



# Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program

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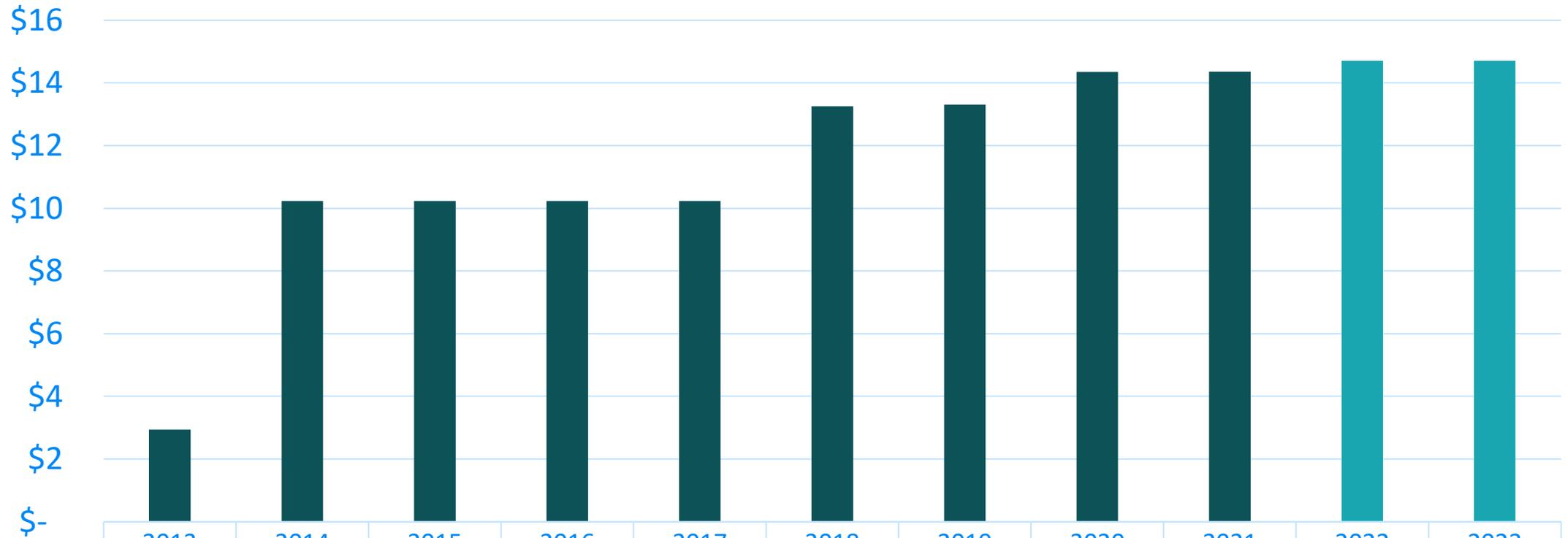
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<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/agri>

# AGRI Appropriations

Total Appropriation  
(in millions)



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Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Appropriation	\$2.942	\$10.235	\$10.235	\$10.235	\$10.235	\$13.256	\$13.311	\$14.353	\$14.354	\$14.693	\$14.693

# 2020 – 2021 Biennium New/One-time Programs

Dairy Assistance, Investment, and Relief Initiative (DAIRI), FY 2020

- \$5 million, AGRI
- \$3 million, DEED

Ag Innovation Campus: \$5 million, FY 2021

Greater Mankato Growth, \$75k, FY 2020

Minnesota Turf Seed Council, \$75k, FY 2020 and FY 2021

# 2020 – 2021 Biennium Budget

**Appropriation: \$14.35 million/year**

Earmarks:

\$5 million: DAIRI in year 1, Soybean in year 2

\$2.5 million: Bioincentive Payments

\$1 million: County Fair Grants

\$400k: Farm to School Grants

\$300k: Urban Agriculture Grants

\$300k: Good Food Access Grants

\$75k: Minnesota Turf Seed Council

\$75k: Greater Mankato Growth (year 1 only)

# 2020 – 2021 Biennium Budget

**\$14.35 million**

**-- \$9.65 million in earmarks**

**\$4.7 million available for everything else**

Livestock Investment Grants

Crop Research Grants

FBM Scholarships

GAP Cost-Share

Value-Added Grants

Sustainable Ag Demo Grants

New Market Development

Administrative Costs

- Funding the highest priority, best projects
- Minnesota Biofuels Infrastructure Program
  - \$8 million of federal funds
- Dairy Farm Improvement Grants, FY 2019
- Rapid response to COVID

# COVID Assistance

- Safe on the Farm
- Safe at the Farmers' Market, Summer and Winter
- Farm to School Rapid Response, Schools and Vendors
- Livestock Processing Rapid Response
- Protect our Milk, Meat, Poultry Processors



**Awarded:** Farm Business Management Scholarships, Value-Added, Livestock Investment, Crop Research, Good Food Access, Sustainable Ag Demo, Bioincentive Payments, Ag Innovation Campus

**Under Review:** Farm to School, Urban Agriculture

**Accepting Applications:** County Fairs, GAP Cost-Share, New Markets Cost-Share

# App Review, Evaluation & Monitoring

- External reviewers
- Office of Grants Management guidelines
  - Site visits for projects over \$25,000
  - Reimbursement basis for most projects
  - Prioritization of underserved communities
- Outside evaluation



**Programa de Acceso a Buenos Alimentos y  
Subvención para Mejoras Físicas y de  
Equipos**

**Invitación a presentar propuestas en 2021**

# AGRI Urban Agriculture Grant

Encourages urban youth agricultural education and urban agriculture community development within city limits of urban or peri-urban areas.

- FY 2021 Budget: \$280,500
- 2021 Request: \$1.87 million
- Award Range: \$1,000 - \$50,000

# Community Action Duluth, Evan Flom



# Arts-US, Ebony Coles and Anthony Galloway



# Farm Business Management Livestock Investment Grant

Reduces cost for beginning farmers to enroll for up to ten credits of FBM education per year, until the student earns 40 credits.

- FY 2021 Budget: \$484,000
- 2020: 525 scholarships
- 50% of costs

Helps livestock operations initiate and expand livestock production and processing; created through Minn. Stat. 17.118

- FY 2021 Budget: \$769,000
- 2021 Request: \$1.6 million
- Award Range: \$1,000 - \$25,000
- Match Requirement: 90%

# Oakdale Farm, Erica Sawatzke



MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE  
IN THE CLASSROOM

virtual  
**FIELD TRIPS**

**OAKDALE  
FARM**

TURKEY FARM  
CENTRAL MINNESOTA

**NOVEMBER 24TH  
10:00AM**



# Value-Added Grant Overview

Helps businesses, including meat processors, purchase equipment in order to create, upgrade, and modernize, and thereby increasing usage of Minnesota grown/raised products

- FY 2021 Budget: \$1 million
- 2021 Request: \$5.2 million
- Award Range: \$1,000 - \$150,000 or \$199,999
- Match Requirement: 75%

# Metz's Hart-Land Dairy, Jeff Metz



# New Market Programs

Helps small- to medium-sized food businesses and value-added agriculture producers explore new markets and expand their market reach through Cost-Share and Minnesota Pavilions

- FY 2021 Budget: \$340,000
- E-Commerce Cost-Share: \$4,000 maximum
- Cost-Share for Wholesale Businesses: \$4,000 maximum
- Shift to e-commerce cost-share and cost-share for wholesale food businesses

# K-Mama Sauce, LLC, K.C. Kye

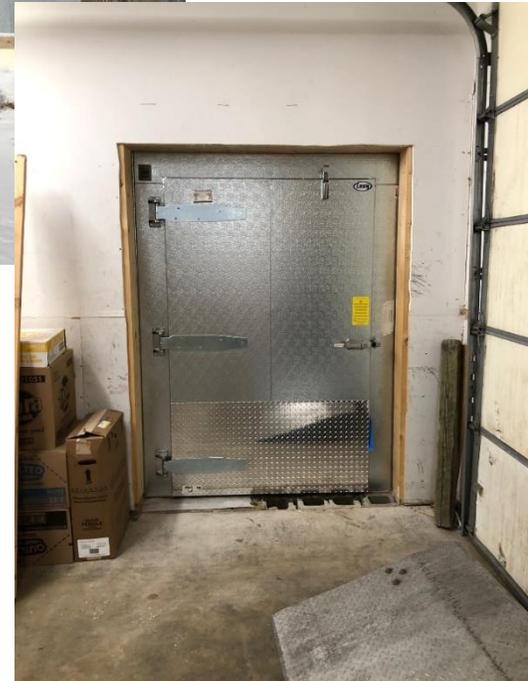


# Good Food Access Program

Increases the availability of and access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food (including produce) for underserved communities in low- and moderate-income areas.

- FY 2021 Budget: \$280,500
- 2021 Request: \$1.69 million
- Award Range: \$2,500 to \$50,00

# Mark's Market, Kris Biessener



Reimburses school districts for purchasing Minnesota grown and raise foods used in school meal programs

- FY 2021 Budget: \$374,000
- Rapid Response Grants, First Bite Mini Grants, and Full Tray Grants
- 2021 Request: \$408,000
- Award Range: \$2,500 to \$35,000

# Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, Jayme Anderson



## KNOW YOUR FARMER

**waxwing farm**  
webster, mn

Waxwing Farm is a 40 acre diversified farm just 15 minutes south of PLSAS. The heart of their operation is vegetables, but believe that diversity is central to health. They also raise pigs, chickens, flowers and honeybees.

They are committed to leaving wild areas on our farm as habitat for native plants, pollinators and other wildlife.

**featuring today: chioggia beets**



# Thank you!

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