

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3548, the delete everything amendment
 1.2 (H3548DE4), as follows:

1.3 Page 2, after line 32, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 3. Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.5				56,052,000
1.6	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation		\$ 58,957,000	\$ <u>56,352,000</u>

1.7	Appropriations by Fund			
1.8		2026	2027	
1.9				55,653,000
1.10	General	58,558,000	<u>55,953,000</u>	
1.11	Remediation	399,000	399,000	

1.12 The amounts that may be spent for each
 1.13 purpose are specified in the following
 1.14 subdivisions. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 1.15 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14,
 1.16 unless otherwise specified in this section, the
 1.17 commissioner of agriculture may use up to 7.5
 1.18 percent of money appropriated for costs
 1.19 incurred to administer the Department of
 1.20 Agriculture's grant and financial assistance
 1.21 programs.

2.1 Sec. 4. Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.2 **Subd. 2. Protection Services**

2.3 Appropriations by Fund

2.4			21,207,000
2.5	General	20,828,000	<u>21,507,000</u>
2.6	Remediation	399,000	399,000

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

2.11 (b) \$639,000 the first year and \$639,000 the
 2.12 second year are for the soil health financial
 2.13 assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,
 2.14 section 17.134. The commissioner may award
 2.15 no more than \$50,000 of the appropriation
 2.16 each year to a single recipient.

2.17 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.18 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
 2.19 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
 2.20 costs incurred to administer the program. Any
 2.21 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
 2.22 end of the first year and is available in the
 2.23 second year. Appropriations encumbered
 2.24 under contract on or before June 30, 2027, for
 2.25 soil health financial assistance grants are
 2.26 available until June 30, 2029.

2.27 (c) \$275,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 2.28 second year are for compensation for livestock
 2.29 destroyed or crippled by a wolf under
 2.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first
 2.31 year appropriation may be spent to compensate
 2.32 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled
 2.33 during fiscal year 2025. If the amount in the
 2.34 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
 2.35 second year is available in the first year. The

3.1 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year
3.2 to reimburse expenses incurred by university
3.3 extension educators to provide fair market
3.4 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If
3.5 the commissioner receives federal money to
3.6 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
3.7 an equivalent amount of this appropriation
3.8 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
3.9 methods performed by federal wildlife services
3.10 staff. In the second year, compensation
3.11 payments must not exceed 80 percent of the
3.12 livestock's market value. The base for this
3.13 appropriation is \$175,000 in fiscal year 2028
3.14 and each year thereafter.

3.15 (d) \$255,000 the first year and \$230,000 the
3.16 second year are for compensation for crop or
3.17 fence damage caused by elk under Minnesota
3.18 Statutes, section 3.7371. If the amount in the
3.19 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
3.20 second year is available in the first year. The
3.21 commissioner may use up to \$10,000 of the
3.22 appropriation each year to reimburse expenses
3.23 incurred by the commissioner or the
3.24 commissioner's approved agent to investigate
3.25 and resolve claims, as well as for costs
3.26 associated with training for approved agents.
3.27 The commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of
3.28 the appropriation each year for grants to
3.29 producers for measures to protect stored crops
3.30 from elk damage. If the commissioner
3.31 determines that claims made under Minnesota
3.32 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are
3.33 unusually high, amounts appropriated for
3.34 either program may be transferred to the
3.35 appropriation for the other program. The base

4.1 for this appropriation is \$155,000 in fiscal year
4.2 2028 and each year thereafter.

4.3 (e) \$300,000 the second year is for unpaid
4.4 claims made under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.5 3.737 or 3.7371 submitted prior to July 1,
4.6 2026. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.7 ~~(e)~~ (f) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000
4.8 the second year are to replace capital
4.9 equipment in the Department of Agriculture's
4.10 analytical laboratory.

4.11 ~~(f)~~ (g) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
4.12 the second year are for additional meat and
4.13 poultry inspection services. The commissioner
4.14 is encouraged to seek inspection waivers,
4.15 match federal money, and offer more online
4.16 inspections for the purposes of this paragraph.
4.17 This is a onetime appropriation.

4.18 ~~(g)~~ (h) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
4.19 the second year are for grants to counties to
4.20 support county agricultural inspectors. The
4.21 commissioner may use up to three percent of
4.22 the appropriation each year for administration.
4.23 This is a onetime appropriation. County
4.24 agricultural inspectors and county-designated
4.25 employees must annually submit an
4.26 application, on a form approved by the
4.27 commissioner, to be eligible for funding
4.28 during a given year. The commissioner must
4.29 equally divide available grant money among
4.30 eligible counties. To be eligible for grants
4.31 under this section, a county must employ a
4.32 county agricultural inspector or a
4.33 county-designated employee who:

5.1 (1) has attended training for new county
5.2 agricultural inspectors offered by the
5.3 commissioner;

5.4 (2) coordinates with the commissioner to
5.5 review applicable laws and enforcement
5.6 procedures;

5.7 (3) compiles and submits to the commissioner
5.8 local weed inspector annual report data;

5.9 (4) conducts an annual meeting and training
5.10 for local weed inspectors; and

5.11 (5) assists the commissioner with control
5.12 programs and other agricultural programs
5.13 when requested under Minnesota Statutes,
5.14 section 18.81, subdivision 1b, as directed by
5.15 the county board.

5.16 ~~(h)~~ (i) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
5.17 the second year are appropriated to establish
5.18 and administer the biofertilizer innovation and
5.19 efficiency program under Minnesota Statutes,
5.20 section 18C.113. The commissioner may use
5.21 up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs
5.22 incurred to administer the program.

5.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
5.24 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
5.25 of fiscal year 2026 does not cancel and is
5.26 available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime
5.27 appropriation.

5.28 (j) \$75,000 the first year is to conduct an
5.29 evaluation of the practice performance and
5.30 economic performance of the Olmsted County
5.31 groundwater protection and soil health
5.32 initiative, including the cover crop program,
5.33 alternative crops program, and haying,
5.34 grazing, and pasture enhancement program.

6.1 The evaluation must look at environmental
 6.2 outcomes, include a cost-benefit analysis, and
 6.3 be submitted to the chairs and ranking
 6.4 minority members of the legislative
 6.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 6.6 over agriculture policy and finance by June 1,
 6.7 2027. The commissioner may contract with
 6.8 an independent third party to conduct the
 6.9 evaluation.

6.10 (k) \$420,000 the first year and \$924,000 the
 6.11 second year are to support current services.

6.12 Sec. 5. Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws
 6.13 2025, First Special Session chapter 11, section 11, is amended to read:

6.14 **Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and**
 6.15 **Development**

23,551,000

23,301,000

6.16 (a) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
 6.17 second year are for the continuation of the
 6.18 dairy development and profitability
 6.19 enhancement program, including dairy
 6.20 profitability teams and dairy business planning
 6.21 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 6.22 32D.30.

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

6.32 (c) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 6.33 second year are for mental health outreach and
 6.34 support to farmers, ranchers, farm workers

7.1 and employees, and others in the agricultural
7.2 community and profession and for farm and
7.3 farm worker safety grant and outreach
7.4 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.5 17.1195. Mental health outreach and support
7.6 may include a 24-hour hotline, stigma
7.7 reduction, and education. Notwithstanding
7.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
7.9 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
7.10 end of the first year and is available in the
7.11 second year. The base for this appropriation
7.12 is \$50,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
7.13 thereafter.

7.14 (d) \$700,000 the first year and ~~\$700,000~~
7.15 \$1,000,000 the second year are for the local
7.16 food purchasing assistance grant program
7.17 under article 3, section 35. Notwithstanding
7.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
7.19 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
7.20 end of the first year and is available in the
7.21 second year. The base for this appropriation
7.22 is \$700,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
7.23 thereafter.

7.24 (e) \$18,257,000 the first year and ~~\$18,007,000~~
7.25 \$17,707,000 the second year are for the
7.26 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
7.27 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.28 41A.12. The base for this appropriation is
7.29 \$17,449,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
7.30 thereafter.

7.31 (f) Except as provided in paragraph (g), the
7.32 commissioner may allocate the appropriation
7.33 in paragraph (e) each year among the
7.34 following areas: facilitating the startup,
7.35 modernization, improvement, or expansion of

8.1 livestock operations, including beginning and
8.2 transitioning livestock operations with
8.3 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
8.4 equipment; assisting value-added agricultural
8.5 businesses to begin or expand, to access new
8.6 markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics
8.7 systems, with preference given to hemp fiber
8.8 processing equipment; facilitating the startup,
8.9 modernization, or expansion of other
8.10 beginning and transitioning farms, including
8.11 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
8.12 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
8.13 on-farm research and demonstration; the
8.14 development or expansion of food hubs and
8.15 other alternative community-based food
8.16 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
8.17 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
8.18 including basic and applied turf seed research;
8.19 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
8.20 supporting the commercialization of an
8.21 innovative material additive utilizing
8.22 agricultural coproducts or waste streams to
8.23 produce fiber-based barrier packaging to
8.24 reduce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
8.25 substances (PFAS) and plastics in packaging
8.26 products; and good agricultural practices and
8.27 good handling practices certification
8.28 assistance. Notwithstanding Minnesota
8.29 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the
8.30 commissioner may use up to 7.5 percent of
8.31 the appropriation in paragraph (e) for costs
8.32 incurred to administer the program.

8.33 (g) Of the amount appropriated for the
8.34 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
8.35 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
8.36 41A.12:

9.1 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
9.2 the second year are for distribution in equal
9.3 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
9.4 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

9.5 (2) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
9.6 the second year are for incentive payments
9.7 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
9.8 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. If this
9.9 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
9.10 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
9.11 year, the balance of the appropriation is
9.12 available for other purposes under this
9.13 paragraph;

9.14 (3) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
9.15 the second year are for grants that enable retail
9.16 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and
9.17 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the
9.18 public in accordance with the biofuel
9.19 replacement goals established under
9.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
9.21 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
9.22 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
9.23 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
9.24 under this clause if the retail petroleum
9.25 dispenser has no more than 20 retail petroleum
9.26 dispensing sites and each site is located in
9.27 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
9.28 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
9.29 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
9.30 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
9.31 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
9.32 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
9.33 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
9.34 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
9.35 program. The commissioner, in cooperation

10.1 with any economic or community development
10.2 financial institution and any other entity with
10.3 which the commissioner contracts, must
10.4 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
10.5 financial assistance program by January 15
10.6 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
10.7 members of the legislative committees and
10.8 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
10.9 policy and finance. The annual report must
10.10 include but not be limited to a summary of the
10.11 following metrics: (i) the number and types
10.12 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
10.13 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
10.14 geographic distribution of financed projects;
10.15 (iv) any market expansion associated with
10.16 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
10.17 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
10.18 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
10.19 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;

10.20 (4) \$350,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
10.21 second year are for grants to facilitate the
10.22 startup, modernization, or expansion of meat,
10.23 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A
10.24 grant award under this clause must not exceed
10.25 \$200,000;

10.26 (5) \$1,594,000 the first year and \$1,544,000
10.27 the second year are for providing more fruits,
10.28 vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for
10.29 children in school and early childhood
10.30 education settings, including, at the
10.31 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
10.32 to reimburse schools and early childhood
10.33 education and child care providers for
10.34 purchasing equipment and agricultural
10.35 products. Of the amount appropriated,

11.1 \$150,000 each year is for a statewide
11.2 coordinator of farm-to-institution strategy and
11.3 programming. The coordinator must consult
11.4 with relevant stakeholders and provide
11.5 technical assistance and training for
11.6 participating farmers and eligible grant
11.7 recipients. The base for this appropriation is
11.8 \$1,636,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
11.9 thereafter. At the commissioner's discretion,
11.10 for state administration of federal cooperative
11.11 agreements for purchasing Minnesota grown
11.12 and raised foods for schools, child care
11.13 providers, food banks, and other institutions,
11.14 the commissioner may use an amount of state
11.15 funds equal to no more than 7.5 percent of the
11.16 total federal funds awarded to the state. The
11.17 commissioner shall expend any available
11.18 federal administrative funds awarded for this
11.19 purpose before using state funds;

11.20 (6) up to \$1,750,000 the first year and up to
11.21 \$1,750,000 the second year are for grants to
11.22 facilitate the development of urban agriculture,
11.23 including projects related to youth education,
11.24 community and economic development,
11.25 value-added processing, and vocational
11.26 training;

11.27 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
11.28 the second year are for the food retail
11.29 improvement and development program under
11.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017;

11.31 (8) up to \$200,000 the first year and up to
11.32 \$200,000 the second year are for cooperative
11.33 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
11.34 section 17.1016;

12.1 (9) \$250,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
12.2 second year are for the protecting livestock
12.3 grant program for producers to support the
12.4 installation of measures to prevent the
12.5 transmission of avian influenza. For the
12.6 appropriation in this clause, a grant applicant
12.7 must document a cost-share of 20 percent. An
12.8 applicant's cost-share amount may be reduced
12.9 up to \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs.
12.10 This is a onetime appropriation; and
12.11 (10) up to \$525,000 the first year and up to
12.12 \$525,000 the second year are to award AGRI
12.13 Works grants to institutions and organizations
12.14 to provide regional and statewide services.
12.15 Preference shall be given to legislatively
12.16 created entities and organizations that enhance
12.17 agricultural, horticultural, or rural community
12.18 and economic development, marketing, and
12.19 promotion, and research and education. A
12.20 grant award under this clause must not exceed
12.21 \$200,000. Grants made under this paragraph
12.22 are subject to the requirements in Minnesota
12.23 Statutes, sections 16B.98 and 16B.981. This
12.24 is a onetime appropriation.
12.25 (h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
12.26 section 16A.28, the appropriation in paragraph
12.27 (e) does not cancel at the end of the second
12.28 year and is available until June 30, 2029.
12.29 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
12.30 or before June 30, 2029, for agricultural
12.31 growth, research, and innovation grants are
12.32 available until June 30, 2032. At the end of
12.33 fiscal year 2027, the commissioner must
12.34 prioritize any money resulting from canceled

13.1 contracts to be used for AGRI Works grants
13.2 under paragraph (g), clause (10)."

13.3 Page 7, after line 30, insert:

13.4 "Sec. 7. Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 7, is amended to read:

13.5 **Sec. 7. CANCELLATIONS.**

13.6 (a) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$3,300,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund
13.7 for green fertilizer production facilities under Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 4,
13.8 is canceled to the general fund by June 30, 2025.

13.9 (b) \$1,000,000 of the fiscal year 2025 general fund appropriation for the agricultural
13.10 growth, research, and innovation program under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12, that
13.11 was allocated for Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI) grants under Laws
13.12 2024, chapter 126, article 1, section 1, subdivision 4, paragraph (d), clause (6), is canceled
13.13 to the general fund by June 30, 2025."

13.14 Page 7, after line 30, insert:

13.15 "Amend the title accordingly"

13.16 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references