

Subject Agriculture
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Summary

This bill would appropriate \$400,000 each year to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for grants to the nonprofit The Good Acre for its Local Emergency Assistance Farmer Fund (LEAFF) Program. The Good Acre would use these dollars to purchase produce from emerging Minnesota farmers for donation to Minnesota hunger relief organizations. The Good Acre could use \$100,000 of the grant each year for the nonprofit's administrative expenses, including providing training and technical assistance for participating farmers.

H.F. 1744 would also appropriate \$100,000 on a onetime basis for a grant to The Good Acre to purchase produce for LEAFF pilot programs in Greater Minnesota.