

**Subject** Meat processing training and retention incentive grants

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## Summary

This bill amends the fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 appropriation to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for meat processing training and retention incentive grants.

Unexpended and unencumbered money after the second year of the biennium is typically cancelled and returns to the fund from which it was originally appropriated. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, subdivision 6, commissioners may certify encumbered money for grants issued by June 30 of the last fiscal year for one additional year. Grant projects may continue during this certification period. This bill exempts grants issued for meat processing training and the retention incentive program from the one-year certification period and allows grantees three years to continue projects.