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Summary

As amended, this bill would appropriate \$5,650,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to develop and enhance farm-to-school and other farm-to-institution markets for Minnesota agricultural products.

Specifically, the bill would: increase funding for MDA's existing Farm-to-School grant program and expand reimbursement eligibility to include early childhood education centers; fund a statewide coordinator of farm-to-institution strategy and programming at MDA; establish a new grant program for organizations that provide community-based regional marketing assistance to farmers seeking to participate in farm-to-institution markets; and fund an external evaluation of MDA's expanded Farm-to-School program.