

1.11	ARTICLE 1			
1.12	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT			
1.13	Section 1. <u>AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS.</u>			
1.14	<u>The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies</u> <u>and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,</u> <u>or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.</u> <u>The figures "2018" and "2019" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under</u> <u>them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively.</u> <u>"The first year" is fiscal year 2018. "The second year" is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium"</u> <u>is fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</u>			
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1.21	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
1.22	<u>Available for the Year</u>			
1.23	<u>Ending June 30</u>			
1.24	<u>2018</u> <u>2019</u>			
1.25	Sec. 2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>50,720,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>50,174,000</u>
2.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
2.3	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		
2.4	<u>General</u>	<u>50,332,000</u>	<u>49,786,000</u>	
2.5	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>388,000</u>	<u>388,000</u>	
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1.25	Sec. 2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>48,056,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>47,910,000</u>
2.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
2.3	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		
2.4	<u>General</u>	<u>47,663,000</u>	<u>47,513,000</u>	
2.5	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>393,000</u>	<u>397,000</u>	
2.6	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u> <u>purpose are specified in the following</u> <u>subdivisions.</u>			
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Senate Language S0780-3

2.9	Subd. 2. Protection Services	<u>17,041,000</u>	<u>17,041,000</u>
2.10	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.11	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
2.12	<u>General</u>	<u>16,653,000</u>	<u>16,653,000</u>
2.13	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>388,000</u>	<u>388,000</u>
2.14	<u>(a) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the</u>		
2.15	<u>second year are to develop and maintain</u>		
2.16	<u>cottage food license exemption outreach and</u>		
2.17	<u>training materials.</u>		
2.18	<u>(b) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the</u>		
2.19	<u>second year are to coordinate the correctional</u>		
2.20	<u>facility vocational training program.</u>		
2.21	<u>(c) \$388,000 the first year and \$388,000 the</u>		
2.22	<u>second year are from the remediation fund for</u>		
2.23	<u>administrative funding for the voluntary</u>		
2.24	<u>cleanup program.</u>		
2.25	<u>(d) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the</u>		
2.26	<u>second year are for compensation for</u>		

House Language UES0780-1

2.9	Subd. 2. Protection Services	<u>17,471,000</u>	<u>17,475,000</u>
2.10	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.11	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
2.12	<u>General</u>	<u>17,078,000</u>	<u>17,078,000</u>
2.13	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>393,000</u>	<u>397,000</u>
3.4	<u>\$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second</u>		
3.5	<u>year are to develop and maintain cottage food</u>		
3.6	<u>license exemption outreach and training</u>		
3.7	<u>materials.</u>		
3.8	<u>\$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second</u>		
3.9	<u>year are to coordinate the correctional facility</u>		
3.10	<u>vocational training pilot program and to assist</u>		
3.11	<u>entities that have explored the feasibility of</u>		
3.12	<u>establishing a USDA-certified or state "equal</u>		
3.13	<u>to" food processing facility within 30 miles</u>		
3.14	<u>of the Northeast Regional Corrections Center.</u>		
2.14	<u>\$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the</u>		
2.15	<u>second year are for transfer to the pollinator</u>		
2.16	<u>habitat and research account in the agricultural</u>		
2.17	<u>fund. These are onetime transfers.</u>		
3.15	<u>\$393,000 the first year and \$397,000 the</u>		
3.16	<u>second year are from the remediation fund for</u>		
3.17	<u>administrative funding for the voluntary</u>		
3.18	<u>cleanup program.</u>		
2.28	<u>\$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the</u>		
2.29	<u>second year are for the industrial hemp pilot</u>		
2.30	<u>program under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
2.31	<u>18K.09. These are onetime appropriations.</u>		
3.19	<u>\$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the</u>		
3.20	<u>second year are for compensation for</u>		

2.27 destroyed or crippled animals under Minnesota
2.28 Statutes, section 3.737. This appropriation
2.29 may be spent to compensate for animals that
2.30 were destroyed or crippled during fiscal year
2.31 2017. If the amount in the first year is
2.32 insufficient, the amount in the second year is
2.33 available in the first year.

3.1 (e) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
3.2 second year are for compensation for crop
3.3 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.4 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is
3.5 insufficient, the amount in the second year is
3.6 available in the first year.

3.7 If the commissioner determines that claims
3.8 made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737
3.9 or 3.7371, are unusually high, amounts
3.10 appropriated for either program may be
3.11 transferred to the appropriation for the other
3.12 program.

3.13 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
3.14 second year are for deposit in the noxious
3.15 weed and invasive plant species assistance
3.16 account established under Minnesota Statutes,
3.17 section 18.89, to be used to implement the
3.18 noxious weed grant program under Minnesota
3.19 Statutes, section 18.90, with preference given
3.20 to local units of government responding to

3.21 destroyed or crippled livestock under
3.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. This
3.23 appropriation may be spent to compensate for
3.24 livestock that were destroyed or crippled
3.25 during fiscal year 2017. If the amount in the
3.26 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
3.27 second year is available in the first year.

2.32 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
2.33 second year are to expand current capabilities
2.34 for rapid detection, identification, containment,
3.1 control, and management of high priority plant
3.2 pests and pathogens. These are onetime
3.3 appropriations.

3.28 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
3.29 second year are for compensation for crop
3.30 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.31 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is
3.32 insufficient, the amount in the second year is
3.33 available in the first year. The commissioner
3.34 may use up to \$30,000 of the appropriation
4.1 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by
4.2 the commissioner or the commissioner's
4.3 approved agent to investigate and resolve
4.4 claims.

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4.6 made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737
4.7 or 3.7371, are unusually high, amounts
4.8 appropriated for either program may be
4.9 transferred to the appropriation for the other
4.10 program.

2.18 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
2.19 second year are for transfer to the noxious
2.20 weed and invasive plant species assistance
2.21 account in the agricultural fund to award
2.22 grants to local units of government under
2.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 18.90, with
2.24 preference given to local units of government
2.25 responding to Palmer amaranth or other weeds

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palmer amaranth or other weeds on the
- 3.22

eradicate list. This is a onetime appropriation.
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(g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
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second year are for wolf-livestock conflict
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prevention grants under section 11. The
- 3.26

commissioner must submit a report to the
- 3.27

chairs and ranking minority members of the
- 3.28

legislative committees with jurisdiction over
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agriculture policy and finance by January 15,
- 3.30

2020, on the outcomes of the wolf-livestock
- 3.31

conflict prevention grants and whether
- 3.32

livestock compensation claims were reduced
- 3.33

in the areas that grants were awarded. This is
- 3.34

a onetime appropriation.
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Subd. 3. **Agricultural Marketing and**
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Development 4,096,000
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(a) The commissioner must provide outreach
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to urban farmers regarding the department's
- 4.5

financial and technical assistance programs

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on the eradicate list. These are onetime
- 2.27

transfers.
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\$70,000 the first year and \$70,000 the second
- 4.12

year are for additional cannery inspections.
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\$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
- 4.14

second year are for increased oversight of
- 4.15

delegated local health boards.
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\$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
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second year are to decrease the turnaround
- 4.18

time for retail food handler plan reviews.
- 4.19

\$1,024,000 the first year and \$1,024,000 the
- 4.20

second year are to streamline the retail food
- 4.21

safety regulatory and licensing experience for
- 4.22

regulated businesses and to decrease the
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inspection delinquency rate.
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4.6 and must assist urban farmers in applying for
4.7 assistance.

4.8 (b) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the
4.9 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota
4.10 grown account and may be used as grants for
4.11 Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota
4.12 Statutes, section 17.102. Grants may be made
4.13 for one year. Notwithstanding Minnesota
4.14 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations
4.15 encumbered under contract on or before June
4.16 30, 2019, for Minnesota grown grants in this
4.17 paragraph are available until June 30, 2021.

4.18 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
4.19 second year are for continuation of the dairy
4.20 development and profitability enhancement
4.21 and dairy business planning grant programs
4.22 established under Laws 1997, chapter 216,
4.23 section 7, subdivision 2, and Laws 2001, First
4.24 Special Session chapter 2, section 9,
4.25 subdivision 2. The commissioner may allocate
4.26 the available sums among permissible
4.27 activities, including efforts to improve the
4.28 quality of milk produced in the state, in the
4.29 proportions that the commissioner deems most
4.30 beneficial to Minnesota's dairy farmers. The
4.31 commissioner must submit a detailed
4.32 accomplishment report and a work plan
4.33 detailing future plans for, and anticipated
4.34 accomplishments from, expenditures under
4.35 this program to the chairs and ranking minority
5.1 members of the legislative committees with
5.2 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance
5.3 on or before the start of each fiscal year. If
5.4 significant changes are made to the plans in
5.5 the course of the year, the commissioner must
5.6 notify the chairs and ranking minority
5.7 members.

5.8 (d) \$100,000 the first year is for grants to
5.9 ethnic minority chambers of commerce to
5.10 connect immigrants and new American

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5.24 this program to the chairs and ranking minority
5.25 members of the legislative committees with
5.26 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance
5.27 on or before the start of each fiscal year. If
5.28 significant changes are made to the plans in
5.29 the course of the year, the commissioner must
5.30 notify the chairs and ranking minority
5.31 members.

5.11 citizens to farming opportunities in this state.
5.12 This is a onetime appropriation and is
5.13 available until June 30, 2019.

5.14 (e) The commissioner may use funds
5.15 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
5.16 cost-share payments to resident farmers or
5.17 entities that sell, process, or package
5.18 agricultural products in this state for the costs
5.19 of organic certification. The commissioner
5.20 may allocate these funds for assistance for
5.21 persons transitioning from conventional to
5.22 organic agriculture.

5.23 Subd. 4. **Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct**
5.24 **Advancement**

21,860,000

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5.25 (a) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000
5.26 the second year are for transfer to the
5.27 agriculture research, education, extension, and
5.28 technology transfer account under Minnesota
5.29 Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of
5.30 these amounts, at least \$600,000 each year is
5.31 for the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment
5.32 Station's **Agriculture Rapid Response Fund**
5.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
5.34 subdivision 1, clause (2). Of the amount
5.35 appropriated in this paragraph, for fiscal years
6.1 2018 and 2019 only, \$1,000,000 each year is
6.2 for transfer to the Board of Regents of the
6.3 University of Minnesota for research on avian
6.4 influenza, including prevention measures that
6.5 can be taken. Of the amount appropriated in
6.6 this paragraph, \$2,000,000 each year is for
6.7 grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education
6.8 Leadership Council to enhance agricultural
6.9 education with priority given to Farm Business
6.10 Management challenge grants. The
6.11 commissioner shall transfer the remaining
6.12 grant funds in this appropriation each year to
6.13 the Board of Regents of the University of
6.14 Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota Statutes,

5.32 The commissioner may use funds appropriated
5.33 in this subdivision for annual cost-share
5.34 payments to resident farmers or entities that
5.35 sell, process, or package agricultural products
6.1 in this state for the costs of organic
6.2 certification. The commissioner may allocate
6.3 these funds for assistance for persons
6.4 transitioning from conventional to organic
6.5 agriculture.

6.6 Subd. 4. **Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct**
6.7 **Advancement**

18,989,000

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6.8 \$9,300,000 the first year and \$9,300,000 the
6.9 second year are for transfer to the agriculture
6.10 research, education, extension, and technology
6.11 transfer account under Minnesota Statutes,
6.12 section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of these
6.13 amounts, at least \$600,000 the first year and
6.14 \$600,000 the second year are for the
6.15 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's
6.16 agriculture rapid response fund under
6.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
6.18 subdivision 1, clause (2); \$2,000,000 the first
6.19 year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for
6.20 grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education
6.21 Leadership Council to enhance agricultural
6.22 education with priority given to Farm Business
6.23 Management challenge grants and grants to
6.24 coordinate Farm Business Management and
6.25 dairy development, profitability enhancement,
6.26 and business planning; up to \$350,000 the first
6.27 year and up to \$350,000 the second year are
6.28 for potato breeding; and up to \$350,000 the
6.29 first year and up to \$350,000 the second year
6.30 are for the cultivated wild rice breeding project
6.31 at the North Central Research and Outreach
6.32 Center to include a tenure track/research

6.15 section 41A.14. The base budget for
6.16 agriculture research, extension, and technology
6.17 transfer for fiscal year 2020 and later is
6.18 \$7,700,000 each fiscal year.

6.29 (b) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
6.30 second year are for grants to the Board of
6.31 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
6.32 potato breeding.

6.33 (c) \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the
6.34 second year are for grants to the Board of
6.35 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
7.1 the cultivated wild rice breeding project at the
7.2 North Central Research and Outreach Center.

6.19 To the extent practicable, funds expended
6.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
6.21 subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must
6.22 supplement and not supplant existing sources
6.23 and levels of funding. The commissioner may
6.24 use up to 4.5 percent of this appropriation for
6.25 costs incurred to administer the program. Any
6.26 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
6.27 end of the first year and is available for the
6.28 second year.

7.3 (d) \$12,535,000 the first year and \$12,535,000
7.4 the second year are for the agricultural growth,
7.5 research, and innovation program in
7.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. Grants

6.33 associate plant breeder. The commissioner
6.34 shall transfer the remaining funds in this
6.35 appropriation each year to the Board of
6.36 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
7.1 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
7.2 41A.14. Of the amount transferred to the
7.3 Board of Regents, up to \$1,000,000 the first
7.4 year and up to \$1,000,000 the second year are
7.5 for research to determine:

7.6 (1) what is causing avian influenza;

7.7 (2) why some fowl are more susceptible; and

7.8 (3) prevention measures that can be taken.

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

7.16 \$9,664,000 the first year and \$9,664,000 the
7.17 second year are for the agricultural growth,
7.18 research, and innovation program in
7.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. Except

7.7 may be awarded in the following areas:
7.8 developing new markets for Minnesota
7.9 farmers; developing urban agriculture;
7.10 beginning or expanding livestock operations;
7.11 assisting value-added agricultural businesses
7.12 to begin or expand; development or expansion
7.13 of food hubs and other community-based food
7.14 distribution systems; expanding or improving
7.15 biofuels infrastructure at the retail and
7.16 distribution level; farm business management
7.17 scholarships; and research on bioenergy,
7.18 biobased content, or biobased formulated
7.19 products.

7.20 as provided below, the commissioner may
7.21 allocate the appropriation each year among
7.22 the following areas: facilitating the start-up,
7.23 modernization, or expansion of livestock
7.24 operations including beginning and
7.25 transitioning livestock operations; developing
7.26 new markets for Minnesota farmers by
7.27 providing more fruits, vegetables, meat, grain,
7.28 and dairy for Minnesota school children;
7.29 assisting value-added agricultural businesses
7.30 to begin or expand, access new markets, or
7.31 diversify; urban youth agricultural education;
7.32 urban agriculture community development;
7.33 facilitating the start-up, modernization, or
7.34 expansion of other beginning and transitioning
8.1 farms including by providing loans under
8.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 41B.056;
8.3 sustainable agriculture on-farm research and
8.4 demonstration; development or expansion of
8.5 food hubs and other alternative
8.6 community-based food distribution systems;
8.7 enhancing renewable energy infrastructure
8.8 and use; crop research; Farm Business
8.9 Management tuition assistance; good
8.10 agricultural practices/good handling practices
8.11 certification assistance; establishing and
8.12 supporting farmer-led water management
8.13 councils; and implementing farmer-led water
8.14 quality improvement practices. The
8.15 commissioner may use up to 4.5 percent of
8.16 this appropriation for costs incurred to
8.17 administer the program. Any unencumbered
8.18 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
8.19 year and is available for the second year.
8.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
8.21 16A.28, appropriations encumbered under
8.22 contract on or before June 30, 2019, for
8.23 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
8.24 grants are available until June 30, 2022. The
8.25 base for fiscal year 2020 is \$10,068,000 and
8.26 the base for fiscal year 2021 is \$10,068,000.

7.20 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
7.21 growth, research, and innovation program in
7.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

7.23 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
7.24 the second year are for distribution in equal
7.25 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
7.26 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

7.27 (2) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
7.28 the second year are for incentive payments
7.29 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
7.30 41A.17, and 41A.18;

7.31 (3) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
7.32 the second year are for livestock investment
7.33 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.34 17.118;

8.1 (4) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
8.2 the second year are for value-added agriculture
8.3 grants;

8.27 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
8.28 growth, research, and innovation program in
8.29 this subdivision, \$1,000,000 the first year and
8.30 \$1,000,000 the second year are for distribution
8.31 in equal amounts to each of the state's county
8.32 fairs to preserve and promote Minnesota
8.33 agriculture.

8.34 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
8.35 growth, research, and innovation program in
9.1 this subdivision, \$1,500,000 the first year and
9.2 \$1,500,000 the second year are for incentive
9.3 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
9.4 41A.16, 41A.17, and 41A.18. Notwithstanding
9.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first
9.6 year appropriation is available until June 30,
9.7 2019, and the second year appropriation is
9.8 available until June 30, 2020.

9.9 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
9.10 growth, research, and innovation program in
9.11 this subdivision, \$500,000 the first year is for
9.12 a grant to the Board of Trustees of the
9.13 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to
9.14 renovate the GROW-IT Center at Metropolitan
9.15 State University.

8.4 (5) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
8.5 the second year are for grants to install
8.6 equipment necessary to store or dispense
8.7 biofuels to the public in order to meet the
8.8 biofuel requirement goals established under
8.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911; and

8.10 (6) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
8.11 second year are for grants to expand
8.12 Minnesota agriculture, including
8.13 Minnesota-grown hemp, to new markets.

9.16 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
9.17 growth, research, and innovation program in
9.18 this subdivision, up to \$500,000 the first year
9.19 and up to \$500,000 the second year are for
9.20 urban youth agricultural education and urban
9.21 agriculture community development, in
9.22 consultation with urban agriculture
9.23 stakeholders.

9.24 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
9.25 growth, research, and innovation program in
9.26 this subdivision, up to \$250,000 the first year
9.27 and up to \$250,000 the second year are for
9.28 transfer to the good food access account in the
9.29 agricultural fund for the good food access
9.30 program.

9.31 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
9.32 growth, research, and innovation program in
9.33 this subdivision, up to \$40,000 the first year
9.34 and up to \$40,000 the second year are to
9.35 increase compensation for farm advocates and
10.1 expand the farm advocates program by
10.2 supplementing the base farm advocates
10.3 program appropriation in subdivision 5.

8.14 For value-added agriculture grants under
8.15 clause (4), the commissioner may award up
8.16 to two grants of up to \$750,000 per grant for
8.17 new or expanding livestock product processing
8.18 facilities or dairy product processing facilities
8.19 that provide significant economic impact to
8.20 the region. The remaining value-added
8.21 agriculture grants are for awards between
8.22 \$1,000 and \$200,000 per grant. The
8.23 appropriations in clauses (3), (4), (5), and (6),
8.24 are onetime. If the appropriation for incentive
8.25 payments in clause (2) exceeds the total
8.26 amount for which all producers are eligible in
8.27 a fiscal year, the balance of the appropriation
8.28 is available for the agricultural growth,
8.29 research, and innovation program. Any
8.30 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
8.31 end of the first year and is available for the
8.32 second year.

8.33 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
8.34 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered under
8.35 contract before June 30, 2019, under the
9.1 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
9.2 program in Minnesota Statutes, section
9.3 41A.12, are available until June 30, 2021. The
9.4 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
9.5 this appropriation for costs incurred to
9.6 administer the program.

9.7 The base budget for the agricultural growth,
9.8 research, and innovation program for fiscal

10.4 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
10.5 year are for grants to the Southern Minnesota
10.6 Initiative Foundation to promote local foods
10.7 through an annual event that raises public
10.8 awareness of local foods and connects local
10.9 food producers and processors with potential
10.10 buyers.

9.9 year 2020 and later is \$14,166,000 each fiscal
9.10 year. Of this amount:

9.11 (1) \$1,000,000 each year is for distribution in
9.12 equal amounts to each of the state's county
9.13 fairs to preserve and promote Minnesota
9.14 agriculture;

9.15 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for incentive
9.16 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
9.17 41A.16, 41A.17, and 41A.18;

9.18 (3) \$3,000,000 each year is for siding
9.19 production incentive payments under
9.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.20; and

9.21 (4) \$5,000,000 each year is for shrimp
9.22 production incentive payments under
9.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.21.

9.24 (e) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
9.25 second year are for grants to the Southern
9.26 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote
9.27 local foods through an annual event that raises
9.28 public awareness of local foods and connects
9.29 local food producers and processors with
9.30 potential buyers.

9.31 Subd. 5. **Administration and Financial Assistance** 7,723,000 7,277,000

9.32 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
9.33 second year are for payments to county and
9.34 district agricultural societies and associations
10.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
10.2 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
10.3 district agricultural societies and associations
10.4 shall be disbursed no later than July 15 of each
10.5 year. These payments are the amount of aid
10.6 from the state for an annual fair held in the
10.7 previous calendar year.

10.11 Subd. 5. **Administration and Financial Assistance** 7,600,000 7,450,000

10.19 \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
10.20 second year are for payments to county and
10.21 district agricultural societies and associations
10.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
10.23 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
10.24 district agricultural societies and associations
10.25 shall be disbursed no later than July 15 of each
10.26 year. These payments are the amount of aid
10.27 from the state for an annual fair held in the
10.28 previous calendar year.

10.8 (b) \$1,000 the first year and \$1,000 the second
10.9 year are for grants to the Minnesota State
10.10 Poultry Association.

10.11 (c) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
10.12 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
10.13 Livestock Breeders Association.

10.14 (d) \$47,000 the first year and \$47,000 the
10.15 second year are for the Northern Crops
10.16 Institute. These appropriations may be spent
10.17 to purchase equipment.

10.18 (e) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
10.19 second year are for farm advocate services.

10.20 (f) \$17,000 the first year and \$17,000 the
10.21 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
10.22 Horticultural Society.

10.23 (g) \$108,000 the first year and \$108,000 the
10.24 second year are for annual grants to the
10.25 Minnesota Turf Seed Council for basic and
10.26 applied research on: (1) the improved
10.27 production of forage and turf seed related to
10.28 new and improved varieties; and (2) native
10.29 plants, including plant breeding, nutrient
10.30 management, pest management, disease
10.31 management, yield, and viability. The grant
10.32 recipient may subcontract with a qualified
10.33 third party for some or all of the basic or
10.34 applied research. Any unencumbered balance
11.1 does not cancel at the end of the first year and
11.2 is available for the second year. This is a
11.3 onetime appropriation.

11.4 (h) \$113,000 the first year and \$113,000 the
11.5 second year are for transfer to the Board of
11.6 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
11.7 Universities for statewide mental health
11.8 counseling support to farm families and

10.29 \$1,000 the first year and \$1,000 the second
10.30 year are for grants to the Minnesota State
10.31 Poultry Association.

10.32 \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the second
10.33 year are for grants to the Minnesota Livestock
10.34 Breeders Association.

11.1 \$47,000 the first year and \$47,000 the second
11.2 year are for the Northern Crops Institute.
11.3 These appropriations may be spent to purchase
11.4 equipment.

10.16 \$180,000 the first year and \$180,000 the
10.17 second year are for the farm advocates
10.18 program.

11.5 \$17,000 the first year and \$17,000 the second
11.6 year are for grants to the Minnesota
11.7 Horticultural Society.

11.8 \$108,000 the first year and \$108,000 the
11.9 second year are for annual grants to the
11.10 Minnesota Turf Seed Council for basic and
11.11 applied research on: (1) the improved
11.12 production of forage and turf seed related to
11.13 new and improved varieties; and (2) native
11.14 plants, including plant breeding, nutrient
11.15 management, pest management, disease
11.16 management, yield, and viability. The grant
11.17 recipient may subcontract with a qualified
11.18 third party for some or all of the basic or
11.19 applied research. Any unencumbered balance
11.20 does not cancel at the end of the first year and
11.21 is available for the second year.

11.22 \$113,000 the first year and \$113,000 the
11.23 second year are for transfer to the Board of
11.24 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
11.25 Universities for statewide mental health
11.26 counseling support to farm families and

11.9 business operators. South Central College shall
11.10 serve as the fiscal agent.

11.11 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
11.12 second year are for grants to Second Harvest
11.13 Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's six
11.14 Feeding America food banks for the purchase
11.15 of milk for distribution to Minnesota's food
11.16 shelves and other charitable organizations that
11.17 are eligible to receive food from the food
11.18 banks. Milk purchased under the grants must
11.19 be acquired from Minnesota milk processors
11.20 and based on low-cost bids. The milk must be
11.21 allocated to each Feeding America food bank
11.22 serving Minnesota according to the formula
11.23 used in the distribution of United States
11.24 Department of Agriculture commodities under
11.25 The Emergency Food Assistance Program
11.26 (TEFAP). Second Harvest Heartland must
11.27 submit quarterly reports to the commissioner
11.28 on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The
11.29 reports must include, but are not limited to,
11.30 information on the expenditure of funds, the
11.31 amount of milk purchased, and the
11.32 organizations to which the milk was
11.33 distributed. Second Harvest Heartland may
11.34 enter into contracts or agreements with food
11.35 banks for shared funding or reimbursement of
12.1 the direct purchase of milk. Each food bank
12.2 receiving money from this appropriation may
12.3 use up to two percent of the grant for
12.4 administrative expenses. Any unencumbered
12.5 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
12.6 year and is available for the second year.

12.7 (j) \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000
12.8 the second year are for grants to Second
12.9 Harvest Heartland on behalf of the six Feeding
12.10 America food banks that serve Minnesota to
12.11 compensate agricultural producers and
12.12 processors for costs incurred to harvest and
12.13 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,
12.14 and other agricultural commodities that would

11.27 business operators. South Central College shall
11.28 serve as the fiscal agent.

11.29 \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
11.30 second year are for grants to Second Harvest
11.31 Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's six
11.32 Feeding America food banks for the purchase
11.33 of milk for distribution to Minnesota's food
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12.10 submit quarterly reports to the commissioner
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12.14 amount of milk purchased, and the
12.15 organizations to which the milk was
12.16 distributed. Second Harvest Heartland may
12.17 enter into contracts or agreements with food
12.18 banks for shared funding or reimbursement of
12.19 the direct purchase of milk. Each food bank
12.20 receiving money from this appropriation may
12.21 use up to two percent of the grant for
12.22 administrative expenses. Any unencumbered
12.23 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
12.24 year and is available for the second year.

12.25 \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000 the
12.26 second year are for grants to Second Harvest
12.27 Heartland on behalf of the six Feeding
12.28 America food banks that serve Minnesota to
12.29 compensate agricultural producers and
12.30 processors for costs incurred to harvest and
12.31 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,
12.32 and other agricultural commodities that would

12.15 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or
12.16 sold in a secondary market. Surplus
12.17 commodities must be distributed statewide to
12.18 food shelves and other charitable organizations
12.19 that are eligible to receive food from the food
12.20 banks. Surplus food acquired under this
12.21 appropriation must be from Minnesota
12.22 producers and processors. Second Harvest
12.23 Heartland must report when required by, and
12.24 in the form prescribed by, the commissioner.
12.25 Second Harvest Heartland may use up to 11
12.26 percent of any grant received for
12.27 administrative expenses, and up to four percent
12.28 of the grant for transportation expenses. Any
12.29 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
12.30 end of the first year and is available for the
12.31 second year.

12.32 (k) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
12.33 second year are for grants to the Center for
12.34 Rural Policy and Development.

13.1 (l) \$235,000 the first year and \$235,000 the
13.2 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
13.3 Agricultural Education and Leadership
13.4 Council for programs of the council under
13.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

13.6 (m) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
13.7 second year are for grants to the Board of
13.8 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
13.9 develop, in consultation with the
13.10 commissioner of agriculture and the Board of
13.11 Animal Health, a software tool or application
13.12 through the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
13.13 that empowers veterinarians and producers to
13.14 understand the movement of unique pathogen
13.15 strains in livestock and poultry production
13.16 systems, monitor antibiotic resistance, and
13.17 implement effective biosecurity measures that
13.18 promote animal health and limit production
13.19 losses. This is a onetime appropriation.

12.33 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or
12.34 sold in a secondary market. Surplus
12.35 commodities must be distributed statewide to
12.36 food shelves and other charitable organizations
13.1 that are eligible to receive food from the food
13.2 banks. Surplus food acquired under this
13.3 appropriation must be from Minnesota
13.4 producers and processors. Second Harvest
13.5 Heartland must report in the form prescribed
13.6 by the commissioner. Second Harvest
13.7 Heartland may use up to 15 percent of each
13.8 grant for matching administrative and
13.9 transportation expenses. Any unencumbered
13.10 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
13.11 year and is available for the second year.

13.12 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
13.13 second year are for grants to the Center for
13.14 Rural Policy and Development.

13.15 \$235,000 the first year and \$235,000 the
13.16 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
13.17 Agricultural Education and Leadership
13.18 Council for programs of the council under
13.19 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

13.20 \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
13.21 second year are for grants to the Board of
13.22 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
13.23 develop, in consultation with the
13.24 commissioner of agriculture and the Board of
13.25 Animal Health, a software tool or application
13.26 through the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
13.27 that empowers veterinarians and producers to
13.28 understand the movement of unique pathogen
13.29 strains in livestock and poultry production
13.30 systems, monitor antibiotic resistance, and
13.31 implement effective biosecurity measures that
13.32 promote animal health and limit production
13.33 losses. The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$0.

13.20 (n) \$150,000 the first year is for tractor
13.21 rollover protection grants under Minnesota
13.22 Statutes, section 17.119. This is a onetime
13.23 appropriation and is available until June 30,
13.24 2019.

13.25 (o) \$296,000 the first year is for a grant to the
13.26 Board of Regents of the University of
13.27 Minnesota to fund the Forever Green
13.28 Agriculture initiative to protect the state's
13.29 natural resources while increasing the
13.30 efficiency, profitability, and productivity of
13.31 Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial
13.32 and winter annual crops into existing
13.33 agricultural practices. This is a onetime
13.34 appropriation and is available until June 30,
13.35 2021.

14.1 By January 15, 2018, the commissioner shall
14.2 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
14.3 minority members of the legislative
14.4 committees with jurisdiction over agricultural
14.5 policy and finance with a list of inspections
14.6 the department conducts at more frequent
14.7 intervals than federal law requires, an
14.8 explanation of why the additional inspections
14.9 are necessary, and provide recommendations
14.10 for eliminating any unnecessary inspections.

14.11	Sec. 3. <u>BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH</u>	\$	5,384,000	\$	5,384,000
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14.12	Sec. 4. <u>AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION</u>			
14.13	RESEARCH INSTITUTE	\$	3,793,000	\$ 3,793,000

10.12 \$150,000 the first year is for the tractor
10.13 rollover protection pilot program under
10.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.119, and is
10.15 available until June 30, 2019.

13.34	Sec. 3. <u>BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH</u>	\$	5,443,000	\$	5,491,000
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14.1	Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION		
14.2	RESEARCH INSTITUTE	\$ 3,643,000	\$ 3,643,000

20.28 **ARTICLE 2**

20.29 **AGRICULTURAL POLICY**

20.30 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.7371, is amended to read:

21.1 **3.7371 COMPENSATION FOR CROP OR FENCE DAMAGE CAUSED BY ELK.**

- 21.2 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** Notwithstanding section 3.736, subdivision 3, paragraph
21.3 (e), or any other law, a person who owns an agricultural crop or pasture shall be compensated
21.4 by the commissioner of agriculture for an agricultural crop, or fence surrounding the crop
21.5 or pasture, that is damaged or destroyed by elk as provided in this section.
- 21.6 Subd. 2. **Claim form.** The ~~crop or pasture~~ owner must prepare a claim on forms provided
21.7 by the commissioner and available ~~at on the county extension agent's office~~ Department of
21.8 Agriculture's Web site or by request from the commissioner. The claim form must be filed
21.9 with the commissioner.
- 21.10 Subd. 3. **Compensation.** (a) The crop owner is entitled to the target price or the market
21.11 price, whichever is greater, of the damaged or destroyed crop plus adjustments for yield
21.12 loss determined according to agricultural stabilization and conservation service programs
21.13 for individual farms, adjusted annually, as determined by the commissioner, upon
21.14 recommendation of the ~~county extension~~ commissioner's approved agent for the owner's
21.15 county. Verification of fence damage or destruction by elk may be provided by submitting
21.16 photographs or other evidence and documentation together with a statement from an
21.17 independent witness using forms prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner, upon
21.18 recommendation of the commissioner's approved agent, shall determine whether the crop
21.19 damage or destruction or damage to or destruction of a fence surrounding a crop or pasture
21.20 is caused by elk and, if so, the amount of the crop or fence that is damaged or destroyed. In
21.21 any fiscal year, an owner may not be compensated for a damaged or destroyed crop or fence
21.22 surrounding a crop or pasture that is less than \$100 in value and may be compensated up
21.23 to \$20,000, as determined under this section, if normal harvest procedures for the area are
21.24 followed.
- 21.25 (b) In any fiscal year, the commissioner may provide compensation for claims filed
21.26 under this section up to the amount expressly appropriated for this purpose.
- 21.27 Subd. 4. **Insurance deduction.** Payments authorized by this section must be reduced
21.28 by amounts received by the owner as proceeds from an insurance policy covering crop
21.29 losses or damage to or destruction of a fence surrounding a crop or pasture, or from any
21.30 other source for the same purpose including, but not limited to, a federal program.
- 21.31 Subd. 5. **Decision on claims; opening land to hunting.** If the commissioner finds that
21.32 the ~~crop or pasture~~ owner has shown that the damage or destruction of the owner's crop or
21.33 damage to or destruction of a fence surrounding a crop or pasture was caused more probably
21.34 than not by elk, the commissioner shall pay compensation as provided in this section and
22.1 the rules of the commissioner. ~~A crop~~ An owner who receives compensation under this
22.2 section may, by written permission, permit hunting on the land at the landowner's discretion.
- 22.3 Subd. 6. **Denial of claim; appeal.** (a) If the commissioner denies compensation claimed
22.4 by a ~~crop or pasture~~ owner under this section, the commissioner shall issue a written

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- decision based upon the available evidence including a statement of the facts upon which the decision is based and the conclusions on the material issues of the claim. A copy of the decision must be mailed to the ~~crop or pasture~~ owner.
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- (b) A decision denying compensation claimed under this section is not subject to the contested case review procedures of chapter 14, but ~~a crop or pasture~~ an owner may have the claim reviewed in a trial de novo in a court in the county where the loss occurred. The decision of the court may be appealed as in other civil cases. Review in court may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the administrator of the court within 60 days following receipt of a decision under this section. Upon the filing of a petition, the administrator shall mail a copy to the commissioner and set a time for hearing within 90 days after the filing.
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- Subd. 7. **Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules and may amend rules to carry out this section. The commissioner may use the expedited rulemaking process in section 14.389 to adopt and amend rules authorized in this section. The rules must include:
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- (1) methods of valuation of crops damaged or destroyed;
- (2) criteria for determination of the cause of the crop damage or destruction;
- (3) notice requirements by the owner of the damaged or destroyed crop;
- (4) compensation rates for fence damage or destruction that ~~shall include a minimum claim of \$75.00 per incident and a maximum of~~ must not exceed \$1,800 per claimant per fiscal year; and
- (5) any other matters determined necessary by the commissioner to carry out this section.
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- Subd. 8. **Report.** The commissioner must submit a report to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture and environment and natural resources by December 15 each year that details the total amount of damages paid, by elk herd, in the previous two fiscal years.
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- Sec. 2. **[17.112] FARM SAFETY WORKING GROUP.**
- Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Farm Safety Working Group is established to advise the commissioner and the legislature on farm safety issues and to perform the other duties specified in this section.
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- Subd. 2. **Membership; appointments; compensation.** (a) The Farm Safety Working Group consists of:

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(1) the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's designee, who must serve as
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the chair;
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(2) the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;
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(3) the commissioner of labor and industry or the commissioner's designee;
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(4) a representative of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities;
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(5) a representative of University of Minnesota Extension;
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(6) a representative of the University of Minnesota's Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety
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and Health Center;
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(7) a representative of the Minnesota Farm Bureau;
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(8) a representative of the Minnesota Farmers Union;
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(9) a representative of the Minnesota Safety Council;
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(10) a representative of the Minnesota-South Dakota Equipment Dealers Association;
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(11) a representative of the Minnesota Agriculture Education Leadership Council;
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(12) a representative of the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs;
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(13) a representative of the Latino Economic Development Center; and
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(14) three citizen members appointed by the commissioner.
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(b) Members in paragraph (a), clauses (4) to (13), must be appointed by the specified
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organization and serve at the pleasure of the organization. Members appointed by the
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commissioner serve two-year terms.
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(c) Members must serve without compensation.
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Subd. 3. **Meetings; staff.** The commissioner must convene meetings as appropriate and
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provide staff to support the working group.

14.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 17.119, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

14.15 Subdivision 1. **Grants; eligibility.** (a) The commissioner must award ~~cost-share~~ grants

14.16 to Minnesota farmers who retrofit eligible tractors and Minnesota schools that retrofit eligible

14.17 tractors with eligible rollover protective structures.

14.18 (b) Grants for farmers are limited to 70 percent of the farmer's ~~or school's~~ documented

14.19 cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure. The commissioner

14.20 must increase ~~the a farmer's~~ grant award amount over the 70 percent grant limitation

14.21 requirement if necessary to limit a farmer's ~~or school's~~ cost per tractor to no more than \$500.

14.22 (c) Schools are eligible for grants that cover the full amount of a school's documented

14.23 cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure.

14.24 ~~(b)~~ (d) A rollover protective structure is eligible if it ~~meets or exceeds SAE International~~

14.25 ~~standard J2194~~ is certified to appropriate national or international rollover protection structure

14.26 standards with a seat belt.

14.27 ~~(e)~~ (e) A tractor is eligible if the tractor was built before 1987.

14.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2016.

15.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 17.119, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

23.25 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The working group must serve as a forum to discuss farm safety issues

23.26 and organize a collective effort to improve farm safety in this state. The working group also

23.27 must:

23.28 (1) coordinate the work and resources of member organizations;

23.29 (2) monitor the impact of farm safety initiatives in Minnesota;

24.1 (3) explore the feasibility and desirability of creating a farm safety certification program

24.2 to recognize farmers who participate in safety programs and meet safety standards, and

24.3 identify appropriate financial incentives for participating farmers; and

24.4 (4) increase farmer awareness of the state's workplace safety consultation program.

24.5 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2021.

24.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 17.119, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

24.7 Subdivision 1. **Grants; eligibility.** (a) The commissioner must award ~~cost-share~~ grants

24.8 to Minnesota farmers who retrofit eligible tractors and Minnesota schools that retrofit eligible

24.9 tractors with eligible rollover protective structures.

24.10 (b) Grants for farmers are limited to 70 percent of the farmer's ~~or school's~~ documented

24.11 cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure. The commissioner

24.12 must increase ~~the a farmer's~~ grant award amount over the 70 percent grant limitation

24.13 requirement if necessary to limit a farmer's ~~or school's~~ cost per tractor to no more than \$500.

24.14 (c) Schools are eligible for grants that cover the full amount of a school's documented

24.15 cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure.

24.16 ~~(b)~~ (d) A rollover protective structure is eligible if it ~~meets or exceeds SAE International~~

24.17 ~~standard J2194~~ is certified to appropriate national or international rollover protection structure

24.18 standards with a seat belt.

24.19 ~~(e)~~ (e) A tractor is eligible if the tractor was built before 1987.

24.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2016.

24.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 17.119, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.2 Subd. 2. **Promotion; administration.** The commissioner may spend up to ~~20~~ six percent
15.3 of total program dollars each fiscal year to promote and administer the program to Minnesota
15.4 farmers and schools.

15.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18.79, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

15.6 Subd. 18. **Noxious weed education and notification.** (a) The commissioner shall
15.7 disseminate information and conduct educational campaigns with respect to control of
15.8 noxious weeds or invasive plants to enhance regulatory compliance and voluntary efforts
15.9 to eliminate or manage these plants. The commissioner shall call and attend meetings and
15.10 conferences dealing with the subject of noxious weeds. The commissioner shall maintain
15.11 on the department's Web site noxious weed management information including but not
15.12 limited to the roles and responsibilities of citizens and government entities under sections
15.13 18.76 to 18.91 and specific guidance as to whom a person should contact to report a noxious
15.14 weed issue.

15.15 (b) The commissioner shall post notice on the commissioner's Web site and in appropriate
15.16 agricultural media when a weed on the eradicate list is confirmed for the first time in a
15.17 county. The commissioner shall work with stakeholders, including the Board of Water and
15.18 Soil Resources, the commissioner of natural resources, soil and water conservation districts,
15.19 University of Minnesota Extension, county agricultural inspectors, and local weed inspectors
15.20 to eradicate the weed in Minnesota.

15.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18B.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
15.22 read:

15.23 Subd. 5. **Label compliance.** Unless explicitly required by the FIFRA, the commissioner
15.24 must not require an applicator to demonstrate label compliance or need prior to applying a
15.25 pesticide.

24.22 Subd. 2. **Promotion; administration.** The commissioner may spend up to ~~20~~ six percent
24.23 of total program dollars each fiscal year to promote and administer the program to Minnesota
24.24 farmers and schools.

24.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18.79, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

24.26 Subd. 18. **Noxious weed education and notification.** (a) The commissioner shall
24.27 disseminate information and conduct educational campaigns with respect to control of
24.28 noxious weeds or invasive plants to enhance regulatory compliance and voluntary efforts
24.29 to eliminate or manage these plants. The commissioner shall call and attend meetings and
24.30 conferences dealing with the subject of noxious weeds. The commissioner shall maintain
25.1 on the department's Web site noxious weed management information including but not
25.2 limited to the roles and responsibilities of citizens and government entities under sections
25.3 18.76 to 18.91 and specific guidance as to whom a person should contact to report a noxious
25.4 weed issue.

25.5 (b) The commissioner shall post notice on the Department of Agriculture's Web site and
25.6 alert appropriate media outlets when a weed on the eradicate list is confirmed for the first
25.7 time in a county.

25.8 Sec. 6. [18B.051] POLLINATOR HABITAT AND RESEARCH ACCOUNT.

25.9 A pollinator habitat and research account is established in the agricultural fund. Money
25.10 in the account, including interest, is appropriated to the Board of Regents of the University
25.11 of Minnesota for pollinator research and outreach including, but not limited to, science-based
25.12 best practices and the identification and establishment of habitat beneficial to pollinators.

25.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 28A.081, is amended to read:
25.14 **28A.081 CERTIFICATE FEES.**

15.26 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 41A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.27 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) A facility eligible for payment under this section must source
15.28 at least 80 percent raw materials from Minnesota. If a facility is sited 50 miles or less from
15.29 the state border, raw materials may be sourced from within a 100-mile radius. Raw materials
15.30 must be from forest resources. The facility must be located in Minnesota, must begin
15.31 production at a specific location by June 30, 2025, and must not begin operating before July
15.32 1, ~~2017~~ 2019. Eligible facilities include existing companies and facilities that are adding
16.1 siding production capacity, or retrofitting existing capacity, as well as new companies and

25.15 Subdivision 1. **Fee.** A fee of ~~\$75~~ \$125 for each certificate shall be charged to ~~all food~~
25.16 ~~establishments that request certificates~~ any person who requests a certificate issued by the
25.17 Minnesota Department of Agriculture to facilitate the movement of Minnesota processed
25.18 and manufactured foods destined for export from the state of Minnesota. Certificates include,
25.19 but are not limited to, a certificate of free sale, certificate of export, certificate of sanitation,
25.20 sanitary certificate, certificate of origin and/or free sale, certificate of health and/or free
25.21 sale, sanitation, and purity, certificate of free trade, certificate of free sale, sanitation, purity,
25.22 and origin, certificate of health, sanitation, purity, and free sale, and letter of plant
25.23 certification.

25.24 The commissioner shall bill ~~a food establishment~~ the requesting person within seven
25.25 days after issuing a certificate to the ~~establishment~~ person. The ~~operator of the food~~
25.26 ~~establishment~~ requesting person must submit payment for a certificate within ten days of
25.27 the billing date. If a certificate fee payment is not received within 15 days of the billing
25.28 date, the commissioner may not issue any future certificates to the requesting person until
25.29 previous fees due are paid in full. Fees paid under this section must be deposited in the food
25.30 certificate account established under subdivision 2 or another account in the agricultural
25.31 fund if the expenses for the certificate will be paid from that other account.

26.1 Subd. 2. **Food certificate account; appropriation.** A food certificate account is
26.2 established in the agricultural fund. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated
26.3 to the commissioner for expenses relating to certifying Minnesota processed and
26.4 manufactured foods under chapters 28 to 34A or rules adopted under one of those chapters.

26.5 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 41A.12, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

26.6 Subd. 3. **Oversight.** The commissioner, ~~in consultation with the chairs and ranking~~
26.7 ~~minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction~~
26.8 ~~over agriculture finance,~~ must allocate available appropriated funds among eligible uses as
26.9 provided by law, develop competitive eligibility criteria, and award funds on a needs basis.
26.10 By February 1 each year, the commissioner shall report to the legislature ~~on the allocation~~
26.11 ~~among eligible uses and any financial assistance provided.~~ the outcomes achieved under
26.12 this section.

16.2 facilities. Eligible siding production facilities must produce at least 200,000,000 siding
16.3 square feet on a 3/8 inch nominal basis of siding each year.

16.4 (b) No payments shall be made for siding production that occurs after June 30, 2035,
16.5 for those eligible producers under paragraph (a).

16.6 (c) An eligible producer of siding shall not transfer the producer's eligibility for payments
16.7 under this section to a facility at a different location.

16.8 (d) A producer that ceases production for any reason is ineligible to receive payments
16.9 under this section until the producer resumes production.

16.10 Sec. 10. **[41A.21] SHRIMP PRODUCTION INCENTIVE.**

16.11 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
16.12 subdivision have the meanings given them.

16.13 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture.

16.14 (c) "Feed" means pelletized material produced from agricultural sources.

16.15 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) A facility eligible for payment under this section must acquire
16.16 at least 80 percent of feed from Minnesota. The facility must be located in Minnesota, must
16.17 begin production at a specific location by June 30, 2025, and must not begin production
16.18 before July 1, 2019. Eligible facilities include existing companies and facilities that are
16.19 adding shrimp production capacity, or retrofitting existing capacity, as well as new companies
16.20 and facilities. Eligible shrimp production facilities must produce at least 25,000 pounds of
16.21 shrimp each quarter.

16.22 (b) No payments shall be made for shrimp production that occurs after June 30, 2030.
16.23 for those eligible producers under paragraph (a).

16.24 (c) An eligible producer of shrimp shall not transfer the producer's eligibility for payments
16.25 under this section to a facility at a different location.

16.26 (d) A producer that ceases production for any reason is ineligible to receive payments
16.27 under this section until the producer resumes production.

16.28 Subd. 3. **Payment amounts; limits.** (a) The commissioner shall make payments to
16.29 eligible producers of shrimp. The amount of the payment for each eligible producer's

- 16.30 quarterly production is 69 cents per pound of shrimp produced at a specific location for five
16.31 years after the start of production.
- 17.1 (b) Total payments under this section to an eligible shrimp producer in a quarter may
17.2 not exceed the amount necessary for 2,000,000 pounds of shrimp produced. Total payments
17.3 under this section to all eligible shrimp producers in a quarter may not exceed \$1,250,000.
17.4 If the total amount for which all shrimp producers are eligible in a quarter exceeds the
17.5 amount available for payments, the commissioner shall award payments on a pro rata basis
17.6 within the limits of available funding.
- 17.7 (c) For purposes of this section, an entity that holds a controlling interest in more than
17.8 one shrimp facility is considered a single eligible producer.
- 17.9 Subd. 4. **Claims.** (a) By the last day of October, January, April, and July, each eligible
17.10 shrimp producer shall file a claim for payment for shrimp production during the preceding
17.11 three calendar months. An eligible shrimp producer that files a claim under this subdivision
17.12 shall include a statement of the eligible producer's total pounds of shrimp produced during
17.13 the quarter covered by the claim. For each claim and statement of total pounds of shrimp
17.14 filed under this subdivision, the pounds of shrimp produced must be examined by a certified
17.15 public accounting firm with a valid permit to practice under chapter 326A, in accordance
17.16 with Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements established by the American
17.17 Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 17.18 (b) The commissioner must issue payments by November 15, February 15, May 15, and
17.19 August 15. A separate payment must be made for each claim filed.
- 17.20 Subd. 5. **Report.** By January 15 each year, the commissioner shall report on the program
17.21 under this section to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agricultural policy
17.22 and finance. The report shall include information on production and incentive expenditures
17.23 under the program.

- 26.13 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 344.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 26.14 Subdivision 1. **Adjoining owners.** If all or a part of adjoining Minnesota land is improved
26.15 and used, (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), if two adjoining lands are both used in
26.16 whole or in part to produce or maintain livestock for agricultural or commercial purposes
26.17 and one or both of the owners of the land desires the land to be partly or totally fenced, the
26.18 land owners or occupants shall build and maintain a partition fence between their lands in
26.19 equal shares.

17.24 Sec. 11. **WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICT PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.**

17.25 (a) The commissioner of agriculture may award grants to livestock producers to prevent
17.26 wolf-livestock conflicts. Livestock producers located in Minnesota are eligible to apply for
17.27 reimbursement for the cost of practices to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts. The commissioner
17.28 may establish a cap on the amount a recipient may receive annually.

17.29 (b) To be eligible for the grant under this section, a livestock producer must raise livestock
17.30 within Minnesota's wolf range or on property determined by the commissioner to be affected
17.31 by wolf-livestock conflicts.

17.32 (c) Eligible wolf-livestock conflict prevention activities include, but are not limited to:

17.33 (1) the purchase of guard animals;

18.1 (2) veterinary costs for guard animals;

18.2 (3) the installation of wolf barriers; wolf barriers may include pens, fladry, and fencing;

18.3 (4) the installation of wolf-deterring lights and alarms; and

18.4 (5) calving or lambing shelters.

18.5 (d) Eligible grant recipients must:

18.6 (1) make a good-faith effort to avoid wolf-livestock conflicts;

26.20 (b) The requirement in this section and the procedures in this chapter apply to the
26.21 Department of Natural Resources when it owns land adjoining privately owned land subject
26.22 to this section and chapter and the landowner desires the land permanently fenced for the
26.23 purpose of restraining livestock.

26.24 (c) For purposes of this section, "livestock" means beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, poultry,
26.25 goats, donkeys, hinnies, mules, farmed Cervidae, Ratitae, bison, sheep, horses, alpacas, and
26.26 llamas.

26.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
26.28 applies to partition fences built pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 344, on or after that
26.29 date.

- 18.7
- (2) make a good-faith effort to care for guard animals paid for under this section;
- 18.8
- (3) retain proper documentation of expenses;
- 18.9
- (4) report annually to the commissioner on the effectiveness of the nonlethal methods
- 18.10
- employed; and
- 18.11
- (5) allow follow-up evaluation and monitoring by the commissioner.
- 18.12
- (e) Grant recipients shall continue to be eligible for depredation payments under
- 18.13
- Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737.

- 14.3
- Sec. 5. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, as
- 14.4
- amended by Laws 2016, chapter 184, section 11, and Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 2,
- 14.5
- section 26, is amended to read:
- 14.6
- Subd. 4. **Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct**
- 14.7
- Advancement** 14,993,000 ~~19,010,000~~
18,316,000
- 14.8
- \$4,483,000 the first year and \$8,500,000 the
- 14.9
- second year are for transfer to the agriculture
- 14.10
- research, education, extension, and technology
- 14.11
- transfer account under Minnesota Statutes,
- 14.12
- section 41A.14, subdivision 3. The transfer in
- 14.13
- this paragraph includes money for plant
- 14.14
- breeders at the University of Minnesota for
- 14.15
- wild rice, potatoes, and grapes. Of these
- 14.16
- amounts, at least \$600,000 each year is for the
- 14.17
- Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's
- 14.18
- Agriculture Rapid Response Fund under
- 14.19
- Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
- 14.20
- subdivision 1, clause (2). Of the amount
- 14.21
- appropriated in this paragraph, \$1,000,000
- 14.22
- each year is for transfer to the Board of
- 14.23
- Regents of the University of Minnesota for
- 14.24
- research to determine (1) what is causing avian
- 14.25
- influenza, (2) why some fowl are more
- 14.26
- susceptible, and (3) prevention measures that
- 14.27
- can be taken. Of the amount appropriated in

14.28 this paragraph, \$2,000,000 each year is for
14.29 grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education
14.30 Leadership Council to enhance agricultural
14.31 education with priority given to Farm Business
14.32 Management challenge grants. The
14.33 commissioner shall transfer the remaining
14.34 grant funds in this appropriation each year to
14.35 the Board of Regents of the University of
15.1 Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
15.2 section 41A.14.

15.3 To the extent practicable, funds expended
15.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
15.5 subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must
15.6 supplement and not supplant existing sources
15.7 and levels of funding. The commissioner may
15.8 use up to 4.5 percent of this appropriation for
15.9 costs incurred to administer the program. Any
15.10 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
15.11 end of the first year and is available for the
15.12 second year.

15.13 \$10,235,000 the first year and ~~\$10,235,000~~
15.14 \$9,541,000 the second year are for the
15.15 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
15.16 program in Minnesota Statutes, section
15.17 41A.12. No later than February 1, 2016, and
15.18 February 1, 2017, the commissioner must
15.19 report to the legislative committees with
15.20 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance
15.21 regarding the commissioner's
15.22 accomplishments and anticipated
15.23 accomplishments in the following areas:
15.24 facilitating the start-up, modernization, or
15.25 expansion of livestock operations including
15.26 beginning and transitioning livestock
15.27 operations; developing new markets for
15.28 Minnesota farmers by providing more fruits,
15.29 vegetables, meat, grain, and dairy for
15.30 Minnesota school children; assisting
15.31 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
15.32 or expand, access new markets, or diversify
15.33 products; developing urban agriculture;

15.34 facilitating the start-up, modernization, or
15.35 expansion of other beginning and transitioning
16.1 farms including loans under Minnesota
16.2 Statutes, section 41B.056; sustainable
16.3 agriculture on farm research and
16.4 demonstration; development or expansion of
16.5 food hubs and other alternative
16.6 community-based food distribution systems;
16.7 incentive payments under Minnesota Statutes,
16.8 sections 41A.16, 41A.17, and 41A.18; and
16.9 research on bioenergy, biobased content, or
16.10 biobased formulated products and other
16.11 renewable energy development. The
16.12 commissioner may use up to 4.5 percent of
16.13 this appropriation for costs incurred to
16.14 administer the program. Any unencumbered
16.15 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
16.16 year and is available for the second year.
16.17 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
16.18 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered under
16.19 contract on or before June 30, 2017, for
16.20 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
16.21 grants are available until June 30, 2019.

16.22 The commissioner may use funds appropriated
16.23 for the agricultural growth, research, and
16.24 innovation program as provided in this
16.25 paragraph. The commissioner may award
16.26 grants to owners of Minnesota facilities
16.27 producing bioenergy, biobased content, or a
16.28 biobased formulated product; to organizations
16.29 that provide for on-station, on-farm field scale
16.30 research and outreach to develop and test the
16.31 agronomic and economic requirements of
16.32 diverse strands of prairie plants and other
16.33 perennials for bioenergy systems; or to certain
16.34 nongovernmental entities. For the purposes of
16.35 this paragraph, "bioenergy" includes
16.36 transportation fuels derived from cellulosic
17.1 material, as well as the generation of energy
17.2 for commercial heat, industrial process heat,
17.3 or electrical power from cellulosic materials
17.4 via gasification or other processes. Grants are

17.5 limited to 50 percent of the cost of research,
17.6 technical assistance, or equipment related to
17.7 bioenergy, biobased content, or biobased
17.8 formulated product production or \$500,000,
17.9 whichever is less. Grants to nongovernmental
17.10 entities for the development of business plans
17.11 and structures related to community ownership
17.12 of eligible bioenergy facilities together may
17.13 not exceed \$150,000. The commissioner shall
17.14 make a good-faith effort to select projects that
17.15 have merit and, when taken together, represent
17.16 a variety of bioenergy technologies, biomass
17.17 feedstocks, and geographic regions of the
17.18 state. Projects must have a qualified engineer
17.19 provide certification on the technology and
17.20 fuel source. Grantees must provide reports at
17.21 the request of the commissioner.

17.22 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
17.23 growth, research, and innovation program in
17.24 this subdivision, \$1,000,000 the first year and
17.25 \$1,000,000 the second year are for distribution
17.26 in equal amounts to each of the state's county
17.27 fairs to preserve and promote Minnesota
17.28 agriculture.

17.29 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
17.30 growth, research, and innovation program in
17.31 this subdivision, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016
17.32 and ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$806,000 in fiscal year 2017
17.33 are for incentive payments under Minnesota
17.34 Statutes, sections 41A.16, 41A.17, and
17.35 41A.18. If the appropriation exceeds the total
18.1 amount for which all producers are eligible in
18.2 a fiscal year, the balance of the appropriation
18.3 is available to the commissioner for the
18.4 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
18.5 program. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
18.6 section 16A.28, the first year appropriation is
18.7 available until June 30, 2017, and the second
18.8 year appropriation is available until June 30,
18.9 2018. The commissioner may use up to 4.5

18.10 percent of the appropriation for administration
18.11 of the incentive payment programs.

18.12 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
18.13 growth, research, and innovation program in
18.14 this subdivision, \$250,000 the first year is for
18.15 grants to communities to develop or expand
18.16 food hubs and other alternative
18.17 community-based food distribution systems.
18.18 Of this amount, \$50,000 is for the
18.19 commissioner to consult with existing food
18.20 hubs, alternative community-based food
18.21 distribution systems, and University of
18.22 Minnesota Extension to identify best practices
18.23 for use by other Minnesota communities. No
18.24 later than December 15, 2015, the
18.25 commissioner must report to the legislative
18.26 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
18.27 and health regarding the status of emerging
18.28 alternative community-based food distribution
18.29 systems in the state along with
18.30 recommendations to eliminate any barriers to
18.31 success. Any unencumbered balance does not
18.32 cancel at the end of the first year and is
18.33 available for the second year. This is a onetime
18.34 appropriation.

19.1 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
19.2 second year are for grants that enable retail
19.3 petroleum dispensers to dispense biofuels to
19.4 the public in accordance with the biofuel
19.5 replacement goals established under
19.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
19.7 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
19.8 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
19.9 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
19.10 under this paragraph if the retail petroleum
19.11 dispenser has no more than 15 retail petroleum
19.12 dispensing sites and each site is located in
19.13 Minnesota. The grant money received under
19.14 this paragraph must be used for the installation
19.15 of appropriate technology that uses fuel
19.16 dispensing equipment appropriate for at least

19.17 one fuel dispensing site to dispense gasoline
19.18 that is blended with 15 percent of
19.19 agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol, by
19.20 volume, and appropriate technical assistance
19.21 related to the installation. A grant award must
19.22 not exceed 85 percent of the cost of the
19.23 technical assistance and appropriate
19.24 technology, including remetering of and
19.25 retrofits for retail petroleum dispensers and
19.26 replacement of petroleum dispenser projects.
19.27 The commissioner may use up to \$35,000 of
19.28 this appropriation for administrative expenses.
19.29 The commissioner shall cooperate with biofuel
19.30 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
19.31 program. The commissioner must report to
19.32 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
19.33 over agriculture policy and finance by
19.34 February 1 each year, detailing the number of
19.35 grants awarded under this paragraph and the
19.36 projected effect of the grant program on
20.1 meeting the biofuel replacement goals under
20.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. These
20.3 are onetime appropriations.

20.4 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
20.5 year are for grants to the Southern Minnesota
20.6 Initiative Foundation to promote local foods
20.7 through an annual event that raises public
20.8 awareness of local foods and connects local
20.9 food producers and processors with potential
20.10 buyers.

20.11 Sec. 6. **BASE BUDGET REPORT REQUIRED.**

20.12 No later than October 15, 2018, the commissioner of agriculture must submit a report
20.13 detailing the agency's base budget, including any prior appropriation riders, to the chairs
20.14 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
20.15 finance.

20.16 Sec. 7. **TRANSFER REQUIRED.**

20.17 Of the amount appropriated from the general fund for transfer to the agricultural
20.18 emergency account in Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 2, section 2, the commissioner of

18.14 Sec. 12. **REPEALER.**

18.15 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 41A.20, subdivision 6, is repealed.

20.19 management and budget must transfer \$450,000 back to the general fund on July 1, 2017.

20.20 This is a onetime transfer.

20.21 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION.**

20.22 All unspent funds, estimated to be \$694,000, appropriated for the agricultural growth,

20.23 research, and innovation program and designated for bioeconomy incentive payments under

20.24 Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, as amended

20.25 by Laws 2016, chapter 184, section 11, and Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 2, section 26,

20.26 are canceled to the general fund.

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

26.30 Sec. 10. **REPEALER.**

26.31 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 383C.809, is repealed.