

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

Chair: [Rep. Samantha Vang](#)

Vice-Chair: [Rep. Kristi Pursell](#)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

State Office Building, Basement Hearing Room

AGENDA*

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2024
3. [HF 4323 \(Vang\)](#) Minnesota Rural Finance Authority provisions modified.
 - a. Bill was previously heard. No additional testimony will be taken.
4. Emerging farmers data presentation
 - a. [Dan Lofthus](#), State Statistician, Upper Midwest Region - MN, USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service
5. Emerging farmers report presentation
 - a. Minnesota Department of Agriculture
6. [HF 4908 \(Vang\)](#) Limited-resource farmer defined, farm down payment assistance grants reporting requirements modified, beginning farmer tax credit and certain grants eligibility and priority modified, and social equity applicants definition modified for purposes of cannabis licensing.
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

**Agenda items (including bills) may be added or removed, and/or order may change.*

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