



Governor's MDA Budget Recommendations Bill Walkthrough

March 16, 2023

Subd.2. Protection Services

- **Soil Health Financial Assistance Program** - \$4,000,000 in FY24-25
- **Pollinator Research Account** - \$100,000 per year ongoing
- **Noxious Weeds Grants** - \$400,000 per year ongoing
- **Grain Indemnity Fund** - \$5,000,000 in FY24
- **Meat Processing Liaison/Navigator** - \$75,000 per year ongoing

Subd. 3. Ag Marketing and Development

- **International Trade Program Expansion** - \$150,000 per year ongoing
- **Minnesota Grown Program Expansion** – \$75,000 per year ongoing
- **Farm Safety, Health, and Wellness** - \$250,000 per year ongoing
- **Farmers Market Hubs** - \$700,000 in FY24-25 (\$350,000 per year)

Subd. 4. Ag, Bioenergy, and Biproduct Advancement

- **Expanded Eligibility for Farm to School** – Lines 8.21 – 8.24
- **Bioincentive Program** - \$5,000,000 in FY24-25 and \$10,000,000 in FY26-27
- **Biofuels Infrastructure Grants** - \$1,500,000 per year ongoing
- **Value-Added Entrepreneurial Support** - \$250,000 per year ongoing
- **AGRI Meat Processing** - \$250,000 per year ongoing

Subd. 5. Administration and Financial Assistance

- **County Fairs Premium Increase** - \$200,000 per year ongoing
- **Pass Through Grants** - \$800,000 in FY24-25
- **Second Harvest Milk Allocation** - \$250,000 per year ongoing
- **Good Acre LEAFF Program** - \$100,000 per year ongoing
- **Services to BIPOC Producers & Businesses** - \$250,000 per year ongoing
- **Emerging Farmers Office Expansion** - \$700,000 (FY24-25) & \$625,000 per year ongoing

Subd. 5. Continued

- **Ag Emergency Account** - \$1,500,000 in FY24
- **IT Modernization** - \$2,400,000 in FY24-25 (\$1,200,000 each year)
- **Climate Implementation Coordinator** - \$150,000 per year ongoing
- **AgBMP Loan Program Increase** - \$4,000,000 in (FY24-25) & \$3,000,000 per year ongoing
- **Beginning/Emerging Farmers Equipment Grants** - \$200,000 per year ongoing
- **RFA Capacity Increase** - \$150,000 per year ongoing

- **Maintain Service Levels** (throughout Subd) - \$8,055,000 FY24-25 and \$9,288,000 FY26-27
- **NEW GF Ask for FY24-25:** \$44,682,000
- **NEW GF Ask for FY26-27:** \$70,402,000
- **TOTAL:** \$115,084,000

Budget Neutral Changes/Statutory Changes

- RFA Down Payment Assistance Grant Extension – Line 29.25 to 29.27
- Emerging Farmers Working Group (starting on line 31.10) – reference report later
- Emerging Farmers Office (Starting on line 31.16) – further explanation of duties
- Beginning Farmer Equipment Grants (starting on line 31.26) – establishment of program
- EFWG Report – Line 32.10
- Expanded Option for AGRI Sustainable Ag Demonstration Grant – lines 33.6-33.11
- Modify Bee Kill Compensation Fund – lines 33.19-33.23 and 34.11-36.12
- Pollinator Research Account Updates – lines 33.29 – 34.8
- Fertilizer Tonnage Fee Increase – Line 36.25
- Updated Fee Structure for Nursery Certificates – Lines 37.6 – 43.21

Changes Continued

- Pet Food Registration Streamlining – Lines 44.8-44.11
- Food Licensing Fee Dedication – Lines 44.18-44.22 and 45.14
- Plan Review Fee Modernization – Lines 44.24 – 45.11
- AGRI Sunset Extension – Line 45.20
- OSB Production Incentive Amendments – Lines 45.22 – 45.29
- Grain Indemnity Program – Lines 46.3 – 54.23
- IT Modernization Fee Authority – Lines 54.24 – 55.4
- EFWG Sunset Elimination – Line 55.6
- Nursery Program Clean Up Continued – Lines 55.6-55.7
- Clarifying Federal Fund Authority for CWD – Line 55.7

Thank You!

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