



MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FEEDLOT OFFICERS (MACFO)

# COUNTY FEEDLOT PROGRAM 2024-25 FUNDING REQUEST SF748(Putnam)/HF897(Brand)

## SF748/HF897: County Feedlot Program Funding

This legislation requests \$3 million for County Feedlot Program Grant Funding. This is the base program funding for the county program that is run through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

**Our request for \$3 million per year is an increase over the current yearly appropriation of \$1.959 million.**

Funding for the county program peaked in 2003 with a \$2.341 million allocation. Legislative budget reductions and un-allotment have brought us to the current funding level in 2012 which has remained unchanged.

**State work plans continue to increase accountability and documentation requirements. Program costs have also increased over time.**

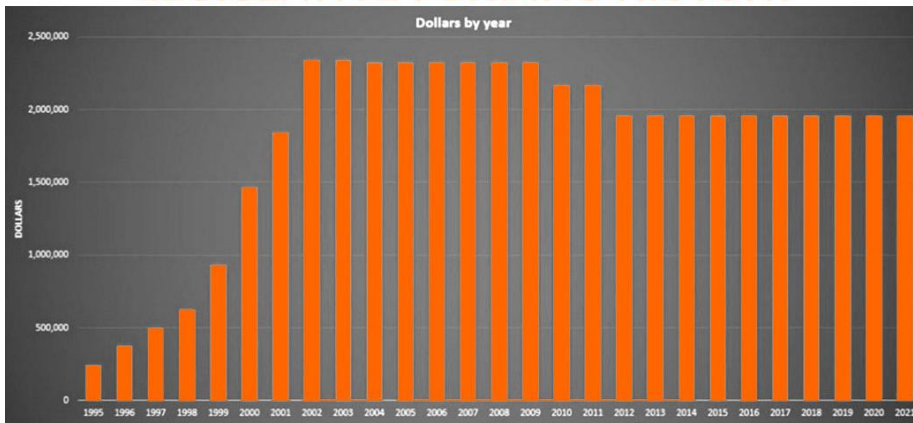
The County Feedlot program is a partnership between a county and the MPCA to implement feedlot rules and regulations.

**There are currently 50 Counties that have delegated feedlot authority. These counties oversee approximately 68% of the registered feedlots (approx. 13,000 feedlots).**

Through a recent survey of delegated counties:

- 61% spent more than grants and county match combined in 2019.
- 56% spent more than grants and county match combined in 2020.
- A majority spent at least \$5,000 more than grants and county match in 2019.
- A majority spent at least \$10,000 more than grants and county match 2020.

## County Feedlot Program LEGISLATIVE FUNDING HISTORY



## COUNTY FEEDLOT PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ✓ Regular and consistent field presence.
- ✓ Enhanced program and data management
- ✓ Coordination with local zoning requirements and construction activities.
- ✓ Streamline the permitting process with producers.
- ✓ Coordination with local SWCD/NRCS.
- ✓ Local outreach and education to producers and the public.
- ✓ Improved water quality benefits.
- ✓ Site inspections for compliance and new construction.
- ✓ Corrections of non-compliance.
- ✓ Manure management review and nutrient management workshops.
- ✓ Commercial Animal Waste Technicians workshops.
- ✓ Manure application demonstrations.