support the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC).

The legislature established the AGREET program in 2015 to invest in agricultural research and education. The legislature established MAELC in 1997 to develop and promote secondary and postsecondary agricultural education programs. The Forever Green Initiative is a research platform at the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Minnesota that develops and commercializes annual and perennial crops for conservation purposes.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Transfer; agricultural research, education, extension, and technology transfer grant program. Transfers money from the general fund to the AGREETT account for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Sets the base for fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.
2	Appropriation; agricultural research, education, extension, and technology transfer grant program. Appropriates money from the AGREETT account to the MDA for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for the AGREETT grant program and MAELC. Specifies the amounts appropriated for: (1) the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's agricultural rapid response fund; (2) research on avian influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related diseases and disease prevention; (3) grants to MAELC; (4) potato breeding; (5) Forever Green Initiative; (6) natural stands of wild rice; and (7) the cultivated wild rice forward selection project at the North Central Research and Outreach Center. Requires reports from the University of Minnesota on the use of funds for the

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	Forever Green Initiative. Sets the base for the appropriation in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.
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