

ARTICLE 1

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

		59,303,000	59,410,000
Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	<u>60,803,000</u>	\$ <u>65,410,000</u>

Appropriations by Fund

	2022	2023
	58,904,000	59,011,000
General	<u>60,404,000</u>	<u>65,011,000</u>
Remediation	399,000	399,000

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Protection Services

Appropriations by Fund

	2022	2023
		19,610,000
General	19,384,000	<u>20,110,000</u>
Remediation	399,000	399,000

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

(b) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the second year are for compensation for destroyed or crippled livestock under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first year appropriation may be spent to compensate for livestock that were destroyed or crippled during fiscal year 2021. If the amount in the first year is insufficient, the amount in the second year is available in the first year. The commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year

2.1 to reimburse expenses incurred by university
2.2 extension educators to provide fair market
2.3 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If
2.4 the commissioner receives federal dollars to
2.5 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
2.6 an equivalent amount of this appropriation
2.7 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
2.8 methods performed by federal wildlife services
2.9 staff.

2.10 (c) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the
2.11 second year are for compensation for crop
2.12 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.13 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is
2.14 insufficient, the amount in the second year is
2.15 available in the first year. The commissioner
2.16 may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation
2.17 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by
2.18 the commissioner or the commissioner's
2.19 approved agent to investigate and resolve
2.20 claims, as well as for costs associated with
2.21 training for approved agents. The
2.22 commissioner may use up to \$20,000 of the
2.23 appropriation each year to make grants to
2.24 producers for measures to protect stored crops
2.25 from elk damage.

2.26 If the commissioner determines that claims
2.27 made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737
2.28 or 3.7371, are unusually high, amounts
2.29 appropriated for either program may be
2.30 transferred to the appropriation for the other
2.31 program.

2.32 (d) \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the
2.33 second year are for additional funding for the
2.34 noxious weed and invasive plant program.

3.1 (e) \$50,000 the first year is for additional
3.2 funding for the industrial hemp program for
3.3 IT development. This is a onetime
3.4 appropriation and is available until June 30,
3.5 2023.

3.6 (f) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
3.7 second year are for additional meat and poultry
3.8 inspection services. The commissioner is
3.9 encouraged to seek inspection waivers,
3.10 matching federal dollars, and offer more online
3.11 inspections for the purposes under this
3.12 paragraph.

3.13 (g) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
3.14 second year are to replace capital equipment
3.15 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
3.16 laboratory.

3.17 (h) \$274,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
3.18 second year are to maintain the current level
3.19 of service delivery.

3.20 (i) \$630,000 is added to the base of fiscal year
3.21 2024 and each year thereafter for grants to the
3.22 Board of Regents of the University of
3.23 Minnesota to fund the Forever Green Initiative
3.24 and protect the state's natural resources while
3.25 increasing the efficiency, profitability, and
3.26 productivity of Minnesota farmers by
3.27 incorporating perennial and winter-annual
3.28 crops into existing agricultural practices.
3.29 Eligible uses include but are not limited to (1)
3.30 equipment and physical infrastructure to
3.31 support breeding and agronomic activities
3.32 necessary to develop perennial and
3.33 winter-annual crops, and (2) to develop
3.34 enterprises, supply chains, and markets for
3.35 continuous living cover crops and cropping

4.1 systems in the early stage of commercial
 4.2 development, Kernza perennial grain, winter
 4.3 camelina, hybrid hazelnuts, and elderberry.

4.4 (j) \$500,000 the second year is for the soil
 4.5 health financial assistance pilot program. This
 4.6 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 4.7 until June 30, 2024.

4.8 **Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and**
 4.9 **Development**

		<u>4,205,000</u>
	4,200,000	<u>4,215,000</u>

4.10 (a) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the
 4.11 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota
 4.12 grown account and may be used as grants for
 4.13 Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota
 4.14 Statutes, section 17.102. Grants may be made
 4.15 for one year. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 4.16 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations
 4.17 encumbered under contract on or before June
 4.18 30, 2023, for Minnesota grown grants in this
 4.19 paragraph are available until June 30, 2025.

4.20 (b) \$50,000 the first year is to expand
 4.21 international marketing opportunities for
 4.22 farmers and value-added processors, including
 4.23 in-market representation in Taiwan. This is a
 4.24 onetime appropriation and is available until
 4.25 June 30, 2023.

4.26 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
 4.27 second year are for continuation of the dairy
 4.28 development and profitability enhancement
 4.29 programs including dairy profitability teams
 4.30 and dairy business planning grants under
 4.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 32D.30.

4.32 (d) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 4.33 second year are for additional funding for
 4.34 mental health outreach and support to farmers

5.1 and others in the agricultural community,
5.2 including a 24-hour hotline, stigma reduction,
5.3 and educational offerings. These are onetime
5.4 appropriations.

5.5 (e) The commissioner may use funds
5.6 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
5.7 cost-share payments to resident farmers or
5.8 entities that sell, process, or package
5.9 agricultural products in this state for the costs
5.10 of organic certification. The commissioner
5.11 may allocate these funds for assistance to
5.12 persons transitioning from conventional to
5.13 organic agriculture.

5.14 (f) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
5.15 second year are for the farm safety grant and
5.16 outreach programs under Minnesota Statutes,
5.17 section 17.1195. Notwithstanding Minnesota
5.18 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
5.19 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
5.20 year and is available in the second year. These
5.21 are onetime appropriations.

5.22 (g) \$54,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
5.23 second year are to maintain the current level
5.24 of service delivery.

5.25 (h) \$10,000 the second year is to provide an
5.26 interim report on the Statewide Cooperative
5.27 Partnership for Local and Regional Markets,
5.28 including recommendations for strengthening
5.29 local and regional food systems. No later than
5.30 February 1, 2023, the commissioner must
5.31 submit the report to the legislative committees
5.32 with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and
5.33 finance. This is a onetime appropriation.

6.1	Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct		25,357,000
6.2	Advancement	25,343,000	<u>27,257,000</u>

6.3 (a) \$9,300,000 the first year and \$9,300,000
6.4 the second year are for transfer to the
6.5 agriculture research, education, extension, and
6.6 technology transfer account under Minnesota
6.7 Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of
6.8 these amounts: at least \$600,000 the first year
6.9 and \$600,000 the second year are for the
6.10 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's
6.11 agriculture rapid response fund under
6.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
6.13 subdivision 1, clause (2); \$2,000,000 the first
6.14 year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for
6.15 grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education
6.16 Leadership Council to enhance agricultural
6.17 education with priority given to Farm Business
6.18 Management challenge grants; \$350,000 the
6.19 first year and \$350,000 the second year are
6.20 for potato breeding; and \$450,000 the first
6.21 year and \$450,000 the second year are for the
6.22 cultivated wild rice breeding project at the
6.23 North Central Research and Outreach Center
6.24 to include a tenure track/research associate
6.25 plant breeder. The commissioner shall transfer
6.26 the remaining funds in this appropriation each
6.27 year to the Board of Regents of the University
6.28 of Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota
6.29 Statutes, section 41A.14. Of the amount
6.30 transferred to the Board of Regents, up to
6.31 \$1,000,000 each year is for research on avian
6.32 influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related
6.33 diseases. By January 15, 2023, entities
6.34 receiving grants for potato breeding and wild
6.35 rice breeding are requested to report to the
6.36 chairs and ranking minority members of the

7.1 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
7.2 agriculture and higher education regarding the
7.3 use of the grant money and to provide an
7.4 update on the status of research and related
7.5 accomplishments.

7.6 To the extent practicable, money expended
7.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
7.8 subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must
7.9 supplement and not supplant existing sources
7.10 and levels of funding. The commissioner may
7.11 use up to one percent of this appropriation for
7.12 costs incurred to administer the program.

7.13 (b) ~~\$16,028,000~~ the first year and ~~\$16,028,000~~
7.14 \$17,928,000 the second year are for the
7.15 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
7.16 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.17 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
7.18 commissioner may allocate the appropriation
7.19 each year among the following areas:
7.20 facilitating the start-up, modernization,
7.21 improvement, or expansion of livestock
7.22 operations including beginning and
7.23 transitioning livestock operations with
7.24 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
7.25 equipment; providing funding not to exceed
7.26 \$800,000 each year to develop and enhance
7.27 farm-to-school markets for Minnesota farmers
7.28 by providing more fruits, vegetables, meat,
7.29 grain, and dairy for Minnesota children in
7.30 school and child care settings including, at the
7.31 commissioner's discretion, reimbursing
7.32 schools for purchases from local farmers;
7.33 assisting value-added agricultural businesses
7.34 to begin or expand, to access new markets, or
7.35 to diversify, including aquaponics systems;

8.1 providing funding not to exceed \$600,000
8.2 each year for urban youth agricultural
8.3 education or urban agriculture community
8.4 development of which \$10,000 each year is
8.5 for transfer to the emerging farmer account
8.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
8.7 subdivision 1a; providing funding not to
8.8 exceed \$450,000 each year for the good food
8.9 access program under Minnesota Statutes,
8.10 section 17.1017; facilitating the start-up,
8.11 modernization, or expansion of other
8.12 beginning and transitioning farms including
8.13 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
8.14 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
8.15 on-farm research and demonstration;
8.16 development or expansion of food hubs and
8.17 other alternative community-based food
8.18 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
8.19 energy infrastructure and use; crop research;
8.20 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
8.21 and good agricultural practices and good
8.22 handling practices certification assistance. The
8.23 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
8.24 this appropriation for costs incurred to
8.25 administer the program.

8.26 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
8.27 growth, research, and innovation program
8.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

8.29 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
8.30 the second year are for distribution in equal
8.31 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
8.32 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

8.33 (2) \$4,500,000 the first year and ~~\$4,500,000~~
8.34 \$5,750,000 the second year are for incentive
8.35 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections

9.1 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.

9.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section

9.3 16A.28, the first year appropriation is

9.4 available until June 30, 2023, and the second

9.5 year appropriation is available until June 30,

9.6 2024. If this appropriation exceeds the total

9.7 amount for which all producers are eligible in

9.8 a fiscal year, the balance of the appropriation

9.9 is available for other purposes under this

9.10 paragraph. The base appropriation under this

9.11 clause is \$5,750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and

9.12 thereafter;

9.13 (3) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000

9.14 the second year are for grants that enable retail

9.15 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and

9.16 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the

9.17 public in accordance with the biofuel

9.18 replacement goals established under

9.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail

9.20 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use

9.21 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model

9.22 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money

9.23 under this clause if the retail petroleum

9.24 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum

9.25 dispensing sites and each site is located in

9.26 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to

9.27 replace or upgrade equipment that does not

9.28 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant

9.29 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost

9.30 of the appropriate technology. A grant award

9.31 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The

9.32 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel

9.33 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant

9.34 program. The commissioner, in cooperation

9.35 with any economic or community development

9.36 financial institution and any other entity with

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

10.18 (4) \$750,000 the first year and ~~\$750,000~~
10.19 \$1,400,000 the second year are for grants to
10.20 facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
10.21 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
10.22 processing facilities. A grant award under this
10.23 clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
10.24 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
10.25 year does not cancel until June 30, 2024, and
10.26 may be used for other purposes under this
10.27 paragraph. ~~The appropriations under this~~
10.28 ~~clause are onetime~~ The base appropriation
10.29 under this clause is \$250,000 in fiscal year
10.30 2024 and thereafter; and

10.31 (5) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,400,000
10.32 the second year are for livestock investment
10.33 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.34 17.118. Any unencumbered balance at the end
10.35 of the second year does not cancel until June

11.1 30, 2024, and may be used for other purposes
 11.2 under this paragraph. The appropriations under
 11.3 this clause are onetime.

11.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 11.5 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
 11.6 cancel at the end of the first year and is
 11.7 available for the second year, and
 11.8 appropriations encumbered under contract on
 11.9 or before June 30, 2023, for agricultural
 11.10 growth, research, and innovation grants are
 11.11 available until June 30, 2026.

11.12 The base amount for the agricultural growth,
 11.13 research, and innovation program is
 11.14 ~~\$16,053,000~~ \$17,553,000 in fiscal year 2024
 11.15 and ~~\$16,053,000~~ \$17,553,000 in fiscal year
 11.16 2025, and includes funding for incentive
 11.17 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
 11.18 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.

11.19 (c) \$15,000 the first year and \$29,000 the
 11.20 second year are to maintain the current level
 11.21 of service delivery.

11.22	Subd. 5. Administration and Financial	9,977,000	9,839,000
11.23	Assistance	<u>11,477,000</u>	<u>13,429,000</u>

11.24 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
 11.25 second year are for payments to county and
 11.26 district agricultural societies and associations
 11.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
 11.28 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
 11.29 district agricultural societies and associations
 11.30 shall be disbursed no later than July 15 of each
 11.31 year. These payments are the amount of aid
 11.32 from the state for an annual fair held in the
 11.33 previous calendar year.

12.1 (b) \$387,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
12.2 second year are for farm advocate services.
12.3 Of these amounts, \$100,000 the first year and
12.4 \$50,000 the second year are for a pilot
12.5 program creating farmland access teams to
12.6 provide technical assistance to potential
12.7 beginning farmers. The farmland access teams
12.8 must assist existing farmers and beginning
12.9 farmers on transitioning farm ownership and
12.10 operation. Services provided by teams may
12.11 include but are not limited to providing
12.12 mediation assistance, designing contracts,
12.13 financial planning, tax preparation, estate
12.14 planning, and housing assistance. Of this
12.15 amount for farm transitions, up to \$50,000 the
12.16 first year may be used to upgrade the
12.17 Minnesota FarmLink web application that
12.18 connects farmers looking for land with farmers
12.19 looking to transition their land.

12.20 (c) \$47,000 the first year and \$47,000 the
12.21 second year are for grants to the Northern
12.22 Crops Institute that may be used to purchase
12.23 equipment. These are onetime appropriations.

12.24 (d) \$238,000 the first year and ~~\$238,000~~
12.25 \$260,000 the second year are for ~~transfer to~~
12.26 ~~the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State~~
12.27 ~~Colleges and Universities for statewide mental~~
12.28 ~~health counseling support to farm families and~~
12.29 ~~business operators through the Minnesota State~~
12.30 ~~Agricultural Centers of Excellence. South~~
12.31 ~~Central College and Central Lakes College~~
12.32 ~~shall serve as the fiscal agents. a pass-through~~
12.33 grant to Region Five Development
12.34 Commission to provide, in collaboration with
12.35 Farm Business Management, statewide mental

13.1 health counseling support to Minnesota farm
13.2 operators, families, and employees, and
13.3 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers
13.4 in a professional capacity. Region Five
13.5 Development Commission may use up to 6.5
13.6 percent of the grant awarded under this
13.7 paragraph for administration. The base for this
13.8 appropriation is \$260,000 in fiscal year 2024
13.9 and later.

13.10 (e) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
13.11 the second year are for grants to Second
13.12 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's
13.13 six Feeding America food banks for the
13.14 following:

13.15 (1) to purchase milk for distribution to
13.16 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable
13.17 organizations that are eligible to receive food
13.18 from the food banks. Milk purchased under
13.19 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota
13.20 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.
13.21 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding
13.22 America food bank serving Minnesota
13.23 according to the formula used in the
13.24 distribution of United States Department of
13.25 Agriculture commodities under The
13.26 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second
13.27 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or
13.28 agreements with food banks for shared funding
13.29 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of
13.30 milk. Each food bank that receives funding
13.31 under this clause may use up to two percent
13.32 for administrative expenses;

13.33 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and
13.34 processors for costs incurred to harvest and
13.35 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,

14.1 and other agricultural commodities that would
14.2 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or
14.3 sold in a secondary market. Surplus
14.4 commodities must be distributed statewide to
14.5 food shelves and other charitable organizations
14.6 that are eligible to receive food from the food
14.7 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause
14.8 must be from Minnesota producers and
14.9 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may
14.10 use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded
14.11 under this clause for administrative and
14.12 transportation expenses; and
14.13 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,
14.14 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,
14.15 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's
14.16 food shelves and other charitable organizations
14.17 that are eligible to receive food from the food
14.18 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up
14.19 to two percent of each grant awarded under
14.20 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein
14.21 products purchased under the grants must be
14.22 acquired from Minnesota processors and
14.23 producers.
14.24 Of the amount appropriated under this
14.25 paragraph, at least \$600,000 each year must
14.26 be allocated under clause (1). Notwithstanding
14.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
14.28 unencumbered balance the first year does not
14.29 cancel and is available in the second year.
14.30 Second Harvest Heartland must submit
14.31 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the
14.32 chairs and ranking minority members of the
14.33 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
14.34 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by
14.35 the commissioner. The reports must include

15.1 but are not limited to information on the
15.2 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or
15.3 other commodities purchased, and the
15.4 organizations to which this food was
15.5 distributed.

15.6 (f) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
15.7 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
15.8 Agricultural Education and Leadership
15.9 Council for programs of the council under
15.10 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

15.11 (g) \$1,437,000 the first year and \$1,437,000
15.12 the second year are for transfer to the
15.13 agricultural and environmental revolving loan
15.14 account established under Minnesota Statutes,
15.15 section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest
15.16 loans under Minnesota Statutes, section
15.17 17.117. The base for appropriations under this
15.18 paragraph in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter
15.19 is \$1,425,000. The commissioner must
15.20 examine how the department could use up to
15.21 one-third of the amount transferred to the
15.22 agricultural and environmental revolving loan
15.23 account under this paragraph to award grants
15.24 to rural landowners to replace septic systems
15.25 that inadequately protect groundwater. No
15.26 later than February 1, 2022, the commissioner
15.27 must report to the legislative committees with
15.28 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
15.29 environment finance on the results of the
15.30 examination required under this paragraph.
15.31 The commissioner's report may include other
15.32 funding sources for septic system replacement
15.33 that are available to rural landowners.

15.34 (h) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
15.35 second year are for grants to the Center for

16.1 Rural Policy and Development. These are
16.2 onetime appropriations.

16.3 (i) \$150,000 the first year is to provide grants
16.4 to Central Lakes College for the purposes of
16.5 designing, building, and offering credentials
16.6 in the area of meat cutting and butchery that
16.7 align with industry needs as advised by local
16.8 industry advisory councils. Notwithstanding
16.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
16.10 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
16.11 end of the first year and is available for the
16.12 second year. The commissioner may only
16.13 award a grant under this paragraph if the grant
16.14 is matched by a like amount from another
16.15 funding source. The commissioner must seek
16.16 matching dollars from Minnesota State
16.17 Colleges and Universities or other entities.

16.18 The appropriation is onetime and is available
16.19 until June 30, 2024. Any money remaining on
16.20 June 30, 2024, must be transferred to the
16.21 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
16.22 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
16.23 41A.12, and is available until June 30, 2025.

16.24 Grants may be used for costs including but
16.25 not limited to:

16.26 (1) facility renovation to accommodate meat
16.27 cutting;

16.28 (2) curriculum design and approval from the
16.29 Higher Learning Commission;

16.30 (3) program operational start-up costs;

16.31 (4) equipment required for a meat cutting
16.32 program; and

16.33 (5) meat handling start-up costs in regard to
16.34 meat access and market channel building.

- 17.1 No later than January 15, 2023, Central Lakes
17.2 College must submit a report outlining the use
17.3 of grant money to the chairs and ranking
17.4 minority members of the legislative
17.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
17.6 over agriculture and higher education.
- 17.7 (j) \$2,000 the first year is for grants to the
17.8 Minnesota State Poultry Association. This is
17.9 a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding
17.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
17.11 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
17.12 end of the first year and is available for the
17.13 second year.
- 17.14 (k) \$17,000 the first year and \$17,000 the
17.15 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
17.16 State Horticultural Society. These are onetime
17.17 appropriations.
- 17.18 (l) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
17.19 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
17.20 Livestock Breeders Association. These are
17.21 onetime appropriations.
- 17.22 (m) The commissioner shall continue to
17.23 increase connections with ethnic minority and
17.24 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
17.25 and farming programs throughout the state.
- 17.26 (n) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
17.27 second year are for grants to the Southern
17.28 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote
17.29 local foods through an annual event that raises
17.30 public awareness of local foods and connects
17.31 local food producers and processors with
17.32 potential buyers.
- 17.33 (o) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
17.34 second year are for grants to Greater Mankato

18.1 Growth, Inc., for assistance to
18.2 agriculture-related businesses to promote jobs,
18.3 innovation, and synergy development. These
18.4 are onetime appropriations.

18.5 (p) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
18.6 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
18.7 Turf Seed Council for basic and applied
18.8 research. The Minnesota Turf Seed Council
18.9 may subcontract with a qualified third party
18.10 for some or all of the basic or applied research.
18.11 No later than January 15, 2023, the Minnesota
18.12 Turf Seed Council must submit a report
18.13 outlining the use of the grant money and
18.14 related accomplishments to the chairs and
18.15 ranking minority members of the legislative
18.16 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture.
18.17 These are onetime appropriations. Any
18.18 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
18.19 end of the first year and is available for the
18.20 second year.

18.21 (q) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
18.22 second year are to establish an emerging
18.23 farmer office and hire a full-time emerging
18.24 farmer outreach coordinator. The emerging
18.25 farmer outreach coordinator must engage and
18.26 support emerging farmers regarding resources
18.27 and opportunities available throughout the
18.28 Department of Agriculture and the state. For
18.29 purposes of this paragraph, "emerging farmer"
18.30 has the meaning provided in Minnesota
18.31 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1. Of the
18.32 amount appropriated each year, \$25,000 is for
18.33 translation services for farmers and cottage
18.34 food producers.

19.1 (r) \$222,000 the first year and \$286,000 the
19.2 second year are to maintain the current level
19.3 of service delivery.

19.4 (s) \$827,000 the second year is to award and
19.5 administer grants to:

19.6 (1) organizations to provide technical and
19.7 culturally appropriate services to emerging
19.8 farmers and related businesses;

19.9 (2) organizations to help emerging farmers
19.10 pay for up to 65 percent of premium expenses
19.11 each year up to two years under the federal
19.12 micro farm insurance program; and

19.13 (3) The Good Acre for the Local Emergency
19.14 Assistance Farmer Fund (LEAFF) program to
19.15 compensate emerging farmers for crops
19.16 donated to hunger relief organizations in
19.17 Minnesota.

19.18 This is a onetime appropriation and is
19.19 available until June 30, 2024.

19.20 (t) \$750,000 the second year is to support the
19.21 IT modernization efforts, including laying the
19.22 technology foundations needed for improving
19.23 customer interactions with the department for
19.24 licensing and payments. The base for this
19.25 appropriation is \$584,000 in fiscal year 2024
19.26 and \$0 in fiscal year 2025.

19.27 (u) \$1,500,000 the first year is for transfer to
19.28 the agricultural emergency account established
19.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041. This
19.30 is a onetime transfer. This transfer is in
19.31 addition to the appropriations made in Laws
19.32 2022, chapter 47, section 2.

20.1 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
20.2 17.041, the commissioner may use the amount
20.3 to be transferred for the purposes identified
20.4 under Laws 2022, chapter 47, section 2,
20.5 paragraph (b). This paragraph expires on
20.6 December 31, 2022.

20.7 (v) \$250,000 in the second year is for a grant
20.8 to the Board of Regents of the University of
20.9 Minnesota to purchase equipment for the
20.10 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to test for
20.11 chronic wasting disease, African swine fever,
20.12 avian influenza, and other animal diseases.
20.13 The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory must
20.14 report expenditures under this paragraph to
20.15 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
20.16 over agriculture finance and higher education
20.17 with initial reports completed by January 3,
20.18 2023, and January 3, 2024, and a final report
20.19 by September 1, 2025. The reports must
20.20 include a list of equipment purchased,
20.21 including the cost of each item. The base for
20.22 this appropriation is \$250,000 in fiscal year
20.23 2024 and \$0 in fiscal year 2025.

20.24 (w) \$141,000 the second year is for additional
20.25 funding to administer the beginning farmer
20.26 tax credit. The base for this appropriation is
20.27 \$56,000 in fiscal year 2024 and later.

20.28 (x) \$750,000 the second year is for a grant to
20.29 the Ag Innovation Campus to continue
20.30 construction of a soybean processing and
20.31 research facility. This is a onetime
20.32 appropriation.

20.33 The commissioner shall submit a report on the
20.34 utilization of the grants to the chairs and
20.35 ranking minority members of the legislative

21.1 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
21.2 over agriculture policy and finance by
21.3 February 1, 2024.

21.4 (y) \$50,000 is added to the base for fiscal year
21.5 2024 and \$0 for fiscal year 2025 to provide
21.6 technical assistance and leadership in the
21.7 development of a comprehensive and
21.8 well-documented state aquaculture plan. The
21.9 commissioner must provide the state
21.10 aquaculture plan to the legislative committees
21.11 with jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
21.12 policy by February 15, 2025.

21.13 (z) \$500,000 the second year is to award and
21.14 administer down payment assistance grants
21.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133. The
21.16 base for this appropriation is \$750,000 in fiscal
21.17 year 2024 and thereafter.

21.18 (aa) \$350,000 the second year is to provide
21.19 grants to secondary career and technical
21.20 education programs for the purpose of offering
21.21 instruction in meat cutting and butchery. By
21.22 January 15, 2023, the commissioner must
21.23 report to the chairs and ranking minority
21.24 members of the committees with jurisdiction
21.25 over agriculture finance and education finance
21.26 by listing the grants made under this paragraph
21.27 by county and noting the number and amount
21.28 of grant requests not fulfilled. The report may
21.29 include additional information as determined
21.30 by the commissioner, including but not limited
21.31 to information regarding the outcomes
21.32 produced by these grants. If additional grants
21.33 are awarded under this paragraph that were
21.34 not covered in the report due by January 15,
21.35 2023, the commissioner must submit an

22.1 additional report to the chairs and ranking
 22.2 minority members of the committees with
 22.3 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
 22.4 education finance regarding all grants issued
 22.5 under this paragraph by November 1, 2023.

22.6 This is a onetime appropriation. Grants may
 22.7 be used for costs, including but not limited to:

22.8 (1) equipment required for a meat cutting
 22.9 program;

22.10 (2) facility renovation to accommodate meat
 22.11 cutting; and

22.12 (3) training faculty to teach the fundamentals
 22.13 of meat processing.

22.14 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of
 22.15 up to \$70,000 and may use up to ten percent
 22.16 of the grant for faculty training.

22.17 Priority may be given to applicants who are
 22.18 coordinating with meat cutting and butchery
 22.19 programs at Minnesota State Colleges and
 22.20 Universities system and local industry
 22.21 partners.

22.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

22.23 Sec. 2. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

22.24 **Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION**
 22.25 **RESEARCH INSTITUTE** \$ 4,543,000 \$ 4,043,000

22.26 (a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 22.27 second year are for a meat scientist.

22.28 (b) \$500,000 the first year is for grants to
 22.29 organizations to acquire, host, and operate a
 22.30 mobile slaughter unit. The mobile unit must
 22.31 coordinate with Minnesota state two-year
 22.32 colleges that have meat cutting programs to
 22.33 accommodate training as it relates to animal

23.1 slaughter. The mobile unit may coordinate
23.2 with livestock producers who desire to provide
23.3 value-added meat products by utilizing the
23.4 mobile slaughter unit. The mobile unit may
23.5 be used for research, training outside of the
23.6 two-year colleges, and other activities that
23.7 align with industry needs. The Agricultural
23.8 Utilization Research Institute may only award
23.9 a grant under this paragraph if the grant
23.10 amount is matched by a like amount from
23.11 another funding source. The Agricultural
23.12 Utilization Research Institute must seek
23.13 matching dollars from Minnesota State
23.14 Colleges and Universities or other entities for
23.15 purposes of this paragraph. The appropriation
23.16 under this paragraph is onetime and is
23.17 available until June 30, 2024. Any money
23.18 remaining on June 30, 2024, must be
23.19 transferred to the commissioner of agriculture
23.20 for the agricultural growth, research, and
23.21 innovation program under Minnesota Statutes,
23.22 section 41A.12, and is available until June 30,
23.23 2025. By January 15, 2023, the institute must
23.24 report to the chairs and ranking minority
23.25 members of the legislative committees with
23.26 jurisdiction over agriculture regarding the
23.27 status of the project, including the status of
23.28 the use of any state or matching dollars to
23.29 complete the project.

23.30 (c) \$300,000 is added to the base in fiscal year
23.31 2024 and \$0 in fiscal year 2025 for equipment
23.32 upgrades, equipment replacement, installation
23.33 expenses, and laboratory infrastructure at the
23.34 Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's
23.35 laboratories in Crookston, Marshall, and
23.36 Waseca.

- 24.1 (d) \$200,000 is added to the base for fiscal
- 24.2 year 2024 and thereafter to maintain the
- 24.3 current level of service delivery.