

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 1524 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

1.5 Section 1. AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to agencies  
1.7 for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or  
1.8 another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The  
1.9 figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them  
1.10 are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively. "The  
1.11 first year" is fiscal year 2022. "The second year" is fiscal year 2023. "The biennium" is  
1.12 fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

1.13 APPROPRIATIONS  
1.14 Available for the Year  
1.15 Ending June 30  
1.16 2022 2023

1.17 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1.18 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 56,977,000 \$ 56,610,000

1.19 Appropriations by Fund

1.20		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
1.21	<u>General</u>	<u>56,578,000</u>	<u>56,211,000</u>
1.22	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>

1.23 The amounts that may be spent for each  
1.24 purpose are specified in the following  
1.25 subdivisions.

2.1 Subd. 2. Protection Services

2.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
2.3	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
2.4	<u>General</u>	<u>15,750,000</u> <u>15,476,000</u>
2.5	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u> <u>399,000</u>

2.6 (a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the  
 2.7 second year are from the remediation fund for  
 2.8 administrative funding for the voluntary  
 2.9 cleanup program.

2.10 (b) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
 2.11 second year are for compensation for  
 2.12 destroyed or crippled livestock under  
 2.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first  
 2.14 year appropriation may be spent to compensate  
 2.15 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled  
 2.16 during fiscal year 2021. If the amount in the  
 2.17 first year is insufficient, the amount in the  
 2.18 second year is available in the first year. The  
 2.19 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year  
 2.20 to reimburse expenses incurred by university  
 2.21 extension educators to provide fair market  
 2.22 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If  
 2.23 the commissioner receives federal dollars to  
 2.24 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,  
 2.25 an equivalent amount of this appropriation  
 2.26 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention  
 2.27 methods performed by federal wildlife services  
 2.28 staff.

2.29 (c) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the  
 2.30 second year are for compensation for crop  
 2.31 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.32 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is  
 2.33 insufficient, the amount in the second year is  
 2.34 available in the first year. The commissioner  
 2.35 may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation

3.1 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by  
3.2 the commissioner or the commissioner's  
3.3 approved agent to investigate and resolve  
3.4 claims as well as for costs associated with  
3.5 training for approved agents. The  
3.6 commissioner may use up to \$20,000 of the  
3.7 appropriation each year to make grants to  
3.8 producers for measures to protect stored crops  
3.9 from elk damage.

3.10 If the commissioner determines that claims  
3.11 made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737  
3.12 or 3.7371, are unusually high, amounts  
3.13 appropriated for either program may be  
3.14 transferred to the appropriation for the other  
3.15 program.

3.16 (d) \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the  
3.17 second year are for additional funding for the  
3.18 noxious weed and invasive plant program.

3.19 (e) \$50,000 the first year is for additional  
3.20 funding for the industrial hemp program for  
3.21 IT development. This is a onetime  
3.22 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
3.23 2023.

3.24 (f) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the  
3.25 second year are for additional funding for meat  
3.26 and poultry inspection services.

3.27 (g) \$66,000 the first year and \$66,000 the  
3.28 second year are for additional funding to  
3.29 replace capital equipment in the Department  
3.30 of Agriculture's analytical laboratory.

3.31 (h) \$500,000 the first year is to establish a  
3.32 climate smart farm endorsement for the  
3.33 Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality  
3.34 Certification Program that incentivizes and

4.1 quantifies climate-supportive farming  
 4.2 practices. This is a onetime appropriation and  
 4.3 is available until June 30, 2026.

4.4 (i) \$274,000 the first year and \$550,000 the  
 4.5 second year are to maintain the current level  
 4.6 of service delivery.

4.7 **Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and**  
 4.8 **Development**

4,510,000

4,415,000

4.9 (a) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the  
 4.10 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota  
 4.11 grown account and may be used as grants for  
 4.12 Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota  
 4.13 Statutes, section 17.102. Grants may be made  
 4.14 for one year. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 4.15 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations  
 4.16 encumbered under contract on or before June  
 4.17 30, 2023, for Minnesota grown grants in this  
 4.18 paragraph are available until June 30, 2025.

4.19 (b) \$100,000 the first year is to expand  
 4.20 international marketing opportunities for  
 4.21 farmers and value-added processors, including  
 4.22 in-market representation in Taiwan. This is a  
 4.23 onetime appropriation and is available until  
 4.24 June 30, 2023.

4.25 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the  
 4.26 second year are for continuation of the dairy  
 4.27 development and profitability enhancement  
 4.28 and dairy business planning grant programs  
 4.29 established under Laws 1997, chapter 216,  
 4.30 section 7, subdivision 2, and Laws 2001, First  
 4.31 Special Session chapter 2, section 9,  
 4.32 subdivision 2. The commissioner may allocate  
 4.33 the available sums among permissible  
 4.34 activities, including efforts to improve the  
 4.35 quality of milk produced in the state, in the

5.1 proportions that the commissioner deems most  
5.2 beneficial to Minnesota's dairy farmers. The  
5.3 commissioner must submit a detailed  
5.4 accomplishment report and a work plan  
5.5 detailing future plans for, and anticipated  
5.6 accomplishments from, expenditures under  
5.7 this program to the chairs and ranking minority  
5.8 members of the legislative committees and  
5.9 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture  
5.10 policy and finance on or before the start of  
5.11 each fiscal year. If significant changes are  
5.12 made to the plans in the course of the year,  
5.13 the commissioner must notify the chairs and  
5.14 ranking minority members.

5.15 (d) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
5.16 second year are for additional funding for  
5.17 mental health outreach and support to farmers  
5.18 and others in the agricultural community,  
5.19 including a 24-hour hotline, stigma reduction,  
5.20 and educational offerings. These are onetime  
5.21 appropriations.

5.22 (e) \$100,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
5.23 second year are for a pilot project creating  
5.24 farmland access teams to provide technical  
5.25 assistance to potential beginning farmers. The  
5.26 farmland access teams must assist existing  
5.27 farmers and beginning farmers on transitioning  
5.28 farm ownership and operation. Teams may  
5.29 include but are not limited to providing  
5.30 mediation assistance, designing contracts,  
5.31 financial planning, tax preparation, estate  
5.32 planning, and housing assistance. Of this  
5.33 amount, up to \$50,000 the first year may be  
5.34 used to upgrade the Minnesota FarmLink web  
5.35 application that connects farmers looking for

6.1 land with farmers looking to transition their  
6.2 land. These are onetime appropriations.

6.3 (f) \$10,000 the first year and \$10,000 the  
6.4 second year are for transfer to the emerging  
6.5 farmer account under Minnesota Statutes,  
6.6 section 17.055, subdivision 1a.

6.7 (g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
6.8 second year are to establish an emerging  
6.9 farmer office and hire a full-time emerging  
6.10 farmer outreach coordinator. The emerging  
6.11 farmer outreach coordinator must connect  
6.12 ethnic minority and immigrant farmers to  
6.13 farming opportunities and programs  
6.14 throughout the state. Of the amount  
6.15 appropriated each year, \$25,000 is for  
6.16 translation services.

6.17 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
6.18 second year are for the farm safety grant and  
6.19 outreach programs under Minnesota Statutes,  
6.20 section 17.1195. These are onetime  
6.21 appropriations.

6.22 (i) \$54,000 the first year and \$109,000 the  
6.23 second year are to maintain the current level  
6.24 of service delivery.

6.25 (j) The commissioner may use funds  
6.26 appropriated in this subdivision for annual  
6.27 cost-share payments to resident farmers or  
6.28 entities that sell, process, or package  
6.29 agricultural products in this state for the costs  
6.30 of organic certification. The commissioner  
6.31 may allocate these funds for assistance to  
6.32 persons transitioning from conventional to  
6.33 organic agriculture.

7.1	<b><u>Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct</u></b>		
7.2	<b><u>Advancement</u></b>	<u>26,904,000</u>	<u>26,917,000</u>
7.3	<u>(a) \$9,300,000 the first year and \$9,300,000</u>		
7.4	<u>the second year are for transfer to the</u>		
7.5	<u>agriculture research, education, extension, and</u>		
7.6	<u>technology transfer account under Minnesota</u>		
7.7	<u>Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of</u>		
7.8	<u>these amounts: at least \$600,000 the first year</u>		
7.9	<u>and \$600,000 the second year are for the</u>		
7.10	<u>Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's</u>		
7.11	<u>agriculture rapid response under Minnesota</u>		
7.12	<u>Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause</u>		
7.13	<u>(2); \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000</u>		
7.14	<u>the second year are for grants to the Minnesota</u>		
7.15	<u>Agriculture Education Leadership Council to</u>		
7.16	<u>enhance agricultural education with priority</u>		
7.17	<u>given to Farm Business Management</u>		
7.18	<u>challenge grants; \$350,000 the first year and</u>		
7.19	<u>\$350,000 the second year are for potato</u>		
7.20	<u>breeding; and \$450,000 the first year and</u>		
7.21	<u>\$450,000 the second year are for the cultivated</u>		
7.22	<u>wild rice breeding project at the North Central</u>		
7.23	<u>Research and Outreach Center to include a</u>		
7.24	<u>tenure track/research associate plant breeder.</u>		
7.25	<u>The commissioner shall transfer the remaining</u>		
7.26	<u>funds in this appropriation each year to the</u>		
7.27	<u>Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
7.28	<u>Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
7.29	<u>section 41A.14. Of the amount transferred to</u>		
7.30	<u>the Board of Regents, up to \$1,000,000 each</u>		
7.31	<u>year is for research on avian influenza.</u>		
7.32	<u>To the extent practicable, money expended</u>		
7.33	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,</u>		
7.34	<u>subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must</u>		
7.35	<u>supplement and not supplant existing sources</u>		
7.36	<u>and levels of funding. The commissioner may</u>		

8.1 use up to one percent of this appropriation for  
8.2 costs incurred to administer the program.

8.3 (b) \$15,589,000 the first year and \$15,588,000  
8.4 the second year are for the agricultural growth,  
8.5 research, and innovation program in  
8.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. Except  
8.7 as provided below, the commissioner may  
8.8 allocate the appropriation each year among  
8.9 the following areas: facilitating the start-up,  
8.10 modernization, improvement, or expansion of  
8.11 livestock operations including beginning and  
8.12 transitioning livestock operations with  
8.13 preference given to robotic dairy-milking  
8.14 equipment; providing funding not to exceed  
8.15 \$800,000 each year to develop and enhance  
8.16 farm-to-school markets for Minnesota farmers  
8.17 by providing more fruits, vegetables, meat,  
8.18 grain, and dairy for Minnesota children in  
8.19 school and child care settings including, at the  
8.20 commissioner's discretion, reimbursing  
8.21 schools for purchases from local farmers;  
8.22 assisting value-added agricultural businesses  
8.23 to begin or expand, to access new markets, or  
8.24 to diversify, including aquaponics systems;  
8.25 providing funding not to exceed \$600,000  
8.26 each year for urban youth agricultural  
8.27 education or urban agriculture community  
8.28 development; providing funding not to exceed  
8.29 \$600,000 each year for the good food access  
8.30 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.31 17.1017; facilitating the start-up,  
8.32 modernization, or expansion of other  
8.33 beginning and transitioning farms including  
8.34 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,  
8.35 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture  
8.36 on-farm research and demonstration;



9.1 development or expansion of food hubs and  
9.2 other alternative community-based food  
9.3 distribution systems; enhancing renewable  
9.4 energy infrastructure and use; crop research;  
9.5 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;  
9.6 and good agricultural practices and good  
9.7 handling practices certification assistance. The  
9.8 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of  
9.9 this appropriation for costs incurred to  
9.10 administer the program.

9.11 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural  
9.12 growth, research, and innovation program in  
9.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

9.14 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
9.15 the second year are for distribution in equal  
9.16 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to  
9.17 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

9.18 (2) \$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000  
9.19 the second year are for incentive payments  
9.20 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,  
9.21 41A.17, and 41A.18. Notwithstanding  
9.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first  
9.23 year appropriation is available until June 30,  
9.24 2023, and the second year appropriation is  
9.25 available until June 30, 2024. If this  
9.26 appropriation exceeds the total amount for  
9.27 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal  
9.28 year, the balance of the appropriation is  
9.29 available for the agricultural growth, research,  
9.30 and innovation program. The base amount for  
9.31 the allocation under this clause is \$4,000,000  
9.32 in fiscal year 2024 and later; and

9.33 (3) up to \$1,000,000 the first year is for grants  
9.34 to facilitate the start-up, modernization, or

10.1 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk  
 10.2 processing facilities.

10.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.4 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not  
 10.5 cancel at the end of the first year and is  
 10.6 available for the second year, and  
 10.7 appropriations encumbered under contract on  
 10.8 or before June 30, 2023, for agricultural  
 10.9 growth, research, and innovation grants are  
 10.10 available until June 30, 2026.

10.11 The base amount for the agricultural growth,  
 10.12 research, and innovation program is  
 10.13 \$15,584,000 in fiscal year 2024 and  
 10.14 \$15,584,000 in fiscal year 2025, and includes  
 10.15 funding for incentive payments under  
 10.16 Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16, 41A.17,  
 10.17 and 41A.18.

10.18 (c) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
 10.19 the second year are for a biofuels infrastructure  
 10.20 financial assistance program. Notwithstanding  
 10.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
 10.22 appropriations encumbered under contract for  
 10.23 grants on or before June 30, 2023, are  
 10.24 available until June 30, 2027. Of this amount,  
 10.25 \$100,000 each year is for the administration  
 10.26 of the biofuels infrastructure financial  
 10.27 assistance program.

10.28 (d) \$15,000 the first year and \$29,000 the  
 10.29 second year are to maintain the current level  
 10.30 of service delivery.

10.31 **Subd. 5. Administration and Financial**  
 10.32 **Assistance**

10.33 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the  
 10.34 second year are for payments to county and

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11.1 district agricultural societies and associations  
11.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,  
11.3 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and  
11.4 district agricultural societies and associations  
11.5 shall be disbursed no later than July 15 of each  
11.6 year. These payments are the amount of aid  
11.7 from the state for an annual fair held in the  
11.8 previous calendar year.

11.9 (b) \$287,000 the first year and \$287,000 the  
11.10 second year are for farm advocate services.

11.11 (c) \$238,000 the first year and \$238,000 the  
11.12 second year are for transfer to the Board of  
11.13 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and  
11.14 Universities for statewide mental health  
11.15 counseling support to farm families and  
11.16 business operators through the Minnesota State  
11.17 Agricultural Centers of Excellence. South  
11.18 Central College and Central Lakes College  
11.19 shall serve as the fiscal agents.

11.20 (d) \$1,650,000 the first year and \$1,650,000  
11.21 the second year are for grants to Second  
11.22 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's  
11.23 six Feeding America food banks for the  
11.24 following:

11.25 (1) to purchase milk for distribution to  
11.26 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable  
11.27 organizations that are eligible to receive food  
11.28 from the food banks. Milk purchased under  
11.29 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota  
11.30 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.  
11.31 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding  
11.32 America food bank serving Minnesota  
11.33 according to the formula used in the  
11.34 distribution of United States Department of  
11.35 Agriculture commodities under The

12.1 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second  
12.2 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or  
12.3 agreements with food banks for shared funding  
12.4 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of  
12.5 milk. Each food bank that receives funding  
12.6 under this clause may use up to two percent  
12.7 for administrative expenses;

12.8 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and  
12.9 processors for costs incurred to harvest and  
12.10 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,  
12.11 and other agricultural commodities that would  
12.12 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or  
12.13 sold in a secondary market. Surplus  
12.14 commodities must be distributed statewide to  
12.15 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
12.16 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
12.17 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause  
12.18 must be from Minnesota producers and  
12.19 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may  
12.20 use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded  
12.21 under this clause for administrative and  
12.22 transportation expenses; and

12.23 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,  
12.24 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,  
12.25 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's  
12.26 food shelves and other charitable organizations  
12.27 that are eligible to receive food from the food  
12.28 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up  
12.29 to two percent of each grant awarded under  
12.30 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein  
12.31 products purchased under the grants must be  
12.32 acquired from Minnesota processors and  
12.33 producers.

12.34 Of the amount appropriated under this  
12.35 paragraph, at least \$600,000 each year must

- 13.1 be allocated under clause (1). Notwithstanding  
13.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any  
13.3 unencumbered balance the first year does not  
13.4 cancel and is available in the second year.  
13.5 Second Harvest Heartland must submit  
13.6 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the  
13.7 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
13.8 legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
13.9 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by  
13.10 the commissioner. The reports must include  
13.11 but are not limited to information on the  
13.12 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or  
13.13 other commodities purchased, and the  
13.14 organizations to which this food was  
13.15 distributed.
- 13.16 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
13.17 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
13.18 Agricultural Education and Leadership  
13.19 Council for programs of the council under  
13.20 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.
- 13.21 (f) The commissioner shall continue to  
13.22 increase connections with ethnic minority and  
13.23 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities  
13.24 and farming programs throughout the state.
- 13.25 (g) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
13.26 the second year are for transfer to the  
13.27 agricultural and environmental revolving loan  
13.28 account established under Minnesota Statutes,  
13.29 section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest  
13.30 loans under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.31 17.117. These are onetime transfers.
- 13.32 (h) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
13.33 second year are for grants to the Center for  
13.34 Rural Policy and Development. These are  
13.35 onetime appropriations.

- 14.1 (i) \$47,000 the first year and \$47,000 the  
14.2 second year are for grants to the Northern  
14.3 Crops Institute that may be used to purchase  
14.4 equipment. These are onetime appropriations.
- 14.5 (j) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
14.6 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
14.7 Turf Seed Council for basic and applied  
14.8 research on: (1) the improved production of  
14.9 forage and turf seed related to new and  
14.10 improved varieties; and (2) native plants,  
14.11 including plant breeding, nutrient  
14.12 management, pest management, disease  
14.13 management, yield, and viability. The  
14.14 Minnesota Turf Seed Council may subcontract  
14.15 with a qualified third party for some or all of  
14.16 the basic or applied research. Any  
14.17 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
14.18 end of the first year and is available for the  
14.19 second year. These are onetime appropriations.
- 14.20 (k) \$1,000 the first year and \$1,000 the second  
14.21 year are for grants to the Minnesota State  
14.22 Poultry Association. These are onetime  
14.23 appropriations.
- 14.24 (l) \$17,000 the first year and \$17,000 the  
14.25 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
14.26 State Horticultural Society. These are onetime  
14.27 appropriations.
- 14.28 (m) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the  
14.29 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
14.30 Livestock Breeders Association. These are  
14.31 onetime appropriations.
- 14.32 (n) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the  
14.33 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota  
14.34 Humanities Center for the healthy eating, here

15.1 at home program under Minnesota Statutes,  
 15.2 section 138.912. Participating nonprofit  
 15.3 organizations may receive up to three percent  
 15.4 of the amount transferred each year for  
 15.5 program administration costs.

15.6 (o) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to  
 15.7 Greater Mankato Growth, Inc., for assistance  
 15.8 to agriculture-related businesses to promote  
 15.9 jobs, innovation, and synergy development.  
 15.10 This is a onetime appropriation.

15.11 (p) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the  
 15.12 second year are for grants to the Southern  
 15.13 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote  
 15.14 local foods through an annual event that raises  
 15.15 public awareness of local foods and connects  
 15.16 local food producers and processors with  
 15.17 potential buyers.

15.18 (q) \$222,000 the first year and \$286,000 the  
 15.19 second year are to maintain the current level  
 15.20 of service delivery.

15.21 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**                    **\$            5,980,000 \$            6,081,000**

15.22 (a) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the  
 15.23 second year are for agricultural emergency  
 15.24 preparedness and response.

15.25 (b) \$103,000 the first year and \$204,000 the  
 15.26 second year are to maintain the current level  
 15.27 of service delivery.

15.28 **Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION**  
 15.29 **RESEARCH INSTITUTE**                    **\$            4,043,000 \$            4,043,000**

15.30 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
 15.31 second year are for a meat scientist.

16.1 **Sec. 5. CANCELLATIONS.**

16.2 (a) \$916,553 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for protection services  
16.3 under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is  
16.4 canceled.

16.5 (b) \$136,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for agricultural marketing  
16.6 and development under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2,  
16.7 subdivision 3, is canceled.

16.8 (c) \$120,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for agriculture, bioenergy,  
16.9 and bioproduct advancement under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1,  
16.10 section 2, subdivision 4, is canceled.

16.11 (d) \$157,500 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for administration and  
16.12 financial assistance under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2,  
16.13 subdivision 5, is canceled.

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

16.15 **Sec. 6. FEDERAL FUNDS REPLACEMENT; APPROPRIATION.**

16.16 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner of management and budget  
16.17 must determine whether the expenditures authorized under this act are eligible uses of federal  
16.18 funding received under the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund or any other federal  
16.19 funds received by the state under the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117-2. If the  
16.20 commissioner of management and budget determines an expenditure is eligible for funding  
16.21 under Public Law 117-2, the amount of the eligible expenditure is appropriated from the  
16.22 account or fund where those amounts have been deposited and the corresponding general  
16.23 fund amounts appropriated under this act are canceled to the general fund.

16.24 **ARTICLE 2**

16.25 **AGRICULTURE STATUTORY CHANGES**

16.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 15.057, is amended to read:

16.27 **15.057 PUBLICITY REPRESENTATIVES.**

16.28 No state department, bureau, or division, whether the same operates on funds appropriated  
16.29 or receipts or fees of any nature whatsoever, except the Department of Transportation, the  
16.30 Department of Employment and Economic Development, the Department of Agriculture,  
16.31 the Game and Fish Division, State Agricultural Society, and Explore Minnesota Tourism



17.1 shall use any of such funds for the payment of the salary or expenses of a publicity  
17.2 representative. The head of any such department, bureau, or division shall be personally  
17.3 liable for funds used contrary to this provision. This section shall not be construed, however,  
17.4 as preventing any such department, bureau, or division from sending out any bulletins or  
17.5 other publicity required by any state law or necessary for the satisfactory conduct of the  
17.6 business for which such department, bureau, or division was created.

17.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 17.055, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.8 Subdivision 1. **Emerging farmer working group.** (a) To advise the commissioner and  
17.9 legislature regarding the development and implementation of programs and initiatives that  
17.10 support emerging farmers in this state, the commissioner must periodically convene a  
17.11 working group consisting, to the extent possible, of persons who are, and organizations that  
17.12 represent, farmers or aspiring farmers who are women, veterans, persons with disabilities,  
17.13 American Indian or Alaskan Natives, members of a community of color, young, and urban,  
17.14 and any other emerging farmers as determined by the commissioner. No later than January  
17.15 15 each year, the commissioner must update the chairs and ranking minority members of  
17.16 the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture regarding the  
17.17 working group's activities and recommendations.

17.18 (b) The commissioner may accept on behalf of the state donations of money, services,  
17.19 or other assistance or gifts from public or private sources to further the objectives of the  
17.20 emerging farmer working group.

17.21 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 17.055, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.22 read:

17.23 Subd. 1a. **Emerging farmer account.** An emerging farmer account is established in the  
17.24 agricultural fund. The account consists of money appropriated by law and any other money  
17.25 donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to the account. Money in the account,  
17.26 including interest, is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of this section and  
17.27 must be used to further the objectives of the emerging farmer working group.

17.28 Sec. 4. [17.1016] COOPERATIVE GRANTS.

17.29 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

17.30 (1) "agricultural commodity" and "agricultural product processing facility" have the  
17.31 meanings given in section 17.101, subdivision 5; and

18.1 (2) "agricultural service" means an action made under the direction of a farmer that  
18.2 provides value to another entity. Agricultural service includes grazing to manage vegetation.

18.3 Subd. 2. **Grant program.** (a) The commissioner must establish and implement a grant  
18.4 program to help farmers finance new cooperatives that organize for purposes of operating  
18.5 an agricultural product processing facility or marketing an agricultural product or agricultural  
18.6 service.

18.7 (b) To be eligible for this program, a grantee must:

18.8 (1) be a cooperative organized under chapter 308A;

18.9 (2) certify that all control and equity in the cooperative is from farmers, family farm  
18.10 partnerships, family farm limited liability companies, or family farm corporations as defined  
18.11 in section 500.24, subdivision 2, who are actively engaged in agricultural commodity  
18.12 production;

18.13 (3) be operated primarily to process agricultural commodities or market agricultural  
18.14 products or services produced in Minnesota; and

18.15 (4) receive agricultural commodities produced primarily by shareholders or members  
18.16 of the cooperative.

18.17 (c) The commissioner may receive applications and make grants up to \$50,000 to eligible  
18.18 grantees for feasibility, marketing analysis, assistance with organizational development,  
18.19 financing and managing new cooperatives, product development, development of business  
18.20 and marketing plans, and predesign of facilities including site analysis, development of bid  
18.21 specifications, preliminary blueprints and schematics, and completion of purchase agreements  
18.22 and other necessary legal documents.

18.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 17.1017, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

18.24 **Subd. 5. Eligible projects.** (a) The commissioner, in cooperation with the program  
18.25 partners and advisers, shall establish project eligibility guidelines and application processes  
18.26 to be used to review and select project applicants for financing or other financial or technical  
18.27 assistance. ~~All projects must be located in an underserved community or must serve primarily~~  
18.28 ~~underserved communities in low-income and moderate-income areas.~~

18.29 (b) Projects eligible for financing include, but are not limited to, new construction,  
18.30 renovations, expansions of operations, and infrastructure upgrades of grocery stores and  
18.31 small food retailers to improve the availability of and access to affordable, nutritious food,  
18.32 including fresh fruits and vegetables, and build capacity in areas of greatest need.

19.1 (c) Projects eligible for other types of financial assistance such as grants or technical  
 19.2 assistance are primarily projects throughout the state, including, but not limited to, feasibility  
 19.3 studies, new construction, renovations, expansion of operations, and infrastructure upgrades  
 19.4 of small food retailers.

19.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 17.1017, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

19.6 Subd. 6. **Qualifications for receipt of financing and other financial or technical**  
 19.7 **assistance.** (a) An applicant for receipt of financing through an economic or community  
 19.8 development financial institution, or an applicant for a grant or other financial or technical  
 19.9 assistance, may be a for-profit or not-for-profit entity, including, but not limited to, a sole  
 19.10 proprietorship, limited liability company, corporation, cooperative, nonprofit organization,  
 19.11 or nonprofit community development organization. Each applicant must:

19.12 (1) demonstrate community engagement in and support for the project;

19.13 (2) demonstrate the capacity to successfully implement the project;

19.14 (3) demonstrate a viable plan for long-term sustainability, including the ability to increase  
 19.15 the availability of and access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food,  
 19.16 including fresh fruits and vegetables, for underserved communities in low-income and  
 19.17 moderate-income areas; and

19.18 (4) demonstrate the ability to repay the debt, to the extent that the financing requires  
 19.19 repayment.

19.20 (b) Each applicant must also agree to comply with the following conditions for a period  
 19.21 of at least five years, except as otherwise specified in this section:

19.22 (1) accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits;

19.23 ~~(2) apply to accept Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and~~  
 19.24 ~~Children (WIC) benefits and, if approved, accept WIC benefits;~~

19.25 ~~(3)~~ (2) allocate at least 30 percent of retail space for the sale of affordable, nutritious,  
 19.26 and culturally appropriate foods, including fruits and vegetables, low-fat and nonfat dairy,  
 19.27 fortified dairy substitute beverages such as soy-based or nut-based dairy substitute beverages,  
 19.28 whole grain-rich staple foods, meats, poultry, fish, seafood, and other proteins, consistent  
 19.29 with nutrition standards in national guidelines described in the current United States  
 19.30 Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines for Americans;

19.31 ~~(4)~~ (3) comply with all data collection and reporting requirements established by the  
 19.32 commissioner; and

20.1 ~~(5)~~ (4) promote the hiring, training, and retention of local or regional residents from  
20.2 low-income and moderate-income areas that reflect area demographics, including  
20.3 communities of color.

20.4 (c) A selected project that is a small food retailer is not subject to the allocation agreement  
20.5 under paragraph (b), clause ~~(3)~~ (2), and may use financing, grants, or other financial or  
20.6 technical assistance for refrigeration, displays, or onetime capital expenditures for the  
20.7 promotion and sale of perishable foods, including a combination of affordable, nutritious,  
20.8 and culturally appropriate fresh or frozen dairy, dairy substitute products, produce, meats,  
20.9 poultry, and fish, consistent with nutrition standards in national guidelines described in the  
20.10 current United States Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

20.11 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 17.116, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

20.12 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) Grants may only be made to farmers, educational institutions,  
20.13 individuals at educational institutions, or nonprofit organizations residing or located in the  
20.14 state for research or demonstrations on farms in the state.

20.15 (b) Grants may only be made for projects that show:

20.16 (1) the ability to maximize direct or indirect energy savings or production;

20.17 (2) a positive effect or reduced adverse effect on the environment; ~~and~~ or

20.18 (3) increased profitability for the individual farm by reducing costs or improving  
20.19 marketing opportunities.

20.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 18B.26, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

20.21 Subd. 3. **Registration application and gross sales fee.** (a) For an agricultural pesticide,  
20.22 a registrant shall pay an annual registration application fee for each agricultural pesticide  
20.23 of \$350. The fee is due by December 31 preceding the year for which the application for  
20.24 registration is made. The fee is nonrefundable.

20.25 (b) For a nonagricultural pesticide, a registrant shall pay a minimum annual registration  
20.26 application fee for each nonagricultural pesticide of \$350. The fee is due by December 31  
20.27 preceding the year for which the application for registration is made. The fee is  
20.28 nonrefundable. If the registrant's annual gross sales of the nonagricultural pesticide exceeded  
20.29 \$70,000 in the previous calendar year, the registrant shall pay, in addition to the \$350  
20.30 minimum fee, a fee equal to ~~0.5~~ 0.9 percent of that portion of the annual gross sales over  
20.31 \$70,000. For purposes of this subdivision, gross sales includes both nonagricultural pesticide  
20.32 sold in the state and nonagricultural pesticide sold into the state for use in this state. No

21.1 additional fee is required if the fee due amount based on percent of annual gross sales of a  
21.2 nonagricultural pesticide is less than \$10. The registrant shall secure sufficient sales  
21.3 information of nonagricultural pesticides distributed into this state from distributors and  
21.4 dealers, regardless of distributor location, to make a determination. Sales of nonagricultural  
21.5 pesticides in this state and sales of nonagricultural pesticides for use in this state by  
21.6 out-of-state distributors are not exempt and must be included in the registrant's annual report,  
21.7 as required under paragraph (g), and fees shall be paid by the registrant based upon those  
21.8 reported sales. Sales of nonagricultural pesticides in the state for use outside of the state are  
21.9 exempt from the gross sales fee in this paragraph if the registrant properly documents the  
21.10 sale location and distributors. A registrant paying more than the minimum fee shall pay the  
21.11 balance due by March 1 based on the gross sales of the nonagricultural pesticide by the  
21.12 registrant for the preceding calendar year. A pesticide determined by the commissioner to  
21.13 be a sanitizer or disinfectant is exempt from the gross sales fee.

21.14 (c) For agricultural pesticides, a licensed agricultural pesticide dealer or licensed pesticide  
21.15 dealer shall pay a gross sales fee of ~~0.55~~ 0.9 percent of annual gross sales of the agricultural  
21.16 pesticide in the state and the annual gross sales of the agricultural pesticide sold into the  
21.17 state for use in this state.

21.18 (d) In those cases where a registrant first sells an agricultural pesticide in or into the  
21.19 state to a pesticide end user, the registrant must first obtain an agricultural pesticide dealer  
21.20 license and is responsible for payment of the annual gross sales fee under paragraph (c),  
21.21 record keeping under paragraph (i), and all other requirements of section 18B.316.

21.22 ~~(e) If the total annual revenue from fees collected in fiscal year 2011, 2012, or 2013, by~~  
21.23 ~~the commissioner on the registration and sale of pesticides is less than \$6,600,000, the~~  
21.24 ~~commissioner, after a public hearing, may increase proportionally the pesticide sales and~~  
21.25 ~~product registration fees under this chapter by the amount necessary to ensure this level of~~  
21.26 ~~revenue is achieved. The authority under this section expires on June 30, 2014. The~~  
21.27 ~~commissioner shall report any fee increases under this paragraph 60 days before the fee~~  
21.28 ~~change is effective to the senate and house of representatives agriculture budget divisions.~~

21.29 (f) An additional fee of 50 percent of the registration application fee must be paid by  
21.30 the applicant for each pesticide to be registered if the application is a renewal application  
21.31 that is submitted after December 31.

21.32 (g) (f) A registrant must annually report to the commissioner the amount, type and annual  
21.33 gross sales of each registered nonagricultural pesticide sold, offered for sale, or otherwise  
21.34 distributed in the state. The report shall be filed by March 1 for the previous year's

22.1 registration. The commissioner shall specify the form of the report or approve the method  
22.2 for submittal of the report and may require additional information deemed necessary to  
22.3 determine the amount and type of nonagricultural pesticide annually distributed in the state.  
22.4 The information required shall include the brand name, United States Environmental  
22.5 Protection Agency registration number, and amount of each nonagricultural pesticide sold,  
22.6 offered for sale, or otherwise distributed in the state, but the information collected, if made  
22.7 public, shall be reported in a manner which does not identify a specific brand name in the  
22.8 report.

22.9 ~~(h)~~ (g) A licensed agricultural pesticide dealer or licensed pesticide dealer must annually  
22.10 report to the commissioner the amount, type, and annual gross sales of each registered  
22.11 agricultural pesticide sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed in the state or into the  
22.12 state for use in the state. The report must be filed by January 31 for the previous year's sales.  
22.13 The commissioner shall specify the form, contents, and approved electronic method for  
22.14 submittal of the report and may require additional information deemed necessary to determine  
22.15 the amount and type of agricultural pesticide annually distributed within the state or into  
22.16 the state. The information required must include the brand name, United States Environmental  
22.17 Protection Agency registration number, and amount of each agricultural pesticide sold,  
22.18 offered for sale, or otherwise distributed in the state or into the state.

22.19 ~~(i)~~ (h) A person who registers a pesticide with the commissioner under paragraph (b),  
22.20 or a registrant under paragraph (d), shall keep accurate records for five years detailing all  
22.21 distribution or sales transactions into the state or in the state and subject to a fee and surcharge  
22.22 under this section.

22.23 ~~(j)~~ (i) The records are subject to inspection, copying, and audit by the commissioner and  
22.24 must clearly demonstrate proof of payment of all applicable fees and surcharges for each  
22.25 registered pesticide product sold for use in this state. A person who is located outside of  
22.26 this state must maintain and make available records required by this subdivision in this state  
22.27 or pay all costs incurred by the commissioner in the inspecting, copying, or auditing of the  
22.28 records.

22.29 ~~(k)~~ (j) The commissioner may adopt by rule regulations that require persons subject to  
22.30 audit under this section to provide information determined by the commissioner to be  
22.31 necessary to enable the commissioner to perform the audit.

22.32 ~~(l)~~ (k) A registrant who is required to pay more than the minimum fee for any pesticide  
22.33 under paragraph (b) must pay a late fee penalty of \$100 for each pesticide application fee  
22.34 paid after March 1 in the year for which the license is to be issued.

23.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 21.82, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

23.2 Subd. 3. **Treated seed.** For all named agricultural, vegetable, flower, or wildflower  
23.3 seeds which are treated, for which a separate label may be used, the label must contain:

23.4 (1) a word or statement to indicate that the seed has been treated;

23.5 (2) the commonly accepted, coined, chemical, or abbreviated generic chemical name of  
23.6 the applied substance;

23.7 (3) the caution statement "Do not use for food, feed, or oil purposes" if the substance in  
23.8 the amount present with the seed is harmful to human or other vertebrate animals;

23.9 (4) in the case of mercurials or similarly toxic substances, a poison statement and symbol;

23.10 (5) a word or statement describing the process used when the treatment is not of pesticide  
23.11 origin; ~~and~~

23.12 (6) the date beyond which the inoculant is considered ineffective if the seed is treated  
23.13 with an inoculant. It must be listed on the label as "inoculant: expires (month and year)" or  
23.14 wording that conveys the same meaning; and

23.15 (7) for corn or soybean seed treated with neonicotinoid pesticide, the following caution  
23.16 statement framed in a box and including a bee icon approved by the commissioner: "Planting  
23.17 seed treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide may negatively impact pollinator health. Please  
23.18 use care when handling and planting this seed. Do not use for food, feed, or oil purposes,  
23.19 or ethanol production."

23.20 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 21.86, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

23.21 Subd. 2. **Miscellaneous violations.** No person may:

23.22 (a) detach, alter, deface, or destroy any label required in sections 21.82 and 21.83, alter  
23.23 or substitute seed in a manner that may defeat the purposes of sections 21.82 and 21.83, or  
23.24 alter or falsify any seed tests, laboratory reports, records, or other documents to create a  
23.25 misleading impression as to kind, variety, history, quality, or origin of the seed;

23.26 (b) hinder or obstruct in any way any authorized person in the performance of duties  
23.27 under sections 21.80 to 21.92;

23.28 (c) fail to comply with a "stop sale" order or to move or otherwise handle or dispose of  
23.29 any lot of seed held under a stop sale order or attached tags, except with express permission  
23.30 of the enforcing officer for the purpose specified;

24.1 (d) use the word "type" in any labeling in connection with the name of any agricultural  
24.2 seed variety;

24.3 (e) use the word "trace" as a substitute for any statement which is required;

24.4 (f) plant any agricultural seed which the person knows contains weed seeds or noxious  
24.5 weed seeds in excess of the limits for that seed; ~~or~~

24.6 (g) advertise or sell seed containing patented, protected, or proprietary varieties used  
24.7 without permission of the patent or certificate holder of the intellectual property associated  
24.8 with the variety of seed; or

24.9 (h) use or sell as food, feed, oil, or ethanol feedstock any seed treated or coated with  
24.10 neonicotinoid pesticide.

24.11 Sec. 11. **[21.915] PROHIBITED DISPOSAL METHODS.**

24.12 A person must not dispose of seed treated or coated with neonicotinoid pesticide in a  
24.13 manner inconsistent with the product label, where applicable, or by:

24.14 (1) burial near a drinking water source or any creek, stream, river, lake, or other surface  
24.15 water;

24.16 (2) composting; or

24.17 (3) incinerating within a home or other dwelling.

24.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 28A.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.19 read:

24.20 Subd. 4. **Food handler license account; appropriation.** A food handler license account  
24.21 is established in the agricultural fund. Fees paid under subdivision 3 must be deposited in  
24.22 the account. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated to the commissioner  
24.23 for expenses relating to licensing and inspecting food handlers under chapters 28 to 34A or  
24.24 rules adopted under one of those chapters.

24.25 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 28A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.26 read:

24.27 Subd. 3. **Vending machine inspection account; appropriation.** A vending machine  
24.28 inspection account is established in the agricultural fund. Fees paid under subdivision 1  
24.29 must be deposited in the account. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated



25.1 to the commissioner for expenses relating to identifying and inspecting food vending  
25.2 machines under chapters 28 to 34A or rules adopted under one of those chapters.

25.3 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 28A.152, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

25.4 Subdivision 1. **Licensing provisions applicability.** (a) The licensing provisions of  
25.5 sections 28A.01 to 28A.16 do not apply to the following:

25.6 (1) an individual who prepares and sells food that is not potentially hazardous food, as  
25.7 defined in Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0020, subpart 62, if the following requirements are  
25.8 met:

25.9 (i) the prepared food offered for sale under this clause is labeled to accurately reflect  
25.10 the name and the registration number or address of the individual preparing and selling the  
25.11 food, the date on which the food was prepared, and the ingredients and any possible allergens;  
25.12 and

25.13 (ii) the individual displays at the point of sale a clearly legible sign or placard stating:  
25.14 "These products are homemade and not subject to state inspection."; and

25.15 (2) an individual who prepares and sells home-processed and home-canned food products  
25.16 if the following requirements are met:

25.17 (i) the products are pickles, vegetables, or fruits having an equilibrium pH value of 4.6  
25.18 or lower, or a water activity value of .85 or less;

25.19 (ii) the products are home-processed and home-canned in Minnesota;

25.20 (iii) the individual displays at the point of sale a clearly legible sign or placard stating:  
25.21 "These canned goods are homemade and not subject to state inspection."; and

25.22 (iv) each container of the product sold or offered for sale under this clause is accurately  
25.23 labeled to provide the name and the registration number or address of the individual who  
25.24 processed and canned the goods, the date on which the goods were processed and canned,  
25.25 and ingredients and any possible allergens.

25.26 (b) An individual who qualifies for an exemption under paragraph (a), clause (2), is also  
25.27 exempt from the provisions of sections 31.31 and 31.392.

25.28 (c) An individual who qualifies for an exemption under paragraph (a) may organize the  
25.29 individual's cottage food business as a business entity recognized by state law.

26.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 28A.152, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

26.2 Subd. 3. **Limitation on sales.** An individual selling exempt foods under this section is  
26.3 limited to total sales with gross receipts of ~~\$18,000~~ \$78,000 or less in a calendar year.

26.4 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 28A.152, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

26.5 Subd. 4. **Registration.** An individual who prepares and sells exempt food under  
26.6 subdivision 1 must register annually with the commissioner. The commissioner shall register  
26.7 an individual within 30 days of submitting a complete registration to the commissioner. A  
26.8 registration shall be deemed accepted after 30 days following an individual's complete  
26.9 registration to the commissioner. The annual registration fee is ~~\$50~~ \$25. An individual with  
26.10 \$5,000 or less in annual gross receipts from the sale of exempt food under this section is  
26.11 not required to pay the registration fee. Beginning January 1, 2022, and every five years  
26.12 thereafter, the commissioner shall adjust the gross receipts amount of this fee exemption  
26.13 based on the consumer price index using 2015 as the index year for the \$5,000 gross receipts  
26.14 exemption.

26.15 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 28A.152, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

26.16 Subd. 5. **Training.** ~~(a) An individual with gross receipts between \$5,000 and \$18,000~~  
26.17 ~~in a calendar year from the sale of exempt food~~ under this section must complete a safe  
26.18 food handling training course that is approved by the commissioner before registering under  
26.19 subdivision 4. The training shall not exceed eight hours and must be completed every three  
26.20 years while the individual is registered under subdivision 4.

26.21 ~~(b) An individual with gross receipts of less than \$5,000 in a calendar year from the sale~~  
26.22 ~~of exempt food under this section must satisfactorily complete an online course and exam~~  
26.23 ~~as approved by the commissioner before registering under subdivision 4. The commissioner~~  
26.24 ~~shall offer the online course and exam under this paragraph at no cost to the individual.~~

26.25 Sec. 18. **[28A.153] WILD GAME PROCESSOR EXEMPTION.**

26.26 Subdivision 1. Licensing provisions applicability. The licensing provisions of sections  
26.27 28A.01 to 28A.16 do not apply to an individual who processes wild game or fowl as  
26.28 described in section 31A.15, subdivision 1, clause (2), if the following requirements are  
26.29 met:

26.30 (1) the individual does not conduct another operation subject to the licensing provisions  
26.31 of sections 28A.01 to 28A.16;

27.1 (2) the individual's operation is limited to the handling of raw products, to include cutting,  
27.2 grinding, and packaging, and without further preparation of the wild game or fowl products;

27.3 (3) the individual does not add any additional ingredients to the wild game or fowl  
27.4 products;

27.5 (4) the wild game or fowl products are not donated; and

27.6 (5) all wild game or fowl products are packaged and labeled as "Not for Sale."

27.7 Subd. 2. **Sales limitation.** An individual processing wild game or fowl under this section  
27.8 is limited to total services with gross receipts of \$20,000 or less in a calendar year.

27.9 Subd. 3. **Registration.** An individual processing wild game under this section must  
27.10 register annually with the commissioner. The commissioner must not assess a registration  
27.11 fee.

27.12 Subd. 4. **Permit exemption.** An individual processing wild game under this section is  
27.13 not required to obtain a custom processing permit under section 28A.04, subdivision 2.

27.14 Subd. 5. **Local ordinances.** This section does not preempt the application of any business  
27.15 licensing requirement or sanitation, public health, or zoning ordinance of a political  
27.16 subdivision.

27.17 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

27.18 Subdivision 1. **Members; officers.** The board has ~~five~~ seven members appointed by the  
27.19 governor ~~with the advice and consent of the senate~~, three of whom are producers of livestock  
27.20 in the state, ~~and two~~ three of whom are practicing veterinarians licensed in Minnesota at  
27.21 least one of which is a small-animal veterinarian, and one who is a member of a federally  
27.22 recognized Tribe located in Minnesota with knowledge of animal health. The commissioners  
27.23 of agriculture, natural resources, and health, the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine,  
27.24 and the director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of the University of Minnesota  
27.25 ~~may~~ shall serve as consultants to the board without vote. Appointments to fill unexpired  
27.26 terms must be made from the classes to which the retiring members belong. The board shall  
27.27 elect a president and a vice-president from among its members ~~and~~. The governor shall  
27.28 appoint a veterinarian licensed in Minnesota who is not a member to be its executive director  
27.29 for a term of one year and until a successor qualifies. The board shall set the duties of the  
27.30 director.

28.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, and the governor's duty to  
28.2 appoint the executive director of the Board of Animal Health begins with the appointment  
28.3 for state fiscal year 2023.

28.4 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41A.16, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

28.5 Subd. 5. **Agricultural cellulosic biomass sourcing plan.** (a) An eligible producer who  
28.6 utilizes agricultural cellulosic biomass other than corn kernel fiber or biogas must submit  
28.7 a responsible biomass sourcing plan for approval by the commissioner prior to applying for  
28.8 payments under this section. The commissioner shall make the plan publicly available. The  
28.9 plan must:

28.10 (1) provide a detailed explanation of how agricultural cellulosic biomass will be produced  
28.11 and managed in a way that preserves soil quality, does not increase soil and nutrient runoff,  
28.12 avoids introduction of harmful invasive species, limits negative impacts on wildlife habitat,  
28.13 and reduces greenhouse gas emissions;

28.14 (2) include the producer's approach to verifying that biomass suppliers are following  
28.15 the plan;

28.16 (3) discuss how new technologies and practices that are not yet commercially viable  
28.17 may be encouraged and adopted during the life of the facility, and how the producer will  
28.18 encourage continuous improvement during the life of the project;

28.19 (4) include specific numeric goals and timelines for making progress;

28.20 (5) require agronomic practices that result in a positive Natural Resources Conservation  
28.21 Service Soil Conditioning Index score for acres from which biomass from corn stover will  
28.22 be harvested; and

28.23 (6) include biennial soil sampling to verify maintained or increased levels of soil organic  
28.24 matter.

28.25 (b) An eligible producer who utilizes agricultural cellulosic biomass and receives  
28.26 payments under this section shall submit an annual report on the producer's responsible  
28.27 biomass sourcing plan to the commissioner by January 15 each year. The report must include  
28.28 data on progress made by the producer in meeting specific goals laid out in the plan. The  
28.29 commissioner shall make the report publicly available. The commissioner shall perform an  
28.30 annual review of submitted reports and may make a determination that the producer is not  
28.31 following the plan based on the reports submitted. The commissioner may take appropriate  
28.32 steps, including reducing or ceasing payments, until the producer is in compliance with the  
28.33 plan.

29.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41A.17, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

29.2 Subd. 4. **Agricultural cellulosic biomass sourcing plan.** (a) An eligible producer who  
29.3 utilizes agricultural cellulosic biomass other than corn kernel fiber or biogas must submit  
29.4 a responsible biomass sourcing plan to the commissioner prior to applying for payments  
29.5 under this section. The plan must:

29.6 (1) provide a detailed explanation of how agricultural cellulosic biomass will be produced  
29.7 and managed in a way that preserves soil quality, does not increase soil and nutrient runoff,  
29.8 avoids introduction of harmful invasive species, limits negative impacts on wildlife habitat,  
29.9 and reduces greenhouse gas emissions;

29.10 (2) include the producer's approach to verifying that biomass suppliers are following  
29.11 the plan;

29.12 (3) discuss how new technologies and practices that are not yet commercially viable  
29.13 may be encouraged and adopted during the life of the facility, and how the producer will  
29.14 encourage continuous improvement during the life of the project; and

29.15 (4) include specific numeric goals and timelines for making progress.

29.16 (b) An eligible producer who utilizes agricultural cellulosic biomass and receives  
29.17 payments under this section shall submit an annual report on the producer's responsible  
29.18 biomass sourcing plan to the commissioner by January 15 each year. The report must include  
29.19 data on progress made by the producer in meeting specific goals laid out in the plan. The  
29.20 commissioner shall make the report publicly available. The commissioner shall perform an  
29.21 annual review of submitted reports and may make a determination that the producer is not  
29.22 following the plan based on the reports submitted. The commissioner may take appropriate  
29.23 steps, including reducing or ceasing payments, until the producer is in compliance with the  
29.24 plan.

29.25 Sec. 22. **[41A.25] BIOFUELS INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
29.26 **PROGRAM.**

29.27 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
29.28 the meanings given.

29.29 (b) "Account" means the biofuels infrastructure financial assistance account established  
29.30 in subdivision 3.

29.31 (c) "Biofuel" has the meaning given in section 239.051.

29.32 (d) "Biodiesel blend" has the meaning given in section 239.77.

30.1 (e) "Biodiesel fuel" has the meaning given in section 239.77.

30.2 (f) "Biofuels Infrastructure Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee" or  
30.3 "advisory committee" means the Biofuels Infrastructure Financial Assistance Program  
30.4 Advisory Committee under section 41A.26.

30.5 (g) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture.

30.6 (h) "Financing" means loans, including low-interest loans, zero-interest loans, forgivable  
30.7 loans, and other types of financial assistance other than grants.

30.8 (i) "Program" means the biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program established  
30.9 in this section.

30.10 (j) "Technical assistance" means individualized guidance, presentations, workshops,  
30.11 trainings, printed materials, or other guidance and resources on relevant topics.

30.12 (k) "Transportation fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure" means an underground  
30.13 storage tank or above-ground storage tank, as those terms are defined in section 116.46 and  
30.14 any rules adopted under that section. Transportation fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure  
30.15 includes any structures or appurtenances to an underground storage tank or above-ground  
30.16 storage tank.

30.17 Subd. 2. **Program established.** (a) A biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program  
30.18 is established within the Department of Agriculture to provide financing and financial  
30.19 assistance to owners of transportation fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure for the  
30.20 purpose of upgrading infrastructure to become compatible with blends of gasoline containing  
30.21 greater than ten percent biofuel by volume or biodiesel blends containing greater than 20  
30.22 percent of biodiesel fuel by volume. The commissioner, in cooperation with public and  
30.23 private partners, must establish and implement the program as provided in this section.

30.24 (b) The biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program must be comprised of state  
30.25 or private grants, loans, or other types of financial and technical assistance for the purpose  
30.26 as provided in this subdivision.

30.27 (c) The commissioner's actions under this subdivision are not subject to chapter 14.

30.28 Subd. 3. **Biofuels infrastructure financial assistance account.** A biofuels infrastructure  
30.29 financial assistance account is established in the agricultural fund. The account consists of  
30.30 money appropriated to the commissioner and any other money donated, allotted, transferred,  
30.31 or otherwise provided to the account. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated  
30.32 to the commissioner for the purposes of this section, and must be used, to the extent

31.1 practicable, to leverage other forms of public and private financing or financial assistance  
31.2 for the projects.

31.3 Subd. 4. **Program administration.** (a) The commissioner is the administrator of the  
31.4 account for auditing purposes and must establish program requirements and a competitive  
31.5 process for projects applying for financial and technical assistance.

31.6 (b) The commissioner may receive money or other assets from any source, including  
31.7 but not limited to philanthropic foundations and financial investors, for deposit into the  
31.8 account.

31.9 (c) Through issuance of requests for proposals, the commissioner may contract with one  
31.10 or more qualified economic or community development financial institutions to manage  
31.11 the financing component of the program and with one or more qualified organizations or  
31.12 public agencies with financial or other program-related expertise to manage the provision  
31.13 of technical assistance to project grantees.

31.14 (d) Money in the account at the close of each fiscal year does not cancel. In each  
31.15 biennium, the commissioner must determine the appropriate proportion of money to be  
31.16 allocated to loans, grants, technical assistance, and any other types of financial assistance.

31.17 (e) To encourage public-private, cross-sector collaboration and investment in the account  
31.18 and program and to ensure that the program intent is maintained throughout implementation,  
31.19 the commissioner must convene and maintain the Biofuels Infrastructure Financial Assistance  
31.20 Program Advisory Committee.

31.21 (f) The commissioner, in cooperation with the Biofuels Infrastructure Financial Assistance  
31.22 Program Advisory Committee, must manage the program, establish program criteria, facilitate  
31.23 leveraging of additional public and private investment, and promote the program statewide.

31.24 (g) The commissioner, in cooperation with the Biofuels Infrastructure Financial  
31.25 Assistance Program Advisory Committee must establish annual monitoring and accountability  
31.26 mechanisms for all projects receiving financing or other financial or technical assistance  
31.27 through this program.

31.28 Subd. 5. **Eligible projects.** (a) The commissioner, in cooperation with the Biofuels  
31.29 Infrastructure Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee, must establish project  
31.30 eligibility guidelines and application processes to be used to review and select project  
31.31 applicants for financing or other financial or technical assistance.

31.32 (b) Projects eligible for financing, financial assistance such as grants, or technical  
31.33 assistance, must fulfill the purpose as provided in subdivision 2.

32.1 Subd. 6. **Legislative report.** The commissioner, in cooperation with any economic or  
 32.2 community development financial institution and any other entity with which it contracts,  
 32.3 must submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program by January  
 32.4 15 of each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
 32.5 and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. The annual report must  
 32.6 include but not be limited to a summary of the following metrics:

32.7 (1) the number and types of projects financed;

32.8 (2) the amount of dollars leveraged or matched per project;

32.9 (3) the geographic distribution of financed projects;

32.10 (4) the number and types of technical assistance recipients;

32.11 (5) any market expansion associated with upgraded infrastructure;

32.12 (6) the demographics of the areas served;

32.13 (7) the costs of the program; and

32.14 (8) the number of loans or grants to minority-owned or female-owned businesses.

32.15 Sec. 23. **[41A.26] BIOFUELS INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
 32.16 **PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

32.17 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings  
 32.18 given:

32.19 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture; and

32.20 (2) "program" means the biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program under  
 32.21 section 41A.25.

32.22 Subd. 2. **Creation.** The Biofuels Infrastructure Financial Assistance Program Advisory  
 32.23 Committee consists of no more than 15 members appointed by the commissioner of  
 32.24 agriculture, including but not limited to representatives of agriculture, the biofuels industry,  
 32.25 and motor fuel retailers.

32.26 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The advisory committee must advise the commissioner of agriculture  
 32.27 on managing the program, establishing program criteria, establishing project eligibility  
 32.28 guidelines, establishing application processes and additional selection criteria, establishing  
 32.29 annual monitoring and accountability mechanisms, facilitating leveraging of additional  
 32.30 public and private investments, and promoting the program statewide.



33.1 Subd. 4. **Meetings.** The commissioner must convene the advisory committee at least  
33.2 two times per year to achieve the committee's duties.

33.3 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of agriculture must provide staffing,  
33.4 meeting space, and administrative services for the advisory committee.

33.5 Subd. 6. **Chair.** The commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's designee must  
33.6 serve as chair of the committee.

33.7 Subd. 7. **Compensation.** The public members of the advisory committee serve without  
33.8 compensation or payment of expenses.

33.9 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41B.048, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

33.10 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The authority shall establish and implement an agroforestry  
33.11 loan program to help finance the production of short rotation woody crops. ~~The authority~~  
33.12 ~~may contract with a fiscal agent to provide an efficient delivery system for this program.~~

33.13 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41B.048, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

33.14 Subd. 4. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

33.15 ~~(b) "Fiscal agent" means any lending institution or other organization of a for-profit or~~  
33.16 ~~nonprofit nature that is in good standing with the state of Minnesota that has the appropriate~~  
33.17 ~~business structure and trained personnel suitable to providing efficient disbursement of loan~~  
33.18 ~~funds and the servicing and collection of loans over an extended period of time.~~

33.19 ~~(e)~~ "Growing cycle" means the number of years from planting to harvest.

33.20 ~~(d)~~ (c) "Harvest" means the day that the crop arrives at the scale of the buyer of the crop.

33.21 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Short rotation woody crops" or "crop" means hybrid poplar and other woody  
33.22 plants that are harvested for their fiber within 15 years of planting.

33.23 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41B.048, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

33.24 Subd. 6. **Loans.** (a) The authority may ~~disburse loans through a fiscal agent~~ participate  
33.25 with eligible lenders in agroforestry loans to farmers and agricultural landowners who are  
33.26 eligible under subdivision 5. The total accumulative loan principal must not exceed The  
33.27 authority's participation is limited to 45 percent or \$75,000 of total accumulative principal  
33.28 per loan.

33.29 ~~(b) The fiscal agent may impose a loan origination fee in the amount of one percent of~~  
33.30 ~~the total approved loan. This fee is to be paid by the borrower to the fiscal agent at the time~~

34.1 ~~of loan closing~~ The interest rates and repayment terms of the authority's participation interest  
34.2 may differ from those of the lender's retained portion of the loan.

34.3 (c) The loan may be disbursed over a period not to exceed 12 years.

34.4 (d) A borrower may receive loans, depending on the availability of funds, for planted  
34.5 areas up to 160 acres for up to:

34.6 (1) the total amount necessary for establishment of the crop;

34.7 (2) the total amount of maintenance costs, including weed control, during the first three  
34.8 years; and

34.9 (3) 70 percent of the estimated value of one year's growth of the crop for years four  
34.10 through 12.

34.11 (e) Security for the loan must be the crop, a personal note executed by the borrower, ~~an~~  
34.12 ~~interest in the land upon which the crop is growing,~~ and whatever other security is required  
34.13 by the ~~fiscal agent~~ eligible lender or the authority. ~~All recording fees must be paid by the~~  
34.14 ~~borrower.~~

34.15 (f) The authority may prescribe forms and establish an application process for applicants  
34.16 to apply for a loan.

34.17 (g) The authority may impose a reasonable, nonrefundable application fee for each  
34.18 application for a loan under this program. The application fee is initially \$50. Application  
34.19 fees received by the authority must be deposited in the Rural Finance Authority administrative  
34.20 account established in section 41B.03.

34.21 (h) Loans under the program must be made using money in the revolving loan account  
34.22 established under section 41B.06.

34.23 (i) All repayments of financial assistance granted under this section, including principal  
34.24 and interest, must be deposited into the revolving loan account established under section  
34.25 41B.06.

34.26 (j) ~~The interest payable on loans made by the authority for the agroforestry loan program~~  
34.27 ~~must, if funded by revenue bond proceeds, be at a rate not less than the rate on the revenue~~  
34.28 ~~bonds, and may be established at a higher rate necessary to pay costs associated with the~~  
34.29 ~~issuance of the revenue bonds and a proportionate share of the cost of administering the~~  
34.30 ~~program.~~ The interest payable on loans for the agroforestry loan program ~~funded from~~  
34.31 ~~sources other than revenue bond proceeds~~ must be at a rate determined by the authority.

35.1 (k) Loan principal balance outstanding plus all assessed interest must be repaid within  
35.2 120 days of harvest, but no later than 15 years from planting.

35.3 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 583.215, is amended to read:

35.4 **583.215 EXPIRATION.**

35.5 Sections 336.9-601, subsections (h) and (i); 550.365; 559.209; 582.039; and 583.20 to  
35.6 583.32, expire June 30, ~~2022~~ 2027.

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

35.8 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 583.26, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

35.9 Subd. 4. **Mediation proceeding notice.** (a) By ten days after receiving a mediation  
35.10 request, the director shall send: (1) a mediation proceeding notice to the debtor; (2) a  
35.11 mediation proceeding notice to all creditors listed by the debtor in the mediation request  
35.12 and any additional secured creditors identified by the director from the credit report obtained  
35.13 with the debtor's permission under subdivision 2; and (3) a claim form to all secured creditors  
35.14 stated by the debtor or identified by the director.

35.15 (b) The mediation proceeding notice must state:

35.16 (1) the name and address of the debtor;

35.17 (2) that the debtor has requested mediation under the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act;

35.18 (3) the time and place for the orientation session;

35.19 (4) the time and place for the initial mediation meeting;

35.20 (5) a list of the names of three mediators that may be assigned to the proceeding, along  
35.21 with background information on those mediators including biographical information, a  
35.22 summary of previous mediation experience, and the number of agreements signed by parties  
35.23 to previous mediation;

35.24 (6) that the debtor and the initiating creditor may each request the director to exclude  
35.25 one mediator by notifying the director within three days after receiving the notice;

35.26 (7) that in lieu of having a mediator assigned by the director, the debtor and any one or  
35.27 more of the creditors may agree to select and pay for a professional mediator that is approved  
35.28 by the director;

36.1 (8) that the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act prohibits the creditor from beginning or  
36.2 continuing a proceeding to enforce the debt against agricultural property for ~~90~~ 120 days  
36.3 after the debtor files a mediation request with the director unless otherwise allowed; and

36.4 (9) that the creditor must provide the debtor by the initial mediation meeting with copies  
36.5 of notes and contracts for debts subject to the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act and provide a  
36.6 statement of interest rates on the debts, delinquent payments, unpaid principal and interest  
36.7 balances, the creditor's value of the collateral, and debt restructuring programs available by  
36.8 the creditor.

36.9 (c) An initial mediation meeting must be held within 20 days of the notice.

36.10 (d) The initiating creditor and the debtor may each request the director to exclude one  
36.11 mediator from the list by sending the director a notice to exclude the mediator within three  
36.12 days after receiving the mediation proceeding notice.

36.13 (e) In lieu of the director assigning a mediator, the debtor and any one or more of the  
36.14 creditors may agree to select and pay for a professional mediator for the mediation  
36.15 proceeding. The director must approve the professional mediator before the professional  
36.16 mediator may be assigned to the mediation proceeding. The professional mediator may not  
36.17 be approved unless the professional mediator prepares and signs an affidavit:

36.18 (1) disclosing any biases, relationships, or previous associations with the debtor or  
36.19 creditors subject to the mediation proceedings;

36.20 (2) stating certifications, training, or qualifications as a professional mediator;

36.21 (3) disclosing fees to be charged or a rate schedule of fees for the mediation proceeding;  
36.22 and

36.23 (4) affirming to uphold the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act and faithfully discharge the  
36.24 duties of a mediator.

36.25 (f) After receiving a mediation proceeding notice, a secured creditor must return a claim  
36.26 form if the debt is not subject to the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act and specify why the debt  
36.27 is not subject to sections 583.20 to 583.32.

36.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
36.29 applies to mediation proceedings in progress on that date and mediation proceedings  
36.30 beginning after that date.

37.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 583.26, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

37.2 Subd. 5. **Effect of mediation proceeding notice.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs  
37.3 (b), (c), and (d), if a creditor receives a mediation proceeding notice under subdivision 4  
37.4 the creditor and the creditor's successors in interest may not begin or continue proceedings  
37.5 to enforce a debt subject to the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act against agricultural property  
37.6 of the debtor under chapter 580 or 581 or sections 336.9-501 to 336.9-508, to terminate a  
37.7 contract for deed to purchase agricultural property under section 559.21, or to garnish, levy  
37.8 on, execute on, seize, or attach agricultural property until ~~90~~ 120 days after the date the  
37.9 debtor files a mediation request with the director.

37.10 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), if a creditor is an agency of the United States  
37.11 and receives a mediation proceeding notice under subdivision 4, the creditor and the creditor's  
37.12 successors in interest may not begin or continue proceedings to enforce a debt against  
37.13 agricultural property of the debtor under chapter 580 or 581 or sections 336.9-501 to  
37.14 336.9-508, to terminate a contract for deed to purchase agricultural property under section  
37.15 559.21, or to garnish, levy on, execute on, seize, or attach agricultural property until ~~90~~ 120  
37.16 days after the date the debtor files a mediation request with the director.

37.17 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) or subdivision 1, a creditor receiving a  
37.18 mediation proceeding notice may begin proceedings to enforce a debt against agricultural  
37.19 property of the debtor:

37.20 (1) at the time the creditor receives a mediator's affidavit of the debtor's lack of good  
37.21 faith under section 583.27; or

37.22 (2) five days after the date the debtor and creditor sign an agreement allowing the creditor  
37.23 to proceed to enforce the debt against agricultural property if the debtor has not rescinded  
37.24 the agreement within the five days.

37.25 (d) A creditor receiving a mediation proceeding notice must provide the debtor by the  
37.26 initial mediation meeting with copies of notes and contracts for debts subject to the  
37.27 Farmer-Lender Mediation Act and provide a statement of interest rates on the debts,  
37.28 delinquent payments, unpaid principal balance, a list of all collateral securing debts, a  
37.29 creditor's estimate of the value of the collateral, and debt restructuring programs available  
37.30 by the creditor.

37.31 (e) The provisions of this subdivision are subject to section 583.27, relating to extension  
37.32 or reduction in the period before a creditor may begin to enforce a debt and court-supervised  
37.33 mediation.

38.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
38.2 applies to mediation proceedings in progress on that date and mediation proceedings  
38.3 beginning after that date.

38.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 583.26, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

38.5 Subd. 8. **Mediation period.** The mediator may call mediation meetings during the  
38.6 mediation period, which is up to ~~60~~ 90 days after the initial mediation meeting.

38.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
38.8 applies to mediation proceedings in progress on that date and mediation proceedings  
38.9 beginning after that date.

38.10 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 583.27, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

38.11 Subd. 3. **Creditor's bad faith; court supervision.** If the mediator finds the creditor has  
38.12 not participated in mediation in good faith, the debtor may require court supervised mandatory  
38.13 mediation by filing the affidavit with the district court of the county of the debtor's residence  
38.14 with a request for court supervision of mediation and serving a copy of the request on the  
38.15 creditor. Upon request the court shall require both parties to mediate under the supervision  
38.16 of the court in good faith for a period of not more than ~~60~~ 90 days. All creditor remedies  
38.17 must be suspended during this period. The court may issue orders necessary to effect good  
38.18 faith mediation. Following the mediation period, if the court finds the creditor has not  
38.19 participated in mediation in good faith, the court shall by order suspend the creditor's  
38.20 remedies for an additional period of 180 days. A creditor found by the mediator not to have  
38.21 participated in good faith shall pay attorneys' fees and costs of the debtor requesting  
38.22 court-supervision of mediation or additional suspension of creditor's remedies.

38.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
38.24 applies to mediation proceedings in progress on that date and mediation proceedings  
38.25 beginning after that date.

38.26 Sec. 32. Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 19, is amended to read:

38.27 **Sec. 19. USES OF GENERAL-USE SANITIZERS AND DISINFECTANTS FOR**  
38.28 **TREATMENT OF COVID-19.**

38.29 (a) A person who uses a general-use sanitizer or disinfectant for hire in response to  
38.30 COVID-19 is exempt from the commercial applicator license requirements under Minnesota  
38.31 Statutes, section 18B.33.

39.1 (b) This section expires April 1, ~~2021~~ 2022, or 60 days after the peacetime emergency  
39.2 declared in response to the infectious disease known as COVID-19 expires or is terminated  
39.3 by the proper authority, whichever is later.

39.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 31, 2021.

39.5 Sec. 33. **REPEALER.**

39.6 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41B.048, subdivision 8, is repealed."

39.7 Delete the title and insert:

39.8 "A bill for an act  
39.9 relating to agriculture; establishing a budget for the Department of Agriculture,  
39.10 the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute;  
39.11 making policy and technical changes to various agriculture provisions; modifying  
39.12 fees; creating accounts; creating a biofuels program and advisory committee;  
39.13 extending and modifying the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act; appropriating money;  
39.14 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 15.057; 17.055, subdivision 1, by  
39.15 adding a subdivision; 17.1017, subdivisions 5, 6; 17.116, subdivision 2; 18B.26,  
39.16 subdivision 3; 21.82, subdivision 3; 21.86, subdivision 2; 28A.08, by adding a  
39.17 subdivision; 28A.09, by adding a subdivision; 28A.152, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5;  
39.18 35.02, subdivision 1; 41A.16, subdivision 5; 41A.17, subdivision 4; 41B.048,  
39.19 subdivisions 2, 4, 6; 583.215; 583.26, subdivisions 4, 5, 8; 583.27, subdivision 3;  
39.20 Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 2, section 19; proposing coding for new law in  
39.21 Minnesota Statutes, chapters 17; 21; 28A; 41A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2020,  
39.22 section 41B.048, subdivision 8."