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ARTICLE 1

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AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to or, if shown in parenthesis, subtracted from the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 43, or appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund or another named fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

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APPROPRIATIONS

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Available for the Year

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Ending June 30

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Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** \$ **475,000** \$ **1,650,000**

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(a) \$750,000 the second year is for home water treatment such as reverse osmosis treatment for private wells that are tested at or above the maximum contaminant level of 10 mg/L and located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona County. Priority must be given to households at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and households with infants and pregnant individuals. This appropriation may also be used for education, outreach, and technical assistance to homeowners. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for administrative costs. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

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(o) \$3,072,000 the second year is for nitrate home water treatment, including reverse osmosis, for private drinking-water wells with nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level of ten milligrams per liter and located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona County. The commissioner must prioritize households at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guideline and households with infants or pregnant individuals. The commissioner may also use this appropriation for education, outreach, and technical assistance to homeowners. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for administrative costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

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3.1 By December 15 each year through 2027, the
3.2 commissioner must report to the chairs and
3.3 ranking minority members of the legislative
3.4 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
3.5 and health detailing the use of this
3.6 appropriation and the number of households
3.7 served in each county.

3.8 (b) \$500,000 the second year is for the soil
3.9 health financial assistance program under
3.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.134, for
3.11 projects located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue,
3.12 Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or
3.13 Winona County. The commissioner may
3.14 award no more than \$50,000 of the
3.15 appropriation each year to a single recipient.
3.16 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
3.17 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
3.18 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
3.19 costs incurred to administer the program.
3.20 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
3.21 or before June 30, 2025, for soil health
3.22 financial assistance grants are available until
3.23 June 30, 2027. This appropriation is in
3.24 addition to the appropriation in Laws 2023,
3.25 chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
3.26 paragraph (b). This is a onetime appropriation.

3.27 (c) \$50,000 the first year is to convene a
3.28 working group of interested parties, including
3.29 representatives from the Department of
3.30 Natural Resources, to investigate and
3.31 recommend options for addressing crop and
3.32 fence destruction due to Cervidae. By
3.33 February 1, 2025, the commissioner must
3.34 submit a report on the findings and
3.35 recommendations of the working group to the
4.1 chairs and ranking minority members of the
4.2 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
4.3 agriculture policy and finance.
4.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
4.5 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
4.6 cancel at the end of the first year and is

46.8 (b) \$625,000 the first year and ~~\$625,000~~
46.9 ~~\$925,000~~ the second year are for the soil
46.10 health financial assistance program under
46.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.134. The
46.12 commissioner may award no more than
46.13 \$50,000 of the appropriation each year to a
46.14 single recipient. The commissioner may use
46.15 up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs
46.16 incurred to administer the program. Any
46.17 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
46.18 end of the first year and is available in the
46.19 second year. Appropriations encumbered
46.20 under contract on or before June 30, 2025, for
46.21 soil health financial assistance grants are
46.22 available until June 30, 2027. The base for this
46.23 appropriation is \$639,000 in fiscal year 2026
46.24 and each year thereafter.

4.7 available in the second year. This is a onetime
4.8 appropriation.

4.9 (d) \$100,000 the second year is to develop and
4.10 enhance farm-to-school markets by providing
4.11 more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,
4.12 and dairy for children in schools and early
4.13 childhood education centers, child care
4.14 centers, and family child care programs,
4.15 including, at the commissioner's discretion,
4.16 providing grants to reimburse schools, early
4.17 childhood education centers, child care
4.18 centers, and family child care programs for
4.19 purchasing equipment and agricultural
4.20 products. This appropriation is for the
4.21 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
4.22 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.23 41A.12. Any unencumbered balance at the
4.24 end of the second year may be used for other
4.25 purposes under the agricultural growth,
4.26 research, and innovation program and is
4.27 available until June 30, 2027. Notwithstanding
4.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,
4.29 subdivision 14, the commissioner may use up
4.30 to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
4.31 administrative costs. This appropriation is in
4.32 addition to the appropriation in Laws 2023,
4.33 chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4,
4.34 paragraph (c). This is a onetime appropriation.

5.1 (e) \$300,000 the second year is for the
5.2 protecting livestock grant program for
5.3 producers to support the installation of
5.4 measures to prevent the transmission of avian
5.5 influenza. For the appropriation in this
5.6 paragraph, a grant applicant must document
5.7 a cost-share of 20 percent. An applicant's
5.8 cost-share amount may be reduced up to
5.9 \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs. This
5.10 appropriation is for the agricultural growth,
5.11 research, and innovation program under
5.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12.
5.13 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
5.14 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may

62.21 (5) \$1,350,000 the second year is for providing
62.22 more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,
62.23 and dairy for children in school and early
62.24 childhood education settings, including, at the
62.25 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
62.26 to reimburse schools and early childhood
62.27 education and child care providers for
62.28 purchasing equipment and agricultural
62.29 products. Organizations must participate in
62.30 the National School Lunch Program or the
62.31 Child and Adult Care Food Program to be
62.32 eligible. Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000
62.33 is for a statewide coordinator of
62.34 farm-to-institution strategy and programming.
62.35 The coordinator must consult with relevant
63.1 stakeholders and provide technical assistance
63.2 and training for participating farmers and
63.3 eligible grant recipients. The base under this
63.4 clause is \$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
63.5 each year thereafter.

5.15 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
5.16 administrative costs. This appropriation is
5.17 available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime
5.18 appropriation.

5.19 (f) \$375,000 the first year is to provide grants
5.20 to secondary career and technical education
5.21 programs for the purpose of offering
5.22 instruction in meat cutting and butchery. This
5.23 appropriation is for the agricultural growth,
5.24 research, and innovation program under
5.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12.
5.26 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
5.27 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
5.28 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
5.29 administrative costs. This is a onetime
5.30 appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota
5.31 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
5.32 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
5.33 year and is available in the second year. Grants
5.34 may be used for costs, including but not
5.35 limited to:

6.1 (1) equipment required for a meat cutting
6.2 program;

6.3 (2) facility renovation to accommodate meat
6.4 cutting; and

6.5 (3) training faculty to teach the fundamentals
6.6 of meat processing.

6.7 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of
6.8 up to \$75,000 and may use up to ten percent
6.9 of the grant for faculty training. Priority may
6.10 be given to applicants who are coordinating
6.11 with meat cutting and butchery programs at
6.12 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
6.13 institutions or with local industry partners.

6.14 By January 15, 2025, the commissioner must
6.15 report to the chairs and ranking minority
6.16 members of the legislative committees with
6.17 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
6.18 education finance by listing the grants made
6.19 under this paragraph by county and noting the

6.20 number and amount of grant requests not
6.21 fulfilled. The report may include additional
6.22 information as determined by the
6.23 commissioner, including but not limited to
6.24 information regarding the outcomes produced
6.25 by these grants. If additional grants are
6.26 awarded under this paragraph that were not
6.27 covered in the report due by January 15, 2025,
6.28 the commissioner must submit an additional
6.29 report to the chairs and ranking minority
6.30 members of the legislative committees with
6.31 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
6.32 education finance regarding all grants issued
6.33 under this paragraph by November 1, 2025.

7.1 (g) \$50,000 the first year is to prepare a report
7.2 on agricultural land trends. For the purposes
7.3 of this section, "agricultural land" means
7.4 property classified as class 2a agricultural land
7.5 or class 2b rural vacant land under Minnesota
7.6 Statutes, section 273.13, subdivision 23. The
7.7 report must include the following:

7.8 (1) information about agricultural land sales,
7.9 including the price, number of acres, type of
7.10 buyer, and type of financing used;

7.11 (2) information about agricultural land use,
7.12 including differences among regions; and

7.13 (3) legislative recommendations for ensuring
7.14 that agricultural land is available to farmers.

7.15 No data included in this report shall reveal
7.16 personally identifiable information. The
7.17 commissioner may contract with external
7.18 experts to develop this report and may
7.19 coordinate with the Department of Revenue,
7.20 University of Minnesota Extension, and
7.21 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.
7.22 No later than January 3, 2025, the
7.23 commissioner must submit the report to the
7.24 chairs and ranking minority members of the
7.25 legislative committees and divisions with
7.26 jurisdiction over agriculture. Notwithstanding
7.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any

7.28 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
7.29 end of the first year and is available in the
7.30 second year. This is a onetime appropriation.

7.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

7.32 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

7.33			92,025,000	72,223,000
7.34	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	<u>88,025,000</u>	\$ <u>76,643,000</u>

8.1 Appropriations by Fund

8.2		2024	2025
8.3		91,626,000	71,824,000
8.4	General	<u>87,626,000</u>	<u>76,244,000</u>
8.5	Remediation	399,000	399,000

8.6 The amounts that may be spent for each
8.7 purpose are specified in the following
8.8 subdivisions.

8.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

8.10 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

8.11 Subd. 2. **Protection Services**

8.12 Appropriations by Fund

8.13		2024	2025
8.14			18,743,000
8.15	General	32,034,000	<u>18,818,000</u>
8.16	Remediation	399,000	399,000

45.14 **ARTICLE 5**

45.15 **AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS**

45.16 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, is amended to read:

45.17 Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

45.18			92,025,000	72,223,000
45.19	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	<u>88,025,000</u>	\$ <u>80,518,000</u>

45.20 Appropriations by Fund

45.21		2024	2025
45.22		91,626,000	71,824,000
45.23	General	<u>87,626,000</u>	<u>80,119,000</u>
45.24	Remediation	399,000	399,000

45.25 The amounts that may be spent for each
45.26 purpose are specified in the following
45.27 subdivisions.

45.28 Subd. 2. **Protection Services**

45.29 Appropriations by Fund

45.30		2024	2025
46.1			18,743,000
46.2	General	<u>32,034,000</u>	<u>22,438,000</u>
46.3	Remediation	399,000	399,000

8.17 (a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
8.18 second year are from the remediation fund for
8.19 administrative funding for the voluntary
8.20 cleanup program.

8.21 (b) \$625,000 the first year and \$625,000 the
8.22 second year are for the soil health financial
8.23 assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,
8.24 section 17.134. The commissioner may award
8.25 no more than \$50,000 of the appropriation
8.26 each year to a single recipient. The
8.27 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
8.28 this appropriation for costs incurred to
8.29 administer the program. Any unencumbered
8.30 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
8.31 year and is available in the second year.

8.32 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
8.33 or before June 30, 2025, for soil health
8.34 financial assistance grants are available until
9.1 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation
9.2 is \$639,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
9.3 thereafter.

9.4 (c) \$800,000 the first year ~~is~~ for transfer to the
9.5 pollinator research account established under
9.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 18B.051. The base
9.7 for this transfer is \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026
9.8 and each year thereafter.

9.9 (d) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
9.10 second year are for transfer to the noxious
9.11 weed and invasive plant species assistance
9.12 account established under Minnesota Statutes,
9.13 section 18.89, to award grants under
9.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 18.90, to counties,
9.15 municipalities, and other weed management
9.16 entities, including Minnesota Tribal
9.17 governments as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
9.18 section 10.65. This is a onetime appropriation.

9.19 (e) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
9.20 second year are for compensation for
9.21 destroyed or crippled livestock under
9.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first

46.4 (a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
46.5 second year are from the remediation fund for
46.6 administrative funding for the voluntary
46.7 cleanup program.

46.25 (c) \$800,000 the first year ~~is~~ and \$100,000 the
46.26 second year are for transfer to the pollinator
46.27 research account established under Minnesota
46.28 Statutes, section 18B.051. The base for this
46.29 transfer is \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
46.30 each year thereafter.

46.31 (d) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
46.32 second year are for transfer to the noxious
46.33 weed and invasive plant species assistance
46.34 account established under Minnesota Statutes,
46.35 section 18.89, to award grants under
47.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 18.90, to counties,
47.2 municipalities, and other weed management
47.3 entities, including Minnesota Tribal
47.4 governments as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
47.5 section 10.65. This is a onetime appropriation.

47.6 (e) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
47.7 second year are for compensation for
47.8 destroyed or crippled livestock under
47.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first

9.23 year appropriation may be spent to compensate
9.24 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled
9.25 during fiscal year 2023. If the amount in the
9.26 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
9.27 second year is available in the first year. The
9.28 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year
9.29 to reimburse expenses incurred by university
9.30 extension educators to provide fair market
9.31 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If
9.32 the commissioner receives federal dollars to
9.33 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
9.34 an equivalent amount of this appropriation
9.35 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
10.1 methods performed by federal wildlife services
10.2 staff.

10.3 (f) \$155,000 the first year and ~~\$155,000~~
10.4 ~~\$230,000~~ the second year are for compensation
10.5 for crop damage under Minnesota Statutes,
10.6 section 3.7371. If the amount in the first year
10.7 is insufficient, the amount in the second year
10.8 is available in the first year. The commissioner
10.9 may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation
10.10 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by
10.11 the commissioner or the commissioner's
10.12 approved agent to investigate and resolve
10.13 claims, as well as for costs associated with
10.14 training for approved agents. The
10.15 commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of the
10.16 appropriation each year to make grants to
10.17 producers for measures to protect stored crops
10.18 from elk damage. If the commissioner
10.19 determines that claims made under Minnesota
10.20 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are
10.21 unusually high, amounts appropriated for
10.22 either program may be transferred to the
10.23 appropriation for the other program. The base
10.24 for this appropriation is \$155,000 in fiscal year
10.25 2026 and each year thereafter.

10.26 (g) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
10.27 second year are to replace capital equipment
10.28 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
10.29 laboratory.

47.10 year appropriation may be spent to compensate
47.11 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled
47.12 during fiscal year 2023. If the amount in the
47.13 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
47.14 second year is available in the first year. The
47.15 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year
47.16 to reimburse expenses incurred by university
47.17 extension educators to provide fair market
47.18 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If
47.19 the commissioner receives federal dollars to
47.20 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
47.21 an equivalent amount of this appropriation
47.22 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
47.23 methods performed by federal wildlife services
47.24 staff.

47.25 (f) \$155,000 the first year and ~~\$155,000~~ the
47.26 second year are for compensation for crop
47.27 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section
47.28 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is
47.29 insufficient, the amount in the second year is
47.30 available in the first year. The commissioner
47.31 may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation
47.32 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by
47.33 the commissioner or the commissioner's
47.34 approved agent to investigate and resolve
47.35 claims, as well as for costs associated with
48.1 training for approved agents. The
48.2 commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of the
48.3 appropriation each year to make grants to
48.4 producers for measures to protect stored crops
48.5 from elk damage. If the commissioner
48.6 determines that claims made under Minnesota
48.7 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are
48.8 unusually high, amounts appropriated for
48.9 either program may be transferred to the
48.10 appropriation for the other program.

48.11 (g) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
48.12 second year are to replace capital equipment
48.13 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
48.14 laboratory.

10.30 (h) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
10.31 second year are to support a meat processing
10.32 liaison position to assist new or existing meat
10.33 and poultry processing operations in getting
10.34 started, expanding, growing, or transitioning
10.35 into new business models.

11.1 (i) \$2,200,000 the first year and \$1,650,000
11.2 the second year are additional funding to
11.3 maintain the current level of service delivery
11.4 for programs under this subdivision. The base
11.5 for this appropriation is \$1,925,000 for fiscal
11.6 year 2026 and each year thereafter.

11.7 (j) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
11.8 second year are for grants to organizations in
11.9 Minnesota to develop enterprises, supply
11.10 chains, and markets for continuous-living
11.11 cover crops and cropping systems in the early
11.12 stages of commercial development. For the
11.13 purposes of this paragraph, "continuous-living
11.14 cover crops and cropping systems" refers to
11.15 agroforestry, perennial biomass, perennial
11.16 forage, perennial grains, and winter-annual
11.17 cereal grains and oilseeds that have market
11.18 value as harvested or grazed commodities. By
11.19 February 1 each year, the commissioner must
11.20 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
11.21 minority members of the legislative
11.22 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
11.23 finance and policy detailing uses of the funds
11.24 in this paragraph, including administrative
11.25 costs, and the achievements these funds
11.26 contributed to. The commissioner may use up
11.27 to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
11.28 administrative costs. This is a onetime
11.29 appropriation.

11.30 (k) \$45,000 the first year and \$45,000 the
11.31 second year are appropriated for
11.32 wolf-livestock conflict-prevention grants. The
11.33 commissioner may use some of this
11.34 appropriation to support nonlethal prevention
12.1 work performed by federal wildlife services.
12.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

48.15 (h) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
48.16 second year are to support a meat processing
48.17 liaison position to assist new or existing meat
48.18 and poultry processing operations in getting
48.19 started, expanding, growing, or transitioning
48.20 into new business models.

48.21 (i) \$2,200,000 the first year and \$1,650,000
48.22 the second year are additional funding to
48.23 maintain the current level of service delivery
48.24 for programs under this subdivision. The base
48.25 for this appropriation is \$1,925,000 for fiscal
48.26 year 2026 and each year thereafter.

48.27 (j) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
48.28 second year are for grants to organizations in
48.29 Minnesota to develop enterprises, supply
48.30 chains, and markets for continuous-living
48.31 cover crops and cropping systems in the early
48.32 stages of commercial development. For the
48.33 purposes of this paragraph, "continuous-living
48.34 cover crops and cropping systems" refers to
48.35 agroforestry, perennial biomass, perennial
49.1 forage, perennial grains, and winter-annual
49.2 cereal grains and oilseeds that have market
49.3 value as harvested or grazed commodities. By
49.4 February 1 each year, the commissioner must
49.5 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
49.6 minority members of the legislative
49.7 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
49.8 finance and policy detailing uses of the funds
49.9 in this paragraph, including administrative
49.10 costs, and the achievements these funds
49.11 contributed to. The commissioner may use up
49.12 to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
49.13 administrative costs. This is a onetime
49.14 appropriation.

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49.16 second year are appropriated for
49.17 wolf-livestock conflict-prevention grants. The
49.18 commissioner may use some of this
49.19 appropriation to support nonlethal prevention
49.20 work performed by federal wildlife services.
49.21 This is a onetime appropriation.

12.3 (l) \$10,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
12.4 the grain indemnity account established in
12.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 223.24. This is a
12.6 onetime transfer.

12.7 (m) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
12.8 second year are for the PFAS in pesticides
12.9 review. This is a onetime appropriation.

12.10 (n) \$1,941,000 the first year is for transfer to
12.11 the food handler license account. This is a
12.12 onetime transfer.

12.13 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

12.14 Subd. 3. **Agricultural Marketing and**
12.15 **Development**

5,165,000

4,985,000

12.16 (a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
12.17 second year are to expand international trade
12.18 opportunities and markets for Minnesota
12.19 agricultural products.

12.20 (b) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the
12.21 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota
12.22 grown account and may be used as grants for
12.23 Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota
12.24 Statutes, section 17.102. Notwithstanding
12.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
12.26 appropriations encumbered under contract on
12.27 or before June 30, 2025, for Minnesota grown
12.28 grants in this paragraph are available until June
12.29 30, 2027.

12.30 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
12.31 second year are for the continuation of the
12.32 dairy development and profitability
12.33 enhancement programs, including dairy
13.1 profitability teams and dairy business planning
13.2 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.3 32D.30.

13.4 (d) The commissioner may use funds
13.5 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
13.6 cost-share payments to resident farmers or

49.22 (l) \$10,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
49.23 the grain indemnity account established in
49.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 223.24. This is a
49.25 onetime transfer.

49.26 (m) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
49.27 second year are for the PFAS in pesticides
49.28 review. This is a onetime appropriation.

49.29 (n) \$1,941,000 the first year is for transfer to
49.30 the food handler license account. This is a
49.31 onetime transfer.

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50.23 **Development**

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50.25 second year are to expand international trade
50.26 opportunities and markets for Minnesota
50.27 agricultural products.

50.28 (b) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the
50.29 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota
50.30 grown account and may be used as grants for
50.31 Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota
50.32 Statutes, section 17.102. Notwithstanding
50.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
50.34 appropriations encumbered under contract on
50.35 or before June 30, 2025, for Minnesota grown
51.1 grants in this paragraph are available until June
51.2 30, 2027.

51.3 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
51.4 second year are for the continuation of the
51.5 dairy development and profitability
51.6 enhancement programs, including dairy
51.7 profitability teams and dairy business planning
51.8 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
51.9 32D.30.

51.10 (d) The commissioner may use funds
51.11 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
51.12 cost-share payments to resident farmers or

13.7 entities that sell, process, or package
13.8 agricultural products in this state for the costs
13.9 of organic certification. The commissioner
13.10 may allocate these funds for assistance to
13.11 persons transitioning from conventional to
13.12 organic agriculture.

13.13 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$420,000 the
13.14 second year are to maintain the current level
13.15 of service delivery. The base for this
13.16 appropriation is ~~\$490,000~~ \$510,000 for fiscal
13.17 year 2026 and each year thereafter.

13.18 (f) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
13.19 second year are for mental health outreach and
13.20 support to farmers, ranchers, and others in the
13.21 agricultural community and for farm safety
13.22 grant and outreach programs under Minnesota
13.23 Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental health
13.24 outreach and support may include a 24-hour
13.25 hotline, stigma reduction, and education.
13.26 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
13.27 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
13.28 cancel at the end of the first year and is
13.29 available in the second year. This is a onetime
13.30 appropriation.

13.31 (g) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
13.32 second year are to award and administer grants
13.33 ~~for infrastructure and other forms of financial~~
13.34 ~~assistance to support EBT, SNAP, SFMNP,~~
13.35 ~~and related programs at farmers markets.~~
14.1 Grants may be used for staff costs associated
14.2 with program administration, compliance, and
14.3 reporting. The commissioner may use up to
14.4 6.5 percent of the appropriation each year to
14.5 administer the grant program. Notwithstanding
14.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
14.7 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
14.8 end of the first year and is available in the
14.9 second year. This is a onetime appropriation.

14.10 (h) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
14.11 second year are to award cooperative grants

51.13 entities that sell, process, or package
51.14 agricultural products in this state for the costs
51.15 of organic certification. The commissioner
51.16 may allocate these funds for assistance to
51.17 persons transitioning from conventional to
51.18 organic agriculture.

51.19 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$420,000 the
51.20 second year are to maintain the current level
51.21 of service delivery. The base for this
51.22 appropriation is ~~\$490,000~~ \$510,000 for fiscal
51.23 year 2026 and each year thereafter.

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51.25 second year are for mental health outreach and
51.26 support to farmers, ranchers, and others in the
51.27 agricultural community and for farm safety
51.28 grant and outreach programs under Minnesota
51.29 Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental health
51.30 outreach and support may include a 24-hour
51.31 hotline, stigma reduction, and education.
51.32 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
51.33 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
51.34 cancel at the end of the first year and is
52.1 available in the second year. This is a onetime
52.2 appropriation.

52.3 (g) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
52.4 second year are to award and administer grants
52.5 ~~for infrastructure and other forms of financial~~
52.6 ~~assistance to support EBT, SNAP, SFMNP,~~
52.7 ~~and related programs at farmers markets.~~
52.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
52.9 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
52.10 cancel at the end of the first year and is
52.11 available in the second year. This is a onetime
52.12 appropriation.

52.13 (h) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
52.14 second year are to award cooperative grants
52.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1016.
52.16 The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent
52.17 of the appropriation each year to administer
52.18 the grant program. Notwithstanding Minnesota

14.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1016.
14.13 The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent
14.14 of the appropriation each year to administer
14.15 the grant program. Notwithstanding Minnesota
14.16 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
14.17 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
14.18 year and is available in the second year. This
14.19 is a onetime appropriation.

14.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

14.21 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

14.22	Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct	<u>37,809,000</u>	<u>33,809,000</u>
14.23	Advancement	<u>33,809,000</u>	<u>38,154,000</u>

14.24 (a) \$10,702,000 the first year and \$10,702,000
14.25 the second year are for the agriculture
14.26 research, education, extension, and technology
14.27 transfer program under Minnesota Statutes,
14.28 section 41A.14. Except as provided below,
14.29 the appropriation each year is for transfer to
14.30 the agriculture research, education, extension,
14.31 and technology transfer account under
14.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
14.33 subdivision 3, and the commissioner shall
14.34 transfer funds each year to the Board of
15.1 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
15.2 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
15.3 41A.14. To the extent practicable, money
15.4 expended under Minnesota Statutes, section
15.5 41A.14, subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2),
15.6 must supplement and not supplant existing
15.7 sources and levels of funding. The
15.8 commissioner may use up to one percent of
15.9 this appropriation for costs incurred to
15.10 administer the program.

15.11 Of the amount appropriated for the agriculture
15.12 research, education, extension, and technology
15.13 transfer grant program under Minnesota
15.14 Statutes, section 41A.14:

15.15 (1) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
15.16 second year are for the Minnesota Agricultural

52.19 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
52.20 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
52.21 year and is available in the second year. This
52.22 is a onetime appropriation.

52.23	Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct	<u>37,809,000</u>	<u>33,809,000</u>
52.24	Advancement	<u>33,809,000</u>	<u>38,109,000</u>

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53.7 sources and levels of funding. The
53.8 commissioner may use up to one percent of
53.9 this appropriation for costs incurred to
53.10 administer the program.

53.11 Of the amount appropriated for the agriculture
53.12 research, education, extension, and technology
53.13 transfer grant program under Minnesota
53.14 Statutes, section 41A.14:

53.15 (1) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
53.16 second year are for the Minnesota Agricultural

15.17 Experiment Station's agriculture rapid
15.18 response fund under Minnesota Statutes,
15.19 section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2);

15.20 (2) up to \$1,000,000 the first year and up to
15.21 \$1,000,000 the second year are for research
15.22 on avian influenza, salmonella, and other
15.23 turkey-related diseases and disease prevention
15.24 measures;

15.25 (3) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
15.26 the second year are for grants to the Minnesota
15.27 Agricultural Education Leadership Council to
15.28 enhance agricultural education with priority
15.29 given to Farm Business Management
15.30 challenge grants;

15.31 (4) \$450,000 the first year is for the cultivated
15.32 wild rice breeding project at the North Central
15.33 Research and Outreach Center to include a
15.34 tenure track/research associate plant breeder;

16.1 (5) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
16.2 second year are for potato breeding;

16.3 (6) \$802,000 the first year and \$802,000 the
16.4 second year are to fund the Forever Green
16.5 Initiative and protect the state's natural
16.6 resources while increasing the efficiency,
16.7 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota
16.8 farmers by incorporating perennial and
16.9 winter-annual crops into existing agricultural
16.10 practices. The base for the allocation under
16.11 this clause is \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
16.12 each year thereafter. By February 1 each year,
16.13 the dean of the College of Food, Agricultural
16.14 and Natural Resource Sciences must submit
16.15 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
16.16 members of the legislative committees with
16.17 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and policy
16.18 and higher education detailing uses of the
16.19 funds in this paragraph, including
16.20 administrative costs, and the achievements
16.21 these funds contributed to; ~~and~~

53.17 Experiment Station's agriculture rapid
53.18 response fund under Minnesota Statutes,
53.19 section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2);

53.20 (2) up to \$1,000,000 the first year and up to
53.21 \$1,000,000 the second year are for research
53.22 on avian influenza, salmonella, and other
53.23 turkey-related diseases and disease prevention
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53.29 given to Farm Business Management
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54.7 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota
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54.9 winter-annual crops into existing agricultural
54.10 practices. The base for the allocation under
54.11 this clause is \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
54.12 each year thereafter. By February 1 each year,
54.13 the dean of the College of Food, Agricultural
54.14 and Natural Resource Sciences must submit
54.15 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
54.16 members of the legislative committees with
54.17 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and policy
54.18 and higher education detailing uses of the
54.19 funds in this paragraph, including
54.20 administrative costs, and the achievements
54.21 these funds contributed to; ~~and~~

16.22 (7) \$350,000 each year is for farm-scale winter
16.23 greenhouse research and development
16.24 coordinated by University of Minnesota
16.25 Extension Regional Sustainable Development
16.26 Partnerships. The allocation in this clause is
16.27 onetime;

16.28 (8) \$200,000 the second year is for research
16.29 on natural stands of wild rice; and

16.30 (9) \$250,000 the second year is for the
16.31 cultivated wild rice forward selection project
16.32 at the North Central Research and Outreach
16.33 Center, including a tenure track or research
16.34 associate plant scientist.

17.1 (b) The base for the agriculture research,
17.2 education, extension, and technology transfer
17.3 program is \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2026
17.4 and \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2027.

17.5 (c) ~~\$27,107,000~~ \$23,107,000 the first year ~~and~~
17.6 ~~\$23,107,000 the second year are~~ is for the
17.7 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
17.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
17.9 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
17.10 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
17.11 ~~each year~~ among the following areas:
17.12 facilitating the start-up, modernization,
17.13 improvement, or expansion of livestock
17.14 operations, including beginning and
17.15 transitioning livestock operations with
17.16 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
17.17 equipment; assisting value-added agricultural
17.18 businesses to begin or expand, to access new
17.19 markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics
17.20 systems, with preference given to hemp fiber
17.21 processing equipment; facilitating the start-up,
17.22 modernization, or expansion of other
17.23 beginning and transitioning farms, including
17.24 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
17.25 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
17.26 on-farm research and demonstration; the
17.27 development or expansion of food hubs and
17.28 other alternative community-based food

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54.23 greenhouse research and development
54.24 coordinated by University of Minnesota
54.25 Extension Regional Sustainable Development
54.26 Partnerships. The allocation in this clause is
54.27 onetime;

54.28 (b) The base for the agriculture research,
54.29 education, extension, and technology transfer
54.30 program is \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2026
54.31 and \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2027.

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54.35 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
55.1 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
55.2 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
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55.5 improvement, or expansion of livestock
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55.7 transitioning livestock operations with
55.8 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
55.9 equipment; assisting value-added agricultural
55.10 businesses to begin or expand, to access new
55.11 markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics
55.12 systems, with preference given to hemp fiber
55.13 processing equipment; facilitating the start-up,
55.14 modernization, or expansion of other
55.15 beginning and transitioning farms, including
55.16 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
55.17 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
55.18 on-farm research and demonstration; the
55.19 development or expansion of food hubs and
55.20 other alternative community-based food

17.29 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
17.30 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
17.31 including basic and applied turf seed research;
17.32 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
17.33 and good agricultural practices and good
17.34 handling practices certification assistance. The
17.35 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
18.1 this appropriation for costs incurred to
18.2 administer the program.

18.3 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
18.4 growth, research, and innovation program
18.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

18.6 ~~(1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000~~
18.7 ~~the second year are~~ is for distribution in equal
18.8 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
18.9 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

18.10 ~~(2) \$5,750,000 the first year and \$5,750,000~~
18.11 ~~the second year are~~ is for incentive payments
18.12 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
18.13 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. Notwithstanding
18.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first
18.15 year appropriation is available until June 30,
18.16 2025, ~~and the second year appropriation is~~
18.17 ~~available until June 30, 2026.~~ If this
18.18 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
18.19 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
18.20 year, the balance of the appropriation is
18.21 available for other purposes under this
18.22 paragraph. ~~The base under this clause is~~
18.23 ~~\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year~~
18.24 ~~thereafter;~~

18.25 ~~(3) \$3,375,000 the first year and \$3,375,000~~
18.26 ~~the second year are~~ is for grants that enable
18.27 retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks,
18.28 and other equipment to dispense biofuels to
18.29 the public in accordance with the biofuel
18.30 replacement goals established under
18.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
18.32 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
18.33 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
18.34 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money

55.21 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
55.22 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
55.23 including basic and applied turf seed research;
55.24 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
55.25 and good agricultural practices and good
55.26 handling practices certification assistance. The
55.27 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
55.28 this appropriation for costs incurred to
55.29 administer the program.

55.30 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
55.31 growth, research, and innovation program
55.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

55.33 ~~(1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000~~
55.34 ~~the second year are~~ is for distribution in equal
56.1 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
56.2 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

56.3 ~~(2) \$5,750,000 the first year and \$5,750,000~~
56.4 ~~the second year are~~ is for incentive payments
56.5 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
56.6 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. Notwithstanding
56.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first
56.8 year appropriation is available until June 30,
56.9 2025, ~~and the second year appropriation is~~
56.10 ~~available until June 30, 2026.~~ If this
56.11 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
56.12 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
56.13 year, the balance of the appropriation is
56.14 available for other purposes under this
56.15 paragraph. ~~The base under this clause is~~
56.16 ~~\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year~~
56.17 ~~thereafter;~~

56.18 ~~(3) \$3,375,000 the first year and \$3,375,000~~
56.19 ~~the second year are~~ is for grants that enable
56.20 retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks,
56.21 and other equipment to dispense biofuels to
56.22 the public in accordance with the biofuel
56.23 replacement goals established under
56.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
56.25 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
56.26 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
56.27 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money

18.35 under this clause if the retail petroleum
19.1 dispenser has no more than ~~10~~ 20 retail
19.2 petroleum dispensing sites and each site is
19.3 located in Minnesota. The grant money must
19.4 be used to replace or upgrade equipment that
19.5 does not have the ability to be certified for
19.6 E25. A grant award must not exceed 65
19.7 percent of the cost of the appropriate
19.8 technology. A grant award must not exceed
19.9 \$200,000 per station. The commissioner must
19.10 cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the
19.11 implementation of the grant program. The
19.12 commissioner, in cooperation with any
19.13 economic or community development
19.14 financial institution and any other entity with
19.15 which the commissioner contracts, must
19.16 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
19.17 financial assistance program by January 15 of
19.18 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
19.19 members of the legislative committees and
19.20 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
19.21 policy and finance. The annual report must
19.22 include but not be limited to a summary of the
19.23 following metrics: (i) the number and types
19.24 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
19.25 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
19.26 geographic distribution of financed projects;
19.27 (iv) any market expansion associated with
19.28 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
19.29 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
19.30 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
19.31 minority-owned or female-owned businesses.
19.32 ~~The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for~~
19.33 ~~fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;~~

19.34 (4) \$1,250,000 the first year ~~and \$1,250,000~~
19.35 ~~the second year are~~ is for grants to facilitate
19.36 the start-up, modernization, or expansion of
20.1 meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing
20.2 facilities. A grant award under this clause must
20.3 not exceed \$200,000. Any unencumbered
20.4 balance at the end of the second year does not
20.5 cancel until June 30, 2026, and may be used
20.6 for other purposes under this paragraph. ~~The~~

56.28 under this clause if the retail petroleum
56.29 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum
56.30 dispensing sites and each site is located in
56.31 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
56.32 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
56.33 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
56.34 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
56.35 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
57.1 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
57.2 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
57.3 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
57.4 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
57.5 with any economic or community development
57.6 financial institution and any other entity with
57.7 which the commissioner contracts, must
57.8 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
57.9 financial assistance program by January 15 of
57.10 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
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57.16 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
57.17 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
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57.19 (iv) any market expansion associated with
57.20 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
57.21 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
57.22 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
57.23 minority-owned or female-owned businesses.
57.24 ~~The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for~~
57.25 ~~fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;~~

57.26 (4) \$1,250,000 the first year ~~and \$1,250,000~~
57.27 ~~the second year are~~ is for grants to facilitate
57.28 the start-up, modernization, or expansion of
57.29 meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing
57.30 facilities. A grant award under this clause must
57.31 not exceed \$200,000. Any unencumbered
57.32 balance at the end of the second year does not
57.33 cancel until June 30, 2026, and may be used
57.34 for other purposes under this paragraph. ~~The~~

20.7 base under this clause is \$250,000 in fiscal
20.8 year 2026 and each year thereafter;

20.9 (5) \$1,150,000 the first year ~~and \$1,150,000~~
20.10 ~~the second year are for~~ is to develop and
20.11 enhance farm-to-school markets for Minnesota
20.12 farmers by providing more fruits, vegetables,
20.13 meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for children in
20.14 school and schools, early childhood education
20.15 centers, child care centers, and family child
20.16 care programs, including, at the
20.17 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
20.18 to reimburse schools ~~and~~ early childhood
20.19 education centers, child care centers, and
20.20 family child care programs, for purchasing
20.21 equipment and agricultural products. Of the
20.22 amount appropriated, \$150,000 each year is
20.23 for a statewide coordinator of
20.24 farm-to-institution strategy and programming.
20.25 The coordinator must consult with relevant
20.26 stakeholders and provide technical assistance
20.27 and training for participating farmers and
20.28 eligible grant recipients. ~~The base under this~~
20.29 ~~clause is \$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and~~
20.30 ~~each year thereafter;~~

20.31 (6) \$4,000,000 the first year is for Dairy
20.32 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
20.33 (DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial
20.34 assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll
20.35 in coverage under a federal dairy risk
21.1 protection program and produced no more
21.2 than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The
21.3 ~~commissioner must make DAIRI payments~~
21.4 ~~based on the amount of milk produced in~~
21.5 ~~2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per participating~~
21.6 ~~farm, at a rate determined by the commissioner~~
21.7 ~~within the limits of available funding. Any~~
21.8 ~~unencumbered balance does not cancel at the~~
21.9 ~~end of the first year and is available in the~~
21.10 ~~second year. Any unencumbered balance at~~
21.11 ~~the end of the second year does not cancel~~
21.12 ~~until June 30, 2026, and may be used for other~~

57.35 base under this clause is \$250,000 in fiscal
57.36 year 2026 and each year thereafter;

58.1 (5) \$1,150,000 the first year ~~and \$1,150,000~~
58.2 ~~the second year are~~ is for providing more
58.3 fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and
58.4 dairy for children in school and early
58.5 childhood education centers settings,
58.6 including, at the commissioner's discretion,
58.7 providing grants to reimburse schools and
58.8 early childhood education centers and child
58.9 care providers for purchasing equipment and
58.10 agricultural products. Organizations must
58.11 participate in the National School Lunch
58.12 Program or the Child and Adult Care Food
58.13 Program to be eligible. Of the amount
58.14 appropriated, \$150,000 each year is for a
58.15 statewide coordinator of farm-to-institution
58.16 strategy and programming. The coordinator
58.17 must consult with relevant stakeholders and
58.18 provide technical assistance and training for
58.19 participating farmers and eligible grant
58.20 recipients. ~~The base under this clause is~~
58.21 ~~\$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year~~
58.22 ~~thereafter;~~

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58.24 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
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58.27 in coverage under a federal dairy risk
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58.30 ~~commissioner must make DAIRI payments~~
58.31 ~~based on the amount of milk produced in~~
58.32 ~~2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per participating~~
58.33 ~~farm, at a rate determined by the commissioner~~
58.34 ~~within the limits of available funding. Any~~
58.35 ~~unencumbered balance does not cancel at the~~
58.36 ~~end of the first year and is available in the~~
59.1 ~~second year. Any unencumbered balance at~~
59.2 ~~the end of the second year does not cancel~~
59.3 ~~until June 30, 2026, and may be used for other~~

21.13 ~~purposes under this paragraph. The allocation~~
21.14 ~~in this clause is onetime;~~

21.15 ~~(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and~~
21.16 ~~\$2,000,000 the second year are~~ is for urban
21.17 youth agricultural education or urban
21.18 agriculture community development; and

21.19 ~~(8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and~~
21.20 ~~\$1,000,000 the second year are~~ is for the good
21.21 food access program under Minnesota
21.22 Statutes, section 17.1017.

21.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
21.24 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
21.25 cancel at the end of the first year and is
21.26 available for the second year, and
21.27 appropriations encumbered under contract on
21.28 or before June 30, 2025, for agricultural
21.29 growth, research, and innovation grants are
21.30 available until June 30, 2028.

21.31 (d) \$27,452,000 the second year is for the
21.32 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
21.33 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
21.34 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
21.35 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
22.1 among the following areas: facilitating the
22.2 start-up, modernization, improvement, or
22.3 expansion of livestock operations, including
22.4 beginning and transitioning livestock
22.5 operations with preference given to robotic
22.6 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
22.7 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
22.8 or expand, to access new markets, or to
22.9 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
22.10 preference given to hemp fiber processing
22.11 equipment; facilitating the start-up,
22.12 modernization, or expansion of other
22.13 beginning and transitioning farms, including
22.14 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
22.15 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
22.16 on-farm research and demonstration; the
22.17 development or expansion of food hubs and
22.18 other alternative community-based food

59.4 ~~purposes under this paragraph. The allocation~~
59.5 ~~in this clause is onetime;~~

59.6 ~~(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and~~
59.7 ~~\$2,000,000 the second year are~~ is for urban
59.8 youth agricultural education or urban
59.9 agriculture community development; and

59.10 ~~(8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and~~
59.11 ~~\$1,000,000 the second year are~~ is for the good
59.12 food access program under Minnesota
59.13 Statutes, section 17.1017.

59.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
59.15 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
59.16 cancel at the end of the first year and is
59.17 available for the second year, and
59.18 appropriations encumbered under contract on
59.19 or before June 30, 2025, for agricultural
59.20 growth, research, and innovation grants are
59.21 available until June 30, 2028.

59.22 (d) \$27,407,000 the second year is for the
59.23 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
59.24 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
59.25 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
59.26 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
59.27 among the following areas: facilitating the
59.28 start-up, modernization, improvement, or
59.29 expansion of livestock operations, including
59.30 beginning and transitioning livestock
59.31 operations with preference given to robotic
59.32 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
59.33 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
59.34 or expand, to access new markets, or to
59.35 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
60.1 preference given to hemp fiber processing
60.2 equipment; facilitating the start-up,
60.3 modernization, or expansion of other
60.4 beginning and transitioning farms, including
60.5 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
60.6 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
60.7 on-farm research and demonstration; the
60.8 development or expansion of food hubs and
60.9 other alternative community-based food

22.19 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
22.20 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
22.21 including basic and applied turf seed research;
22.22 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
22.23 and good agricultural practices and good
22.24 handling practices certification assistance. The
22.25 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
22.26 this appropriation for costs incurred to
22.27 administer the program.

22.28 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
22.29 growth, research, and innovation program
22.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

22.31 (1) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
22.32 distribution in equal amounts to each of the
22.33 state's county fairs to preserve and promote
22.34 Minnesota agriculture;

23.1 (2) \$5,750,000 the second year is for incentive
23.2 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
23.3 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.
23.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
23.5 16A.28, this appropriation is available until
23.6 June 30, 2027. If this appropriation exceeds
23.7 the total amount for which all producers are
23.8 eligible in a fiscal year, the balance of the
23.9 appropriation is available for other purposes
23.10 under this paragraph. The base under this
23.11 clause is \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
23.12 each year thereafter;

23.13 (3) \$3,375,000 the second year is for grants
23.14 that enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel
23.15 storage tanks, and other equipment to dispense
23.16 biofuels to the public in accordance with the
23.17 biofuel replacement goals established under
23.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
23.19 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
23.20 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
23.21 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
23.22 under this clause if the retail petroleum
23.23 dispenser has no more than 20 retail petroleum
23.24 dispensing sites and each site is located in
23.25 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to

60.10 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
60.11 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
60.12 including basic and applied turf seed research;
60.13 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
60.14 and good agricultural practices and good
60.15 handling practices certification assistance. The
60.16 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
60.17 this appropriation for costs incurred to
60.18 administer the program.

60.19 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
60.20 growth, research, and innovation program
60.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

60.22 (1) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
60.23 distribution in equal amounts to each of the
60.24 state's county fairs to preserve and promote
60.25 Minnesota agriculture;

60.26 (2) \$5,750,000 the second year is for incentive
60.27 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
60.28 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.
60.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
60.30 16A.28, this appropriation is available until
60.31 June 30, 2027. If this appropriation exceeds
60.32 the total amount for which all producers are
60.33 eligible in a fiscal year, the balance of the
60.34 appropriation is available for other purposes
60.35 under this paragraph. The base under this
61.1 clause is \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
61.2 each year thereafter;

61.3 (3) \$3,475,000 the second year is for grants
61.4 that enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel
61.5 storage tanks, and other equipment to dispense
61.6 biofuels to the public in accordance with the
61.7 biofuel replacement goals established under
61.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
61.9 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
61.10 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
61.11 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
61.12 under this clause if the retail petroleum
61.13 dispenser has no more than ten retail
61.14 petroleum dispensing sites and each site is
61.15 located in Minnesota. The grant money must

23.26 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
23.27 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
23.28 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
23.29 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
23.30 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
23.31 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
23.32 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
23.33 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
23.34 with any economic or community development
23.35 financial institution and any other entity with
23.36 which the commissioner contracts, must
24.1 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
24.2 financial assistance program by January 15 of
24.3 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
24.4 members of the legislative committees and
24.5 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
24.6 policy and finance. The annual report must
24.7 include but not be limited to a summary of the
24.8 following metrics: (i) the number and types
24.9 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
24.10 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
24.11 geographic distribution of financed projects;
24.12 (iv) any market expansion associated with
24.13 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
24.14 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
24.15 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
24.16 minority-owned or female-owned businesses.
24.17 The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for
24.18 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;

24.19 (4) \$1,250,000 the second year is for grants
24.20 to facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
24.21 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
24.22 processing facilities. A grant award under this
24.23 clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
24.24 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
24.25 year does not cancel until June 30, 2027, and
24.26 may be used for other purposes under this
24.27 paragraph. The base under this clause is
24.28 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
24.29 thereafter;

61.16 be used to replace or upgrade equipment that
61.17 does not have the ability to be certified for
61.18 E25. A grant award must not exceed 65
61.19 percent of the cost of the appropriate
61.20 technology. A grant award must not exceed
61.21 \$200,000 per station. The commissioner must
61.22 cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the
61.23 implementation of the grant program. The
61.24 commissioner, in cooperation with any
61.25 economic or community development
61.26 financial institution and any other entity with
61.27 which the commissioner contracts, must
61.28 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
61.29 financial assistance program by January 15 of
61.30 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
61.31 members of the legislative committees and
61.32 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
61.33 policy and finance. The annual report must
61.34 include but not be limited to a summary of the
61.35 following metrics: (i) the number and types
61.36 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of money
62.1 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
62.2 geographic distribution of financed projects;
62.3 (iv) any market expansion associated with
62.4 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
62.5 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
62.6 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
62.7 minority-owned or female-owned businesses.
62.8 The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for
62.9 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;

62.10 (4) \$1,250,000 the second year is for grants
62.11 to facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
62.12 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
62.13 processing facilities. A grant award under this
62.14 clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
62.15 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
62.16 year does not cancel until June 30, 2027, and
62.17 may be used for other purposes under this
62.18 paragraph. The base under this clause is
62.19 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
62.20 thereafter;

24.30 (5) \$1,150,000 the first year is to develop and
24.31 enhance farm-to-school markets for Minnesota
24.32 farmers by providing more fruits, vegetables,
24.33 meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for children in
24.34 schools, early childhood education centers,
24.35 child care centers, and family child care
25.1 programs, including, at the commissioner's
25.2 discretion, providing grants to reimburse
25.3 schools, early childhood education centers,
25.4 child care centers, and family child care
25.5 programs for purchasing equipment and
25.6 agricultural products. Of the amount
25.7 appropriated, \$150,000 each year is for a
25.8 statewide coordinator of farm-to-institution
25.9 strategy and programming. The coordinator
25.10 must consult with relevant stakeholders and
25.11 provide technical assistance and training for
25.12 participating farmers and eligible grant
25.13 recipients. The base under this clause is
25.14 \$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
25.15 thereafter;

25.16 (6) \$4,000,000 the second year is for Dairy
25.17 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
25.18 (DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial
25.19 assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll
25.20 in coverage under a federal dairy risk
25.21 protection program and produced no more
25.22 than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The
25.23 commissioner must make DAIRI payments
25.24 based on the amount of milk produced in
25.25 2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per participating
25.26 farm, at a rate determined by the commissioner
25.27 within the limits of available funding. Any
25.28 unencumbered balance on June 30, 2026, may
25.29 be used for other purposes under this
25.30 paragraph. The allocation in this clause is
25.31 onetime;

25.32 (7) \$2,000,000 the second year is for urban
25.33 youth agricultural education or urban
25.34 agriculture community development; and

63.6 (6) \$4,000,000 the second year is for Dairy
63.7 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
63.8 (DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial
63.9 assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll
63.10 in coverage under a federal dairy risk
63.11 protection program and produced no more
63.12 than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The
63.13 commissioner must make DAIRI payments
63.14 based on the amount of milk produced in
63.15 2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per participating
63.16 farm, at a rate determined by the commissioner
63.17 within the limits of available funding. Any
63.18 unencumbered balance on June 30, 2026, may
63.19 be used for other purposes under this
63.20 paragraph. The allocation in this clause is
63.21 onetime;

63.22 (7) \$2,000,000 the second year is for urban
63.23 youth agricultural education or urban
63.24 agriculture community development; and

26.1 (8) \$1,000,000 the second year is for the good
26.2 food access program under Minnesota
26.3 Statutes, section 17.1017.

26.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
26.5 16A.28, this appropriation does not cancel at
26.6 the end of the second year and is available
26.7 until June 30, 2027. Appropriations
26.8 encumbered under contract on or before June
26.9 30, 2027, for agricultural growth, research,
26.10 and innovation grants are available until June
26.11 30, 2030.

26.12 ~~(d)~~ (e) The base for the agricultural growth,
26.13 research, and innovation program is
26.14 ~~\$16,294,000~~ \$17,582,000 in fiscal year 2026
26.15 and each year thereafter and includes \$200,000
26.16 each year for cooperative development grants.

26.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

26.18 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

26.19 Subd. 5. **Administration and Financial**
26.20 **Assistance**

16,618,000

14,287,000

26.21 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
26.22 second year are for payments to county and
26.23 district agricultural societies and associations
26.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
26.25 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
26.26 district agricultural societies and associations
26.27 must be disbursed no later than July 15 of each
26.28 year. These payments are the amount of aid
26.29 from the state for an annual fair held in the
26.30 previous calendar year.

26.31 (b) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
26.32 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
26.33 Agricultural Education and Leadership
26.34 Council for programs of the council under

63.25 (8) \$1,000,000 the second year is for the good
63.26 food access program under Minnesota
63.27 Statutes, section 17.1017.

63.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
63.29 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
63.30 cancel at the end of the second year and is
63.31 available until June 30, 2027. Appropriations
63.32 encumbered under contract on or before June
63.33 30, 2027, for agricultural growth, research,
63.34 and innovation grants are available until June
63.35 30, 2030.

64.1 ~~(d)~~ (e) The base for the agricultural growth,
64.2 research, and innovation program is
64.3 ~~\$16,294,000~~ \$17,582,000 in fiscal year 2026
64.4 and each year thereafter and includes \$200,000
64.5 each year for cooperative development grants.

64.6 Subd. 5. **Administration and Financial**
64.7 **Assistance**

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64.9 second year are for payments to county and
64.10 district agricultural societies and associations
64.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
64.12 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
64.13 district agricultural societies and associations
64.14 must be disbursed no later than July 15 of each
64.15 year. These payments are the amount of aid
64.16 from the state for an annual fair held in the
64.17 previous calendar year.

64.18 (b) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
64.19 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
64.20 Agricultural Education and Leadership
64.21 Council for programs of the council under

27.1 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D. The base for
27.2 this appropriation is \$250,000 in fiscal year
27.3 2026 and each year thereafter.

27.4 (c) \$2,000 the first year is for a grant to the
27.5 Minnesota State Poultry Association. This is
27.6 a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding
27.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
27.8 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
27.9 end of the first year and is available for the
27.10 second year.

27.11 (d) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
27.12 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
27.13 Livestock Breeders Association. This is a
27.14 onetime appropriation.

27.15 (e) \$60,000 the first year and \$60,000 the
27.16 second year are for grants to the Northern
27.17 Crops Institute that may be used to purchase
27.18 equipment. This is a onetime appropriation.

27.19 (f) \$34,000 the first year and \$34,000 the
27.20 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
27.21 State Horticultural Society. This is a onetime
27.22 appropriation.

27.23 (g) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
27.24 second year are for grants to the Center for
27.25 Rural Policy and Development. This is a
27.26 onetime appropriation.

27.27 (h) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
27.28 second year are appropriated from the general
27.29 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for
27.30 grants to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for
27.31 basic and applied research on: (1) the
27.32 improved production of forage and turf seed
27.33 related to new and improved varieties; and (2)
27.34 native plants, including plant breeding,
28.1 nutrient management, pest management,
28.2 disease management, yield, and viability. The
28.3 Minnesota Turf Seed Council may subcontract
28.4 with a qualified third party for some or all of
28.5 the basic or applied research. Any
28.6 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the

64.22 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D. The base for
64.23 this appropriation is \$250,000 in fiscal year
64.24 2026 and each year thereafter.

64.25 (c) \$2,000 the first year is for a grant to the
64.26 Minnesota State Poultry Association. This is
64.27 a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding
64.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
64.29 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
64.30 end of the first year and is available for the
64.31 second year.

64.32 (d) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
64.33 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
64.34 Livestock Breeders Association. This is a
64.35 onetime appropriation.

65.1 (e) \$60,000 the first year and \$60,000 the
65.2 second year are for grants to the Northern
65.3 Crops Institute that may be used to purchase
65.4 equipment. This is a onetime appropriation.

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65.6 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
65.7 State Horticultural Society. This is a onetime
65.8 appropriation.

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65.11 Rural Policy and Development. This is a
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65.13 (h) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
65.14 second year are appropriated from the general
65.15 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for
65.16 grants to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for
65.17 basic and applied research on: (1) the
65.18 improved production of forage and turf seed
65.19 related to new and improved varieties; and (2)
65.20 native plants, including plant breeding,
65.21 nutrient management, pest management,
65.22 disease management, yield, and viability. The
65.23 Minnesota Turf Seed Council may subcontract
65.24 with a qualified third party for some or all of
65.25 the basic or applied research. Any
65.26 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the

28.7 end of the first year and is available in the
28.8 second year. The Minnesota Turf Seed Council
28.9 must prepare a report outlining the use of the
28.10 grant money and related accomplishments. No
28.11 later than January 15, 2025, the council must
28.12 submit the report to the chairs and ranking
28.13 minority members of the legislative
28.14 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
28.15 over agriculture finance and policy. This is a
28.16 onetime appropriation.

28.17 (i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
28.18 second year are for grants to GreenSeam for
28.19 assistance to agriculture-related businesses to
28.20 support business retention and development,
28.21 business attraction and creation, talent
28.22 development and attraction, and regional
28.23 branding and promotion. These are onetime
28.24 appropriations. No later than December 1,
28.25 2024, and December 1, 2025, GreenSeam
28.26 must report to the chairs and ranking minority
28.27 members of the legislative committees with
28.28 jurisdiction over agriculture and rural
28.29 development with information on new and
28.30 existing businesses supported, number of new
28.31 jobs created in the region, new educational
28.32 partnerships and programs supported, and
28.33 regional branding and promotional efforts.

28.34 (j) \$1,950,000 the first year and \$1,950,000
28.35 the second year are for grants to Second
29.1 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's
29.2 six Feeding America food banks for the
29.3 following purposes:

29.4 (1) at least \$850,000 each year must be
29.5 allocated to purchase milk for distribution to
29.6 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable
29.7 organizations that are eligible to receive food
29.8 from the food banks. Milk purchased under
29.9 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota
29.10 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.
29.11 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding
29.12 America food bank serving Minnesota
29.13 according to the formula used in the

65.27 end of the first year and is available in the
65.28 second year. The Minnesota Turf Seed Council
65.29 must prepare a report outlining the use of the
65.30 grant money and related accomplishments. No
65.31 later than January 15, 2025, the council must
65.32 submit the report to the chairs and ranking
65.33 minority members of the legislative
65.34 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
66.1 over agriculture finance and policy. This is a
66.2 onetime appropriation.

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66.7 business attraction and creation, talent
66.8 development and attraction, and regional
66.9 branding and promotion. These are onetime
66.10 appropriations. No later than December 1,
66.11 2024, and December 1, 2025, GreenSeam
66.12 must report to the chairs and ranking minority
66.13 members of the legislative committees with
66.14 jurisdiction over agriculture and rural
66.15 development with information on new and
66.16 existing businesses supported, number of new
66.17 jobs created in the region, new educational
66.18 partnerships and programs supported, and
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66.24 following purposes:

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66.26 allocated to purchase milk for distribution to
66.27 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable
66.28 organizations that are eligible to receive food
66.29 from the food banks. Milk purchased under
66.30 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota
66.31 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.
66.32 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding
66.33 America food bank serving Minnesota
66.34 according to the formula used in the

29.14 distribution of United States Department of
29.15 Agriculture commodities under The
29.16 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second
29.17 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or
29.18 agreements with food banks for shared funding
29.19 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of
29.20 milk. Each food bank that receives funding
29.21 under this clause may use up to two percent
29.22 for administrative expenses. Notwithstanding
29.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
29.24 unencumbered balance the first year does not
29.25 cancel and is available the second year;

29.26 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and
29.27 processors for costs incurred to harvest and
29.28 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,
29.29 and other agricultural commodities that would
29.30 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or be
29.31 sold in a secondary market. Surplus
29.32 commodities must be distributed statewide to
29.33 food shelves and other charitable organizations
29.34 that are eligible to receive food from the food
29.35 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause
30.1 must be from Minnesota producers and
30.2 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may
30.3 use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded
30.4 under this clause for administrative and
30.5 transportation expenses; and

30.6 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,
30.7 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,
30.8 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's
30.9 food shelves and other charitable organizations
30.10 that are eligible to receive food from the food
30.11 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up
30.12 to two percent of each grant awarded under
30.13 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein
30.14 products purchased under the grants must be
30.15 acquired from Minnesota processors and
30.16 producers.

30.17 Second Harvest Heartland must submit
30.18 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the
30.19 chairs and ranking minority members of the
30.20 legislative committees with jurisdiction over

66.35 distribution of United States Department of
67.1 Agriculture commodities under The
67.2 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second
67.3 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or
67.4 agreements with food banks for shared funding
67.5 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of
67.6 milk. Each food bank that receives funding
67.7 under this clause may use up to two percent
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67.20 that are eligible to receive food from the food
67.21 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause
67.22 must be from Minnesota producers and
67.23 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may
67.24 use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded
67.25 under this clause for administrative and
67.26 transportation expenses; and

67.27 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,
67.28 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,
67.29 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's
67.30 food shelves and other charitable organizations
67.31 that are eligible to receive food from the food
67.32 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up
67.33 to two percent of each grant awarded under
67.34 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein
67.35 products purchased under the grants must be
68.1 acquired from Minnesota processors and
68.2 producers.

68.3 Second Harvest Heartland must submit
68.4 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the
68.5 chairs and ranking minority members of the
68.6 legislative committees with jurisdiction over

30.21 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by
30.22 the commissioner. The reports must include
30.23 but are not limited to information on the
30.24 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or
30.25 other commodities purchased, and the
30.26 organizations to which this food was
30.27 distributed. The base for this appropriation is
30.28 \$1,700,000 for fiscal year 2026 and each year
30.29 thereafter.

30.30 (k) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
30.31 second year are for grants to the Southern
30.32 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote
30.33 local foods through an annual event that raises
30.34 public awareness of local foods and connects
31.1 local food producers and processors with
31.2 potential buyers.

31.3 (l) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
31.4 second year are for grants to The Good Acre
31.5 for the Local Emergency Assistance Farmer
31.6 Fund (LEAFF) program to compensate
31.7 emerging farmers for crops donated to hunger
31.8 relief organizations in Minnesota. This is a
31.9 onetime appropriation.

31.10 (m) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
31.11 second year are to expand the Emerging
31.12 Farmers Office and provide services to
31.13 beginning and emerging farmers to increase
31.14 connections between farmers and market
31.15 opportunities throughout the state. This
31.16 appropriation may be used for grants,
31.17 translation services, training programs, or
31.18 other purposes in line with the
31.19 recommendations of the Emerging Farmer
31.20 Working Group established under Minnesota
31.21 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1. The
31.22 base for this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in
31.23 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

68.7 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by
68.8 the commissioner. The reports must include
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68.11 other commodities purchased, and the
68.12 organizations to which this food was
68.13 distributed. The base for this appropriation is
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68.21 local food producers and processors with
68.22 potential buyers.

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68.24 second year are for grants to The Good Acre
68.25 for the Local Emergency Assistance Farmer
68.26 Fund (LEAFF) program to compensate
68.27 emerging farmers experiencing limited land
68.28 access or limited market access for crops
68.29 donated to hunger relief organizations in
68.30 Minnesota. For purposes of this paragraph,
68.31 "limited land access" and "limited market
68.32 access" have the meanings given in Minnesota
68.33 Statutes, section 17.133, subdivision 1. This
68.34 is a onetime appropriation.

69.1 (m) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
69.2 second year are to expand the Emerging
69.3 Farmers Office and provide services to
69.4 beginning and emerging farmers to increase
69.5 connections between farmers and market
69.6 opportunities throughout the state. This
69.7 appropriation may be used for grants,
69.8 translation services, training programs, or
69.9 other purposes in line with the
69.10 recommendations of the Emerging Farmer
69.11 Working Group established under Minnesota
69.12 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1. The
69.13 base for this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in
69.14 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

31.24 (n) \$50,000 the first year is to provide
31.25 technical assistance and leadership in the
31.26 development of a comprehensive and
31.27 well-documented state aquaculture plan. The
31.28 commissioner must provide the state
31.29 aquaculture plan to the legislative committees
31.30 with jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
31.31 policy by February 15, 2025.

31.32 (o) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
31.33 second year are for farm advocate services.
31.34 Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and
31.35 \$50,000 the second year are for the
32.1 continuation of the farmland transition
32.2 programs and may be used for grants to
32.3 farmland access teams to provide technical
32.4 assistance to potential beginning farmers.
32.5 Farmland access teams must assist existing
32.6 farmers and beginning farmers with
32.7 transitioning farm ownership and farm
32.8 operation. Services provided by teams may
32.9 include but are not limited to mediation
32.10 assistance, designing contracts, financial
32.11 planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and
32.12 housing assistance.

32.13 (p) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the
32.14 second year are for a pass-through grant to
32.15 Region Five Development Commission to
32.16 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business
32.17 Management, statewide mental health
32.18 counseling support to Minnesota farm
32.19 operators, families, and employees, and
32.20 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers
32.21 in a professional capacity. Region Five
32.22 Development Commission may use up to 6.5
32.23 percent of the grant awarded under this
32.24 paragraph for administration.

32.25 (q) \$1,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
32.26 the agricultural emergency account established
32.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041.

32.28 (r) \$1,084,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
32.29 second year are to support IT modernization

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69.17 development of a comprehensive and
69.18 well-documented state aquaculture plan. The
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70.5 second year are for a pass-through grant to
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70.17 the agricultural emergency account established
70.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041.

70.19 (r) \$1,084,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
70.20 second year are to support IT modernization

32.30 efforts, including laying the technology
32.31 foundations needed for improving customer
32.32 interactions with the department for licensing
32.33 and payments. This is a onetime appropriation.

32.34 (s) \$275,000 the first year is for technical
32.35 assistance grants to certified community
33.1 development financial institutions that
33.2 participate in United States Department of
33.3 Agriculture loan or grant programs for small
33.4 or emerging farmers, including but not limited
33.5 to the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market
33.6 Access Program. For purposes of this
33.7 paragraph, "emerging farmer" has the meaning
33.8 given in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
33.9 subdivision 1. The commissioner may use up
33.10 to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs
33.11 incurred to administer the program.
33.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
33.13 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
33.14 cancel at the end of the first year and is
33.15 available in the second year. This is a onetime
33.16 appropriation.

33.17 (t) \$1,425,000 the first year and \$1,425,000
33.18 the second year are for transfer to the
33.19 agricultural and environmental revolving loan
33.20 account established under Minnesota Statutes,
33.21 section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest
33.22 loans under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.23 17.117.

33.24 (u) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
33.25 second year are for administrative support for
33.26 the Rural Finance Authority.

33.27 (v) The base in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 is
33.28 \$150,000 each year to coordinate
33.29 climate-related activities and services within
33.30 the Department of Agriculture and
33.31 counterparts in local, state, and federal
33.32 agencies and to hire a full-time climate

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70.26 assistance grants to certified community
70.27 development financial institutions that
70.28 participate in United States Department of
70.29 Agriculture loan or grant programs for small
70.30 farmers or emerging farmers experiencing
70.31 limited land access or limited market access,
70.32 including but not limited to the Increasing
70.33 Land, Capital, and Market Access Program.
70.34 For purposes of this paragraph, "emerging
70.35 farmer" has "limited land access" and "limited
71.1 market access" have the meaning meanings
71.2 given in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
71.3 subdivision 1 section 17.133, subdivision 1.
71.4 The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent
71.5 of this appropriation for costs incurred to
71.6 administer the program. Notwithstanding
71.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
71.8 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
71.9 end of the first year and is available in the
71.10 second year. This is a onetime appropriation.

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71.23 climate-related activities and services within
71.24 the Department of Agriculture and
71.25 counterparts in local, state, and federal
71.26 agencies and to hire a full-time climate

33.33 implementation coordinator. The climate
33.34 implementation coordinator must coordinate
33.35 efforts seeking federal funding for Minnesota's
34.1 agricultural climate adaptation and mitigation
34.2 efforts and develop strategic partnerships with
34.3 the private sector and nongovernment
34.4 organizations.

34.5 (w) \$1,200,000 the first year and \$930,000 the
34.6 second year are to maintain the current level
34.7 of service delivery. The base for this
34.8 appropriation is ~~\$1,085,000~~ \$1,065,000 in
34.9 fiscal year 2026 and ~~\$1,085,000~~ \$1,065,000
34.10 in fiscal year 2027.

34.11 (x) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the
34.12 Board of Regents of the University of
34.13 Minnesota to purchase equipment for the
34.14 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to test for
34.15 chronic wasting disease, African swine fever,
34.16 avian influenza, and other animal diseases.
34.17 The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory must
34.18 report expenditures under this paragraph to
34.19 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
34.20 over agriculture finance and higher education
34.21 with a report submitted by January 3, 2024,
34.22 and a final report submitted by December 31,
34.23 2024. The reports must include a list of
34.24 equipment purchased, including the cost of
34.25 each item.

34.26 (y) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
34.27 the second year are to award and administer
34.28 down payment assistance grants under
34.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with
34.30 priority given to emerging farmers
34.31 experiencing limited land access as defined in
34.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
34.33 subdivision 1 17.133, subdivision 1, or farmers
34.34 who had a gross farm profit of \$100,000 or
34.35 less the previous year. Notwithstanding
35.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
35.2 unencumbered balance at the end of the first
35.3 year does not cancel and is available in the
35.4 second year and appropriations encumbered

71.27 implementation coordinator. The climate
71.28 implementation coordinator must coordinate
71.29 efforts seeking federal funding for Minnesota's
71.30 agricultural climate adaptation and mitigation
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72.2 appropriation is ~~\$1,085,000~~ \$1,065,000 in
72.3 fiscal year 2026 and ~~\$1,085,000~~ \$1,065,000
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72.18 equipment purchased, including the cost of
72.19 each item.

72.20 (y) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
72.21 the second year are to award and administer
72.22 down payment assistance grants under
72.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with
72.24 priority given to emerging farmers as defined
72.25 in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
72.26 subdivision 1 eligible applicants with no more
72.27 than \$100,000 in annual gross farm product
72.28 sales and eligible applicants who are producers
72.29 of industrial hemp, cannabis, or one or more
72.30 of the following specialty crops as defined by
72.31 the United States Department of Agriculture
72.32 for purposes of the specialty crop block grant
72.33 program: fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried

35.5 under contract by June 30, 2025, are available
35.6 until June 30, 2027.

35.7 (z) \$222,000 the first year and \$322,000 the
35.8 second year are for meat processing training
35.9 and retention incentive grants under section
35.10 5. The commissioner may use up to 6.5
35.11 percent of this appropriation for costs incurred
35.12 to administer the program. Notwithstanding
35.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
35.14 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
35.15 end of the first year and is available in the
35.16 second year. This is a onetime appropriation.

35.17 (aa) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
35.18 second year are for transfer to the Board of
35.19 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
35.20 evaluate, propagate, and maintain the genetic
35.21 diversity of oilseeds, grains, grasses, legumes,
35.22 and other plants including flax, timothy,
35.23 barley, rye, triticale, alfalfa, orchard grass,
35.24 clover, and other species and varieties that
35.25 were in commercial distribution and use in
35.26 Minnesota before 1970, excluding wild rice.
35.27 This effort must also protect traditional seeds
35.28 brought to Minnesota by immigrant
35.29 communities. This appropriation includes
35.30 funding for associated extension and outreach
35.31 to small and Black, Indigenous, and People of
35.32 Color (BIPOC) farmers. This is a onetime
35.33 appropriation.

72.34 fruits, medicinal plants, culinary herbs and
72.35 spices, horticulture crops, floriculture crops,
73.1 and nursery crops. Notwithstanding Minnesota
73.2 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
73.3 balance at the end of the first year does not
73.4 cancel and is available in the second year and
73.5 appropriations encumbered under contract by
73.6 June 30, 2025, are available until June 30,
73.7 2027.

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73.9 second year are for meat processing training
73.10 and retention incentive grants under section
73.11 5. The commissioner may use up to 6.5
73.12 percent of this appropriation for costs incurred
73.13 to administer the program. Notwithstanding
73.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
73.15 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
73.16 end of the first year and is available in the
73.17 second year. This is a onetime appropriation.

73.18 (aa) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
73.19 second year are for transfer to the Board of
73.20 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
73.21 evaluate, propagate, and maintain the genetic
73.22 diversity of oilseeds, grains, grasses, legumes,
73.23 and other plants including flax, timothy,
73.24 barley, rye, triticale, alfalfa, orchard grass,
73.25 clover, and other species and varieties that
73.26 were in commercial distribution and use in
73.27 Minnesota before 1970, excluding wild rice.
73.28 This effort must also protect traditional seeds
73.29 brought to Minnesota by immigrant
73.30 communities. This appropriation includes
73.31 funding for associated extension and outreach
73.32 to small and Black, Indigenous, and People of
73.33 Color (BIPOC) farmers. This is a onetime
73.34 appropriation.

74.1 (bb) \$300,000 the second year is to award and
74.2 administer beginning farmer equipment and
74.3 infrastructure grants under Minnesota Statutes,
74.4 section 17.055. This is a onetime
74.5 appropriation.

35.34 (bb) The commissioner shall continue to
35.35 increase connections with ethnic minority and
36.1 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
36.2 and farming programs throughout the state.

36.3 Sec. 8. **COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH; APPROPRIATIONS.**

36.4 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the
36.5 commissioner of health to establish a mitigation program for contaminated wells, including
36.6 testing, repairing, and replacing wells and providing home water treatment, such as reverse
36.7 osmosis treatment, for private wells that are tested at or above the maximum contaminant
36.8 level of 10 mg/L located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha,
36.9 or Winona County. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime
36.10 appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the
36.11 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for administrative costs.

36.12 (b) By December 15 each year through 2027, the commissioner must report to the chairs
36.13 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
36.14 and health detailing the use of the appropriation in this section and the number of households
36.15 served in each county.

74.6 ~~(bb)~~ (cc) The commissioner shall continue to
74.7 increase connections with ethnic minority and
74.8 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
74.9 and farming programs throughout the state.

74.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

50.17 (p) \$223,000 the second year is for transfer to
50.18 the commissioner of health for the private well
50.19 drinking-water assistance program. This is a
50.20 onetime transfer and is available until June
50.21 30, 2027.

74.11 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

74.12	Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION		6,143,000	
74.13	RESEARCH INSTITUTE	\$	6,393,000	\$ 4,343,000

74.14 (a) \$300,000 the first year is for equipment
74.15 upgrades, equipment replacement, installation
74.16 expenses, and laboratory infrastructure at the
74.17 Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's
74.18 laboratories in the cities of Crookston,
74.19 Marshall, and Waseca.

74.20 (b) \$1,500,000 the first year is to replace
74.21 analytical and processing equipment and make
74.22 corresponding facility upgrades at Agricultural
74.23 Utilization Research Institute facilities in the
74.24 cities of Marshall, Crookston, and Waseca. Of
74.25 this amount, up to \$500,000 may be used for
74.26 renewable natural gas and anaerobic digestion
74.27 projects. This is a onetime appropriation and
74.28 is available until June 30, 2026.

- 74.29 (c) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
74.30 second year are to maintain the current level
74.31 of service delivery.
- 75.1 (d) \$250,000 the first year is to support food
75.2 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation
75.3 and is available until June 30, 2026.
- 75.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.