1.2	Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:					
1.3	"ARTICLE 1					
1.4		AGRICULTU	RE APPROPR	IATIONS		
1.5	Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, is amended to read:					
1.6	Sec. 2. DEPARTMEN	Γ OF AGRICU	LTURE			
1.7 1.8	Subdivision 1. Total Ap	propriation	\$	92,025,000 88,025,000 \$	72,223,000 80,518,000	
1.9	Appropria	ations by Fund				
1.10		2024	2025			
1.11 1.12	General	91,626,000 87,626,000	71,824,000 80,119,000			
1.13	Remediation	399,000	399,000			
1.14	The amounts that may b	e spent for each				
1.15	purpose are specified in	the following				
1.16	subdivisions.					
1.17	Subd. 2. Protection Ser	vices				
1.18	Appropri	ations by Fund				
1.19		2024	2025			
1.20 1.21	General	32,034,000 32,034,000	18,743,000 22,438,000			
1.22	Remediation	399,000	399,000			
1.23	(a) \$399,000 the first ye	ear and \$399,000) the			
1.24	second year are from the	remediation fur	nd for			

...... moves to amend H.F. No. 3763 as follows:

2.1	administrative funding for the voluntary
2.2	cleanup program.
2.3	(b) \$625,000 the first year and \$625,000
2.4	\$925,000 the second year are for the soil
2.5	health financial assistance program under
2.6	Minnesota Statutes, section 17.134. The
2.7	commissioner may award no more than
2.8	\$50,000 of the appropriation each year to a
2.9	single recipient. The commissioner may use
2.10	up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs
2.11	incurred to administer the program. Any
2.12	unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
2.13	end of the first year and is available in the
2.14	second year. Appropriations encumbered
2.15	under contract on or before June 30, 2025, for
2.16	soil health financial assistance grants are
2.17	available until June 30, 2027. The base for this
2.18	appropriation is \$639,000 in fiscal year 2026
2.19	and each year thereafter.
2.20	(c) \$800,000 the first year is and \$100,000 the
2.21	second year are for transfer to the pollinator
2.22	research account established under Minnesota
2.23	Statutes, section 18B.051. The base for this
2.24	transfer is \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
2.25	each year thereafter.
2.26	(d) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
2.27	second year are for transfer to the noxious
2.28	weed and invasive plant species assistance
2.29	account established under Minnesota Statutes
2.30	section 18.89, to award grants under
2.31	Minnesota Statutes, section 18.90, to counties
2.32	municipalities, and other weed management

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entities, including Minnesota Tribal

governments as defined in Minnesota Statutes,

section 10.65. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.1	(e) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
3.2	second year are for compensation for
3.3	destroyed or crippled livestock under
3.4	Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first
3.5	year appropriation may be spent to compensate
3.6	for livestock that were destroyed or crippled
3.7	during fiscal year 2023. If the amount in the
3.8	first year is insufficient, the amount in the
3.9	second year is available in the first year. The
3.10	commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year
3.11	to reimburse expenses incurred by university
3.12	extension educators to provide fair market
3.13	values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If
3.14	the commissioner receives federal dollars to
3.15	pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
3.16	an equivalent amount of this appropriation
3.17	may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
3.18	methods performed by federal wildlife services
3.19	staff.
3.20	(f) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the
3.21	second year are for compensation for crop
3.22	damage under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.23	3.7371. If the amount in the first year is
3.24	insufficient, the amount in the second year is
3.25	available in the first year. The commissioner
3.26	may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation
3.27	each year to reimburse expenses incurred by
3.28	the commissioner or the commissioner's
3.29	approved agent to investigate and resolve
3.30	claims, as well as for costs associated with
3.31	training for approved agents. The
3.32	commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of the
3.33	appropriation each year to make grants to
3.34	producers for measures to protect stored crops
3.35	from elk damage. If the commissioner
3.36	determines that claims made under Minnesota

4.1	Statutes,	section	3.737	or 3.7	371,	are

- 4.2 unusually high, amounts appropriated for
- either program may be transferred to the
- appropriation for the other program.
- 4.5 (g) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
- second year are to replace capital equipment
- in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
- 4.8 laboratory.
- 4.9 (h) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
- 4.10 second year are to support a meat processing
- 4.11 liaison position to assist new or existing meat
- 4.12 and poultry processing operations in getting
- started, expanding, growing, or transitioning
- 4.14 into new business models.
- 4.15 (i) \$2,200,000 the first year and \$1,650,000
- 4.16 the second year are additional funding to
- 4.17 maintain the current level of service delivery
- 4.18 for programs under this subdivision. The base
- 4.19 for this appropriation is \$1,925,000 for fiscal
- 4.20 year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 4.21 (j) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
- 4.22 second year are for grants to organizations in
- 4.23 Minnesota to develop enterprises, supply
- 4.24 chains, and markets for continuous-living
- 4.25 cover crops and cropping systems in the early
- 4.26 stages of commercial development. For the
- 4.27 purposes of this paragraph, "continuous-living
- 4.28 cover crops and cropping systems" refers to
- 4.29 agroforestry, perennial biomass, perennial
- 4.30 forage, perennial grains, and winter-annual
- 4.31 cereal grains and oilseeds that have market
- value as harvested or grazed commodities. By
- 4.33 February 1 each year, the commissioner must
- submit a report to the chairs and ranking
- 4.35 minority members of the legislative

5.1	committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
5.2	finance and policy detailing uses of the funds
5.3	in this paragraph, including administrative
5.4	costs, and the achievements these funds
5.5	contributed to. The commissioner may use up
5.6	to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
5.7	administrative costs. This is a onetime
5.8	appropriation.
5.9	(k) \$45,000 the first year and \$45,000 the
5.10	second year are appropriated for
5.11	wolf-livestock conflict-prevention grants. The
5.12	commissioner may use some of this
5.13	appropriation to support nonlethal prevention
5.14	work performed by federal wildlife services.
5.15	This is a onetime appropriation.
5.16	(1) \$10,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
5.17	the grain indemnity account established in
5.18	Minnesota Statutes, section 223.24. This is a
5.19	onetime transfer.
5.20	(m) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
5.21	second year are for the PFAS in pesticides
5.22	review. This is a onetime appropriation.
5.23	(n) \$1,941,000 the first year is for transfer to
5.24	the food handler license account. This is a
5.25	onetime transfer.
5.26	(o) \$3,072,000 the second year is for nitrate
5.27	treatment. This is a onetime appropriation and
5.28	is available until June 30, 2027.
5.29	(p) \$223,000 the second year is for transfer to
5.30	the commissioner of health for the private well
5.31	drinking-water assistance program. This is a
5.32	onetime transfer and is available until June
5.33	30, 2027.

6.1 6.2	Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and Development	5,165,000	4,985,000
6.3	(a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the		
6.4	second year are to expand international trade		
6.5	opportunities and markets for Minnesota		
6.6	agricultural products.		
6.7	(b) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the		
6.8	second year are for transfer to the Minnesota		
6.9	grown account and may be used as grants for		
6.10	Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota		
6.11	Statutes, section 17.102. Notwithstanding		
6.12	Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the		
6.13	appropriations encumbered under contract on		
6.14	or before June 30, 2025, for Minnesota grown		
6.15	grants in this paragraph are available until June		
6.16	30, 2027.		
6.17	(c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the		
6.18	second year are for the continuation of the		
6.19	dairy development and profitability		
6.20	enhancement programs, including dairy		
6.21	profitability teams and dairy business planning		
6.22	grants under Minnesota Statutes, section		
6.23	32D.30.		
6.24	(d) The commissioner may use funds		
6.25	appropriated in this subdivision for annual		
6.26	cost-share payments to resident farmers or		
6.27	entities that sell, process, or package		
6.28	agricultural products in this state for the costs		
6.29	of organic certification. The commissioner		
6.30	may allocate these funds for assistance to		
6.31	persons transitioning from conventional to		
6.32	organic agriculture.		
6.33	(e) \$600,000 the first year and \$420,000 the		
6.34	second year are to maintain the current level		
6.35	of service delivery. The base for this		

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7.1	appro	oriation	is	\$490,	000	\$510.	,000	for	fiscal

- year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 7.3 (f) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
- 7.4 second year are for mental health outreach and
- 7.5 support to farmers, ranchers, and others in the
- 7.6 agricultural community and for farm safety
- 7.7 grant and outreach programs under Minnesota
- 7.8 Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental health
- outreach and support may include a 24-hour
- 7.10 hotline, stigma reduction, and education.
- 7.11 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
- 7.12 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
- 7.13 cancel at the end of the first year and is
- 7.14 available in the second year. This is a onetime
- 7.15 appropriation.
- 7.16 (g) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
- 7.17 second year are to award and administer grants
- 7.18 for infrastructure and other forms of financial
- 7.19 assistance to support EBT, SNAP, SFMNP,
- 7.20 and related programs at farmers markets.
- 7.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
- 7.22 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
- cancel at the end of the first year and is
- 7.24 available in the second year. This is a onetime
- 7.25 appropriation.
- 7.26 (h) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
- second year are to award cooperative grants
- 7.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1016.
- 7.29 The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent
- of the appropriation each year to administer
- 7.31 the grant program. Notwithstanding Minnesota
- 7.32 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
- 7.33 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
- 7.34 year and is available in the second year. This
- 7.35 is a onetime appropriation.

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8.1 8.2	Subd. 4. Agriculture , Bioenergy , and Bi Advancement	oproduct	37,809,000 33,809,000		33,809,000 38,109,000
8.3	(a) \$10,702,000 the first year and \$10,702	2,000			
8.4	the second year are for the agriculture				
8.5	research, education, extension, and techno	ology			
8.6	transfer program under Minnesota Statu	tes,			
8.7	section 41A.14. Except as provided belo	ow,			
8.8	the appropriation each year is for transfe	er to			
8.9	the agriculture research, education, exten	sion,			
8.10	and technology transfer account under				
8.11	Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,				
8.12	subdivision 3, and the commissioner sha	11			
8.13	transfer funds each year to the Board of				
8.14	Regents of the University of Minnesota	for			
8.15	purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section				
8.16	41A.14. To the extent practicable, mone	y			
8.17	expended under Minnesota Statutes, sec	tion			
8.18	41A.14, subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2)	2),			
8.19	must supplement and not supplant existi	ng			
8.20	sources and levels of funding. The				
8.21	commissioner may use up to one percen	t of			
8.22	this appropriation for costs incurred to				
8.23	administer the program.				
8.24	Of the amount appropriated for the agricu	ılture			
8.25	research, education, extension, and techno	ology			
8.26	transfer grant program under Minnesota				
8.27	Statutes, section 41A.14:				
8.28	(1) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000	the			
8.29	second year are for the Minnesota Agricul	ltural			
8.30	Experiment Station's agriculture rapid				
8.31	response fund under Minnesota Statutes	,			
8.32	section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2));			
8.33	(2) up to \$1,000,000 the first year and up	p to			
8.34	\$1,000,000 the second year are for resear	rch			

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on avian influenza, salmonella, and other

9.1	turkey-related diseases and disease prevention
9.2	measures;
9.3	(3) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
9.4	the second year are for grants to the Minnesota
9.5	Agricultural Education Leadership Council to
9.6	enhance agricultural education with priority
9.7	given to Farm Business Management
9.8	challenge grants;
9.9	(4) \$450,000 the first year is for the cultivated
9.10	wild rice breeding project at the North Central
9.11	Research and Outreach Center to include a
9.12	tenure track/research associate plant breeder;
9.13	(5) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
9.14	second year are for potato breeding;
9.15	(6) \$802,000 the first year and \$802,000 the
9.16	second year are to fund the Forever Green
9.17	Initiative and protect the state's natural
9.18	resources while increasing the efficiency,
9.19	profitability, and productivity of Minnesota
9.20	farmers by incorporating perennial and
9.21	winter-annual crops into existing agricultural
9.22	practices. The base for the allocation under
9.23	this clause is \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
9.24	each year thereafter. By February 1 each year,
9.25	the dean of the College of Food, Agricultural
9.26	and Natural Resource Sciences must submit
9.27	a report to the chairs and ranking minority
9.28	members of the legislative committees with
9.29	jurisdiction over agriculture finance and policy
9.30	and higher education detailing uses of the
9.31	funds in this paragraph, including
9.32	administrative costs, and the achievements
9.33	these funds contributed to; and

10.1	(7) \$350,000 each year is for farm-scale winter
10.2	greenhouse research and development
10.3	coordinated by University of Minnesota
10.4	Extension Regional Sustainable Development
10.5	Partnerships. The allocation in this clause is
10.6	onetime.
10.7	(b) The base for the agriculture research,
10.8	education, extension, and technology transfer
10.9	program is \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2026
10.10	and \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2027.
10.11	(c) $$27,107,000 $ $$23,107,000 $ the first year and
10.12	\$23,107,000 the second year are is for the
10.13	agricultural growth, research, and innovation
10.14	program under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.15	41A.12. Except as provided below, the
10.16	commissioner may allocate this appropriation
10.17	each year among the following areas:
10.18	facilitating the start-up, modernization,
10.19	improvement, or expansion of livestock
10.20	operations, including beginning and
10.21	transitioning livestock operations with
10.22	preference given to robotic dairy-milking
10.23	equipment; assisting value-added agricultural
10.24	businesses to begin or expand, to access new
10.25	markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics
10.26	systems, with preference given to hemp fiber
10.27	processing equipment; facilitating the start-up,
10.28	modernization, or expansion of other
10.29	beginning and transitioning farms, including
10.30	by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
10.31	section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
10.32	on-farm research and demonstration; the
10.33	development or expansion of food hubs and
10.34	other alternative community-based food
10.35	distribution systems; enhancing renewable

11.1	energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
11.2	including basic and applied turf seed research;
11.3	Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
11.4	and good agricultural practices and good
11.5	handling practices certification assistance. The
11.6	commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
11.7	this appropriation for costs incurred to
11.8	administer the program.
11.9	Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
11.10	growth, research, and innovation program
11.11	under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:
11.12	(1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
11.13	the second year are is for distribution in equal
11.14	amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
11.15	preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;
11.16	(2) \$5,750,000 the first year and \$5,750,000
11.17	the second year are is for incentive payments
11.18	under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
11.19	41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. Notwithstanding
11.20	Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first
11.21	year appropriation is available until June 30,
11.22	2025, and the second year appropriation is
11.23	available until June 30, 2026. If this
11.24	appropriation exceeds the total amount for
11.25	which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
11.26	year, the balance of the appropriation is
11.27	available for other purposes under this
11.28	paragraph. The base under this clause is
11.29	\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
11.30	thereafter;
11.31	(3) \$3,375,000 the first year and \$3,375,000
11.32	the second year are is for grants that enable
11.33	retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks,
11.34	and other equipment to dispense biofuels to
11.35	the public in accordance with the biofuel

replacement goals established under 12.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail 12.2 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use 12.3 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model 12.4 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money 12.5 under this clause if the retail petroleum 12.6 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum 12.7 12.8 dispensing sites and each site is located in Minnesota. The grant money must be used to 12.9 replace or upgrade equipment that does not 12.10 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant 12.11 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost 12.12 of the appropriate technology. A grant award 12.13 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The 12.14 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel 12.15 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant 12.16 program. The commissioner, in cooperation 12.17 with any economic or community development 12.18 financial institution and any other entity with 12.19 which the commissioner contracts, must 12.20 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure 12.21 12.22 financial assistance program by January 15 of each year to the chairs and ranking minority 12.23 members of the legislative committees and 12.24 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture 12.25 policy and finance. The annual report must 12.26 include but not be limited to a summary of the 12.27 following metrics: (i) the number and types 12.28 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars 12.29 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the 12.30 geographic distribution of financed projects; 12.31 (iv) any market expansion associated with 12.32 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics 12.33 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the 12.34 program; and (vii) the number of grants to 12.35 minority-owned or female-owned businesses-12.36

13.1	The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for
13.2	fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;
13.3	(4) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
13.4	the second year are is for grants to facilitate
13.5	the start-up, modernization, or expansion of
13.6	meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing
13.7	facilities. A grant award under this clause must
13.8	not exceed \$200,000. Any unencumbered
13.9	balance at the end of the second year does not
13.10	cancel until June 30, 2026, and may be used
13.11	for other purposes under this paragraph. The
13.12	base under this clause is \$250,000 in fiscal
13.13	year 2026 and each year thereafter;
13.14	(5) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
13.15	the second year are is for providing more
13.16	fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and
13.17	dairy for children in school and early
13.18	childhood education eenters settings,
13.19	including, at the commissioner's discretion,
13.20	providing grants to reimburse schools and
13.21	early childhood education eenters and child
13.22	care providers for purchasing equipment and
13.23	agricultural products. Organizations must
13.24	participate in the National School Lunch
13.25	Program or the Child and Adult Care Food
13.26	Program to be eligible. Of the amount
13.27	appropriated, \$150,000 each year is for a
13.28	statewide coordinator of farm-to-institution
13.29	strategy and programming. The coordinator
13.30	must consult with relevant stakeholders and
13.31	provide technical assistance and training for
13.32	participating farmers and eligible grant
13.33	recipients. The base under this clause is
13.34	\$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
13.35	thereafter;

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14.1	(6) \$4,000,000 the first year is for Dairy
14.2	Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
14.3	(DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial
4.4	assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll
14.5	in coverage under a federal dairy risk
14.6	protection program and produced no more
14.7	than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The
14.8	commissioner must make DAIRI payments
14.9	based on the amount of milk produced in
14.10	2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per participating
14.11	farm, at a rate determined by the commissioner
14.12	within the limits of available funding. Any
14.13	unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
4.14	end of the first year and is available in the
14.15	second year. Any unencumbered balance at
14.16	the end of the second year does not cancel
14.17	until June 30, 2026, and may be used for other
4.18	purposes under this paragraph. The allocation
14.19	in this clause is onetime;
	in this clause is onetime; (7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and
14.20	,
14.20 14.21	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and
14.20 14.21 14.22	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25 14.26	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are is for the good
14.19 14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25 14.26 14.27	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are is for the good food access program under Minnesota
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25 14.26	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are is for the good food access program under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017.
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25 14.26 14.27	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are is for the good food access program under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25 14.26 14.27	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are is for the good food access program under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25 14.26 14.27 14.28 14.29	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are is for the good food access program under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is
14.20 14.21 14.22 14.23 14.24 14.25 14.26 14.27 14.28 14.29 14.30	(7) (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are is for urban youth agricultural education or urban agriculture community development; and (8) (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are is for the good food access program under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year, and
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15.1	(d) \$27,407,000 the second year is for the
15.2	agricultural growth, research, and innovation
15.3	program under Minnesota Statutes, section
15.4	41A.12. Except as provided below, the
15.5	commissioner may allocate this appropriation
15.6	among the following areas: facilitating the
15.7	start-up, modernization, improvement, or
15.8	expansion of livestock operations, including
15.9	beginning and transitioning livestock
15.10	operations with preference given to robotic
15.11	dairy-milking equipment; assisting
15.12	value-added agricultural businesses to begin
15.13	or expand, to access new markets, or to
15.14	diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
15.15	preference given to hemp fiber processing
15.16	equipment; facilitating the start-up,
15.17	modernization, or expansion of other
15.18	beginning and transitioning farms, including
15.19	by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
15.20	section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
15.21	on-farm research and demonstration; the
15.22	development or expansion of food hubs and
15.23	other alternative community-based food
15.24	distribution systems; enhancing renewable
15.25	energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
15.26	including basic and applied turf seed research;
15.27	Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
15.28	and good agricultural practices and good
15.29	handling practices certification assistance. The
15.30	commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
15.31	this appropriation for costs incurred to
15.32	administer the program.
15.33	Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
15.34	growth, research, and innovation program
15.35	under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

16.1	(1) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
16.2	distribution in equal amounts to each of the
16.3	state's county fairs to preserve and promote
16.4	Minnesota agriculture;
16.5	(2) \$5,750,000 the second year is for incentive
16.6	payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
16.7	41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.
16.8	Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
16.9	16A.28, this appropriation is available until
16.10	June 30, 2027. If this appropriation exceeds
16.11	the total amount for which all producers are
16.12	eligible in a fiscal year, the balance of the
16.13	appropriation is available for other purposes
16.14	under this paragraph. The base under this
16.15	clause is \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
16.16	each year thereafter;
16.17	(3) \$3,475,000 the second year is for grants
16.18	that enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel
16.19	storage tanks, and other equipment to dispense
16.20	biofuels to the public in accordance with the
16.21	biofuel replacement goals established under
16.22	Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
16.23	petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
16.24	in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
16.25	years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
16.26	under this clause if the retail petroleum
16.27	dispenser has no more than ten retail
16.28	petroleum dispensing sites and each site is
16.29	located in Minnesota. The grant money must
16.30	be used to replace or upgrade equipment that
16.31	does not have the ability to be certified for
16.32	E25. A grant award must not exceed 65
16.33	percent of the cost of the appropriate
16.34	technology. A grant award must not exceed
16.35	\$200,000 per station. The commissioner must

17.1	cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the
17.2	implementation of the grant program. The
17.3	commissioner, in cooperation with any
17.4	economic or community development
17.5	financial institution and any other entity with
17.6	which the commissioner contracts, must
17.7	submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
17.8	financial assistance program by January 15 of
17.9	each year to the chairs and ranking minority
17.10	members of the legislative committees and
17.11	divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
17.12	policy and finance. The annual report must
17.13	include but not be limited to a summary of the
17.14	following metrics: (i) the number and types
17.15	of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
17.16	leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
17.17	geographic distribution of financed projects;
17.18	(iv) any market expansion associated with
17.19	upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
17.20	of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
17.21	program; and (vii) the number of grants to
17.22	minority-owned or female-owned businesses.
17.23	The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for
17.24	fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;
17.25	(4) \$1,250,000 the second year is for grants
17.26	to facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
17.27	expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
17.28	processing facilities. A grant award under this
17.29	clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
17.30	unencumbered balance at the end of the second
17.31	year does not cancel until June 30, 2027, and
17.32	may be used for other purposes under this
17.33	paragraph. The base under this clause is
17.34	\$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
17.35	thereafter;

18.1	(5) \$1,350,000 the second year is for providing
18.2	more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,
18.3	and dairy for children in school and early
18.4	childhood education settings, including, at the
18.5	commissioner's discretion, providing grants
18.6	to reimburse schools and early childhood
18.7	education and child care providers for
18.8	purchasing equipment and agricultural
18.9	products. Organizations must participate in
18.10	the National School Lunch Program or the
18.11	Child and Adult Care Food Program to be
18.12	eligible. Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000
18.13	is for a statewide coordinator of
18.14	farm-to-institution strategy and programming.
18.15	The coordinator must consult with relevant
18.16	stakeholders and provide technical assistance
18.17	and training for participating farmers and
18.18	eligible grant recipients. The base under this
18.19	clause is \$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
18.20	each year thereafter;
18.21	(6) \$4,000,000 the second year is for Dairy
18.22	Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
18.23	(DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial
18.24	assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll
18.25	in coverage under a federal dairy risk
18.26	protection program and produced no more
18.27	than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The
18.28	commissioner must make DAIRI payments
18.29	based on the amount of milk produced in
18.30	2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per participating
18.31	farm, at a rate determined by the commissioner
18.32	within the limits of available funding. Any
18.33	unencumbered balance on June 30, 2026, may
18.34	be used for other purposes under this
18.35	paragraph. The allocation in this clause is
18.36	onetime;

19.1	(7) \$2,000,000 the second year is for urban		
19.2	youth agricultural education or urban		
19.3	agriculture community development; and		
19.4	(8) \$1,000,000 the second year is for the good		
19.5	food access program under Minnesota		
19.6	Statutes, section 17.1017.		
19.7	Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section		
19.8	16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not		
19.9	cancel at the end of the second year and is		
19.10	available until June 30, 2027. Appropriations		
19.11	encumbered under contract on or before June		
19.12	30, 2027, for agricultural growth, research,		
19.13	and innovation grants are available until June		
19.14	<u>30, 2030.</u>		
19.15	(d) (e) The base for the agricultural growth,		
19.16	research, and innovation program is		
19.17	\$16,294,000 \$17,582,000 in fiscal year 2026		
19.18	and each year thereafter and includes \$200,000		
19.19	each year for cooperative development grants.		
19.20 19.21	Subd. 5. Administration and Financial Assistance	16,618,000	14,287,000 14,587,000
19.22	(a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the		
19.23	second year are for payments to county and		
19.24	district agricultural societies and associations		
19.25	under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,		
19.26	subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and		
19.27	district agricultural societies and associations		
19.28	must be disbursed no later than July 15 of each		
19.29	year. These payments are the amount of aid		
19.30	from the state for an annual fair held in the		
19.31	previous calendar year.		
19.32	(b) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the		
19.33	second year are for grants to the Minnesota		
19.34	Agricultural Education and Leadership		

20.1	Council for programs of the council under
20.2	Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D. The base for
20.3	this appropriation is \$250,000 in fiscal year
20.4	2026 and each year thereafter.
20.5	(c) \$2,000 the first year is for a grant to the
20.6	Minnesota State Poultry Association. This is
20.7	a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding
20.8	Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
20.9	unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
20.10	end of the first year and is available for the
20.11	second year.
20.12	(d) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
20.13	second year are for grants to the Minnesota
20.14	Livestock Breeders Association. This is a
20.15	onetime appropriation.
20.16	(e) \$60,000 the first year and \$60,000 the
20.17	second year are for grants to the Northern
20.18	Crops Institute that may be used to purchase
20.19	equipment. This is a onetime appropriation.
20.20	(f) \$34,000 the first year and \$34,000 the
20.21	second year are for grants to the Minnesota
20.22	State Horticultural Society. This is a onetime
20.23	appropriation.
20.24	(g) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
20.25	second year are for grants to the Center for
20.26	Rural Policy and Development. This is a
20.27	onetime appropriation.
20.28	(h) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
20.29	second year are appropriated from the general
20.30	fund to the commissioner of agriculture for
20.31	grants to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for
20.32	basic and applied research on: (1) the
20.33	improved production of forage and turf seed
20.34	related to new and improved varieties; and (2)

native plants, including plant breeding,
nutrient management, pest management,
disease management, yield, and viability. The
Minnesota Turf Seed Council may subcontract
with a qualified third party for some or all of
the basic or applied research. Any
unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
end of the first year and is available in the
second year. The Minnesota Turf Seed Council
must prepare a report outlining the use of the
grant money and related accomplishments. No
later than January 15, 2025, the council must
submit the report to the chairs and ranking
minority members of the legislative
committees and divisions with jurisdiction
over agriculture finance and policy. This is a
onetime appropriation.
(i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
second year are for grants to GreenSeam for
assistance to agriculture-related businesses to
support business retention and development,
business attraction and creation, talent
development and attraction, and regional
branding and promotion. These are onetime
appropriations. No later than December 1,
2024, and December 1, 2025, GreenSeam
must report to the chairs and ranking minority
members of the legislative committees with
jurisdiction over agriculture and rural
development with information on new and
existing businesses supported, number of new
jobs created in the region, new educational
partnerships and programs supported, and
regional branding and promotional efforts.

22.1	(j) \$1,950,000 the first year and \$1,950,000
22.2	the second year are for grants to Second
22.3	Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's
22.4	six Feeding America food banks for the
22.5	following purposes:
22.6	(1) at least \$850,000 each year must be
22.7	allocated to purchase milk for distribution to
22.8	Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable
22.9	organizations that are eligible to receive food
22.10	from the food banks. Milk purchased under
22.11	the grants must be acquired from Minnesota
22.12	milk processors and based on low-cost bids.
22.13	The milk must be allocated to each Feeding
22.14	America food bank serving Minnesota
22.15	according to the formula used in the
22.16	distribution of United States Department of
22.17	Agriculture commodities under The
22.18	Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second
22.19	Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or
22.20	agreements with food banks for shared funding
22.21	or reimbursement of the direct purchase of
22.22	milk. Each food bank that receives funding
22.23	under this clause may use up to two percent
22.24	for administrative expenses. Notwithstanding
22.25	Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
22.26	unencumbered balance the first year does not
22.27	cancel and is available the second year;
22.28	(2) to compensate agricultural producers and
22.29	processors for costs incurred to harvest and
22.30	package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,
22.31	and other agricultural commodities that would
22.32	otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or be
22.33	sold in a secondary market. Surplus
22.34	commodities must be distributed statewide to
22.35	food shelves and other charitable organizations

23.1	that are eligible to receive food from the food
23.2	banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause
23.3	must be from Minnesota producers and
23.4	processors. Second Harvest Heartland may
23.5	use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded
23.6	under this clause for administrative and
23.7	transportation expenses; and
23.8	(3) to purchase and distribute protein products,
23.9	including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,
23.10	dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's
23.11	food shelves and other charitable organizations
23.12	that are eligible to receive food from the food
23.13	banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up
23.14	to two percent of each grant awarded under
23.15	this clause for administrative expenses. Protein
23.16	products purchased under the grants must be
23.17	acquired from Minnesota processors and
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23.18	producers.
23.18	Second Harvest Heartland must submit
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23.19 23.20	Second Harvest Heartland must submit quarterly reports to the commissioner and the
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23.19 23.20 23.21 23.22 23.23 23.24	Second Harvest Heartland must submit quarterly reports to the commissioner and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance in the form prescribed by the commissioner. The reports must include
23.19 23.20 23.21 23.22 23.23 23.24 23.25	Second Harvest Heartland must submit quarterly reports to the commissioner and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance in the form prescribed by the commissioner. The reports must include but are not limited to information on the
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24.1	public awareness of local foods and connects
24.2	local food producers and processors with
24.3	potential buyers.
24.4	(1) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
24.5	second year are for grants to The Good Acre
24.6	for the Local Emergency Assistance Farmer
24.7	Fund (LEAFF) program to compensate
24.8	emerging farmers experiencing limited land
24.9	access or limited market access for crops
24.10	donated to hunger relief organizations in
24.11	Minnesota. For purposes of this paragraph,
24.12	"limited land access" and "limited market
24.13	access" have the meanings given in Minnesota
24.14	Statutes, section 17.133, subdivision 1. This
24.15	is a onetime appropriation.
24.16	(m) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
24.17	second year are to expand the Emerging
24.18	Farmers Office and provide services to
24.19	beginning and emerging farmers to increase
24.20	connections between farmers and market
24.21	opportunities throughout the state. This
24.22	appropriation may be used for grants,
24.23	translation services, training programs, or
24.24	other purposes in line with the
24.25	recommendations of the Emerging Farmer
24.26	Working Group established under Minnesota
24.27	Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1. The
24.28	base for this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in
24.29	fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
24.30	(n) \$50,000 the first year is to provide
24.31	technical assistance and leadership in the
24.32	development of a comprehensive and
24.33	well-documented state aquaculture plan. The
24.34	commissioner must provide the state
24.35	aquaculture plan to the legislative committees

25.1	with jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
25.2	policy by February 15, 2025.
25.3	(o) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
25.4	second year are for farm advocate services.
25.5	Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and
25.6	\$50,000 the second year are for the
25.7	continuation of the farmland transition
25.8	programs and may be used for grants to
25.9	farmland access teams to provide technical
25.10	assistance to potential beginning farmers.
25.11	Farmland access teams must assist existing
25.12	farmers and beginning farmers with
25.13	transitioning farm ownership and farm
25.14	operation. Services provided by teams may
25.15	include but are not limited to mediation
25.16	assistance, designing contracts, financial
25.17	planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and
25.18	housing assistance.
25.19	(p) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the
25.20	second year are for a pass-through grant to
25.20 25.21	second year are for a pass-through grant to Region Five Development Commission to
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25.21	Region Five Development Commission to
25.21 25.22	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business
25.21 25.22 25.23	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25 25.26	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25 25.26 25.27	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers in a professional capacity. Region Five
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25 25.26 25.27 25.28	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers in a professional capacity. Region Five Development Commission may use up to 6.5
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25 25.26 25.27 25.28 25.29	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers in a professional capacity. Region Five Development Commission may use up to 6.5 percent of the grant awarded under this
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25 25.26 25.27 25.28 25.29 25.30	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers in a professional capacity. Region Five Development Commission may use up to 6.5 percent of the grant awarded under this paragraph for administration.
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25 25.26 25.27 25.28 25.29 25.30	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers in a professional capacity. Region Five Development Commission may use up to 6.5 percent of the grant awarded under this paragraph for administration. (q) \$1,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
25.21 25.22 25.23 25.24 25.25 25.26 25.27 25.28 25.29 25.30 25.31 25.32	Region Five Development Commission to provide, in collaboration with Farm Business Management, statewide mental health counseling support to Minnesota farm operators, families, and employees, and individuals who work with Minnesota farmers in a professional capacity. Region Five Development Commission may use up to 6.5 percent of the grant awarded under this paragraph for administration. (q) \$1,000,000 the first year is for transfer to the agricultural emergency account established

efforts, including laying the technology
foundations needed for improving customer
interactions with the department for licensing
and payments. This is a onetime appropriation.
(s) \$275,000 the first year is for technical
assistance grants to certified community
development financial institutions that
participate in United States Department of
Agriculture loan or grant programs for small
farmers or emerging farmers experiencing
limited land access or limited market access,
including but not limited to the Increasing
Land, Capital, and Market Access Program.
For purposes of this paragraph, "emerging
farmer" has "limited land access" and "limited
market access" have the meaning meanings
given in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
subdivision 1 section 17.133, subdivision 1.
The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent
of this appropriation for costs incurred to
administer the program. Notwithstanding
Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
end of the first year and is available in the
second year. This is a onetime appropriation.
(t) \$1,425,000 the first year and \$1,425,000
the second year are for transfer to the
agricultural and environmental revolving loan
account established under Minnesota Statutes,
section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest
loans under Minnesota Statutes, section
17.117.
(u) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
second year are for administrative support for
the Rural Finance Authority.

(v) The base in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 is
\$150,000 each year to coordinate
climate-related activities and services within
the Department of Agriculture and
counterparts in local, state, and federal
agencies and to hire a full-time climate
implementation coordinator. The climate
implementation coordinator must coordinate
efforts seeking federal funding for Minnesota's
agricultural climate adaptation and mitigation
efforts and develop strategic partnerships with
the private sector and nongovernment
organizations.
(w) \$1,200,000 the first year and \$930,000 the
second year are to maintain the current level
of service delivery. The base for this
appropriation is \$1,085,000 \$1,065,000 in
fiscal year 2026 and \$1,085,000 \$1,065,000
in fiscal year 2027 and each year thereafter.
(x) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the
Board of Regents of the University of
Minnesota to purchase equipment for the
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to test for
chronic wasting disease, African swine fever,
avian influenza, and other animal diseases.
The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory must
report expenditures under this paragraph to
the legislative committees with jurisdiction
over agriculture finance and higher education
with a report submitted by January 3, 2024,
and a final report submitted by December 31,
2024. The reports must include a list of
equipment purchased, including the cost of
each item.

28.1	(y) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
28.2	the second year are to award and administer
28.3	down payment assistance grants under
28.4	Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with
28.5	priority given to emerging farmers as defined
28.6	in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
28.7	subdivision 1 eligible applicants with no more
28.8	than \$100,000 in annual gross farm product
28.9	sales, and eligible applicants who are
28.10	producers of industrial hemp, cannabis, or one
28.11	or more of the following speciality crops as
28.12	defined by the United States Department of
28.13	Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop
28.14	block grant program: fruits and vegetables,
28.15	tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants,
28.16	culinary herbs and spices, horticulture crops,
28.17	floriculture crops, and nursery crops.
28.18	Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
28.19	16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
28.20	of the first year does not cancel and is
28.21	available in the second year and appropriations
28.22	encumbered under contract by June 30, 2025,
28.23	are available until June 30, 2027.
28.24	(z) \$222,000 the first year and \$322,000 the
28.25	second year are for meat processing training
28.26	and retention incentive grants under section
28.27	5. The commissioner may use up to 6.5
28.28	percent of this appropriation for costs incurred
28.29	to administer the program. Notwithstanding
28.30	Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
28.31	unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
28.32	end of the first year and is available in the
28.33	second year. This is a onetime appropriation.
28.34	(aa) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
28.35	second year are for transfer to the Board of

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29.1	Regents of the University of Minnesota	to		
29.2	evaluate, propagate, and maintain the genetic			
29.3	diversity of oilseeds, grains, grasses, legumes,			
29.4	and other plants including flax, timothy,			
29.5	barley, rye, triticale, alfalfa, orchard gras	SS,		
29.6	clover, and other species and varieties th	at		
29.7	were in commercial distribution and use	in		
29.8	Minnesota before 1970, excluding wild	rice.		
29.9	This effort must also protect traditional s	seeds		
29.10	brought to Minnesota by immigrant			
29.11	communities. This appropriation include	es		
29.12	funding for associated extension and outr	reach		
29.13	to small and Black, Indigenous, and Peop	ole of		
29.14	Color (BIPOC) farmers. This is a onetime			
29.15	appropriation.			
29.16	(bb) \$300,000 the second year is to award	l and		
29.17	administer beginning farmer equipment	and		
29.18	infrastructure grants under Minnesota Stat	tutes,		
29.19	section 17.055. This is a onetime			
29.20	appropriation.			
29.21	(bb) (cc) The commissioner shall continu	ue to		
29.22	increase connections with ethnic minority	y and		
29.23	immigrant farmers to farming opportuni	ties		
29.24	and farming programs throughout the sta	ate.		
29.25	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is	s effective the day	following final e	nactment.
29.26	Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article	1, section 4, is ame	ended to read:	
29.27 29.28	Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZAT RESEARCH INSTITUTE	ION \$	6,393,000 \$	4,343,000
29.29	(a) \$300,000 the first year is for equipme	ent		
29.30	upgrades, equipment replacement, install	ation		
29.31	expenses, and laboratory infrastructure a	at the		
29.32	Agricultural Utilization Research Institu	te's		
29.33	laboratories in the cities of Crookston,			

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30.1	(b) \$1,500,000 the first year is to replace
30.2	analytical and processing equipment and make
30.3	corresponding facility upgrades at Agricultural
30.4	Utilization Research Institute facilities in the
30.5	cities of Marshall, Crookston, and Waseca. Of
30.6	this amount, up to \$500,000 may be used for
30.7	renewable natural gas and anaerobic digestion
30.8	projects. This is a onetime appropriation and
30.9	is available until June 30, 2026.
30.10	(c) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
30.11	second year are to maintain the current level
30.12	of service delivery.
30.13	(d) \$250,000 the first year is to support food
30.14	businesses. This is a onetime appropriation
30.15	and is available until June 30, 2026.
30.16	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
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31.1	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.26, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
31.2	Subd. 6. Discontinuance or cancellation of registration. (a) To ensure the complete
31.3	withdrawal from distribution or further use of a pesticide, a person who intends to discontinue
31.4	a pesticide registration must:
31.5	(1) terminate a further distribution within the state and continue to register the pesticide
31.6	annually for two successive years; and
31.7	(2) initiate and complete a total recall of the pesticide from all distribution in the state
31.8	within 60 days from the date of notification to the commissioner of intent to discontinue
31.9	registration; or.
31.10	(3) submit to the commissioner evidence adequate to document that no distribution of
31.11	the registered pesticide has occurred in the state.
31.12	(b) Upon the request of a registrant, the commissioner may immediately cancel
31.13	registration of a pesticide product. The commissioner may immediately cancel registration
31.14	of a pesticide product at the commissioner's discretion. When requesting that the
31.15	commissioner immediately cancel registration of a pesticide product, a registrant must
31.16	provide the commissioner with:
31.17	(1) a statement that the pesticide product is no longer in distribution; and
31.18	(2) documentation of pesticide gross sales from the previous year supporting the statement
31.19	under clause (1).
31.20	Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.28, is amended by adding a subdivision to
31.21	read:
31.22	Subd. 5. Advisory panel. Before approving the issuance of an experimental use pesticide
31.23	product registration under this section, the commissioner must convene and consider the
31.24	advice of a panel of outside scientific and health experts. The panel must include, but is not
31.25	limited to, representatives of the Department of Health, the Department of Natural Resources,
31.26	the Pollution Control Agency, and the University of Minnesota.
31.27	Sec. 4. [18B.283] EXPERT ADVICE REQUIRED FOR EMERGENCY
31.28	EXEMPTIONS.
31.29	Within 30 days of submitting an emergency registration exemption application under
31.30	section 18 of FIFRA, the commissioner must convene and consider the advice of a panel
31.31	of outside scientific and health experts. The panel must include, but is not limited to,

representatives of the Department of Health, the Department of Natural Resources, the 32.1 Pollution Control Agency, and the University of Minnesota. 32.2 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.305, subdivision 2, is amended to read: 32.3 Subd. 2. Training manual and examination development. The commissioner, in 32.4 consultation with University of Minnesota Extension and other higher education institutions, 32.5 shall continually revise and update pesticide applicator training manuals and examinations. 32.6 The manuals and examinations must be written to meet or exceed the minimum competency 32.7 standards required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and pertinent 32.8 state specific information. Pesticide applicator training manuals and examinations must 32.9 meet or exceed the competency standards in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171. 32.10 Competency standards for training manuals and examinations must be published on the 32.11 Department of Agriculture website. Questions in the examinations must be determined by 32.12 the commissioner in consultation with other responsible agencies. Manuals and examinations 32.13 32.14 must include pesticide management practices that discuss prevention of pesticide occurrence in groundwater and surface water of the state, and economic thresholds and guidance for 32.15 insecticide use. 32.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read: 32.17 Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** (a) A person may not engage in structural pest control 32.18 applications: 32.19 (1) for hire without a structural pest control license; and 32.20 (2) as a sole proprietorship, company, partnership, or corporation unless the person is 32.21 or employs a licensed master in structural pest control operations.; and 32.22 (3) unless the person is 18 years of age or older. 32.23 (b) A structural pest control licensee must have a valid license identification card to 32.24 purchase a restricted use pesticide or apply pesticides for hire and must display it upon 32.25 32.26 demand by an authorized representative of the commissioner or a law enforcement officer. The license identification card must contain information required by the commissioner. 32.27 32.28 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.32, subdivision 3, is amended to read: Subd. 3. **Application.** (a) A person must apply to the commissioner for a structural pest 32.29 32.30 control license on forms and in the manner required by the commissioner. The commissioner

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shall require the applicant to pass a written, closed-book, monitored examination or oral

examination, or both, and may also require a practical demonstration regarding structural pest control. The commissioner shall establish the examination procedure, including the phases and contents of the examination.

- (b) The commissioner may license a person as a master under a structural pest control license if the person has the necessary qualifications through knowledge and experience to properly plan, determine, and supervise the selection and application of pesticides in structural pest control. To demonstrate the qualifications and become licensed as a master under a structural pest control license, a person must:
 - (1) pass a closed-book test administered by the commissioner;
- (2) have direct experience as a licensed journeyman under a structural pest control license for at least two years by this state or a state with equivalent certification requirements or as a full-time licensed master in another state with equivalent certification requirements; and
- 33.13 (3) show practical knowledge and field experience under clause (2) in the actual selection 33.14 and application of pesticides under varying conditions.
- 33.15 (c) The commissioner may license a person as a journeyman under a structural pest 33.16 control license if the person:
 - (1) has the necessary qualifications in the practical selection and application of pesticides;
- 33.18 (2) has passed a closed-book examination given by the commissioner; and
- 33.19 (3) is engaged as an employee of or is working under the direction of a person licensed as a master under a structural pest control license.
- 33.21 (d) The commissioner may license a person as a fumigator under a structural pest control license if the person:
- 33.23 (1) has knowledge of the practical selection and application of fumigants;
- (2) has passed a closed-book examination given by the commissioner; and
- 33.25 (3) is licensed by the commissioner as a master or journeyman under a structural pest control license.
- Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. **Renewal.** (a) <u>An applicator may apply to renew a structural pest control applicator license may be renewed</u> on or before the expiration of an existing license subject to reexamination, attendance at <u>workshops</u> a recertification workshop approved by the commissioner, or other requirements imposed by the commissioner to provide the applicator

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with information regarding changing technology and to help assure a continuing level of competency and ability to use pesticides safely and properly. A recertification workshop must meet or exceed the competency standards in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171. Competency standards for a recertification workshop must be published on the Department of Agriculture website. If the commissioner requires an applicator to attend a recertification workshop and the applicator fails to attend the workshop, the commissioner may require the applicator to pass a reexamination. The commissioner may require an additional demonstration of applicator qualification if the applicator has had a license suspended or revoked or has otherwise had a history of violations of this chapter.

- (b) If a person an applicator fails to renew a structural pest control license within three months of its expiration, the person applicator must obtain a structural pest control license subject to the requirements, procedures, and fees required for an initial license.
- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.32, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 5. **Financial responsibility.** (a) A structural pest control license may not be issued unless the applicant furnishes proof of financial responsibility. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a structural pest control license if an applicator fails to provide proof of financial responsibility upon the commissioner's request. Financial responsibility may be demonstrated by:
 - (1) proof of net assets equal to or greater than \$50,000; or
- 34.20 (2) a performance bond or insurance of a kind and in an amount determined by the commissioner.
 - (b) The bond or insurance must cover a period of time at least equal to the term of the applicant's applicator's license. The commissioner must immediately suspend the license of a person an applicator who fails to maintain the required bond or insurance. The performance bond or insurance policy must contain a provision requiring the insurance or bonding company to notify the commissioner by ten days before the effective date of cancellation, termination, or any other change of the bond or insurance. If there is recovery against the bond or insurance, additional coverage must be secured by the applicator to maintain financial responsibility equal to the original amount required.
 - (c) An employee of a licensed person is not required to maintain an insurance policy or bond during the time the employer is maintaining the required insurance or bond.
 - (d) Applications for reinstatement of a license suspended under the provisions of this section must be accompanied by proof of satisfaction of judgments previously rendered.

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Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** (a) A person may not apply a pesticide for hire without a commercial applicator license for the appropriate use categories or a structural pest control license.

- (b) A commercial applicator licensee must have a valid license identification card to purchase a restricted use pesticide or apply pesticides for hire and must display it upon demand by an authorized representative of the commissioner or a law enforcement officer. The commissioner shall prescribe the information required on the license identification card.
- (c) A person licensed under this section is considered qualified and is not required to verify, document, or otherwise prove a particular need prior to use, except as required by the federal label.
 - (d) A person who uses a general-use sanitizer or disinfectant for hire in response to COVID-19 is exempt from the commercial applicator license requirements under this section.
 - (e) A person licensed under this section must be 18 years of age or older.
- Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.33, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 5. Renewal application. (a) A person An applicator must apply to the commissioner to renew a commercial applicator license. The commissioner may renew a commercial applicator license accompanied by the application fee, subject to reexamination, attendance at workshops a recertification workshop approved by the commissioner, or other requirements imposed by the commissioner to provide the applicator with information regarding changing technology and to help assure a continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly. The applicant Upon the receipt of an applicator's renewal application, the commissioner may require the applicator to attend a recertification workshop. Depending on the application category, the commissioner may require an applicator to complete a recertification workshop once per year, once every two years, or once every three years. If the commissioner requires an applicator to attend a recertification workshop and the applicator fails to attend the workshop, the commissioner may require the applicator to pass a reexamination. A recertification workshop must meet or exceed the competency standards in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171. Competency standards for a recertification workshop must be published on the Department of Agriculture website. An applicator may renew a commercial applicator license within 12 months after expiration of the license without having to meet initial testing requirements. The

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commissioner may require <u>an</u> additional demonstration of applicator qualification if <u>a person</u> the applicator has had a license suspended or revoked or has had a history of violations of this chapter.

- (b) An applicant applicator that meets renewal requirements by reexamination instead of attending workshops a recertification workshop must pay the equivalent workshop fee for the reexamination as determined by the commissioner.
- Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.33, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- Subd. 6. **Financial responsibility.** (a) A commercial applicator license may not be issued unless the applicant furnishes proof of financial responsibility. The commissioner may suspend or revoke an applicator's commercial applicator license if the applicator fails to provide proof of financial responsibility upon the commissioner's request. Financial responsibility may be demonstrated by: (1) proof of net assets equal to or greater than \$50,000; or (2) by a performance bond or insurance of the kind and in an amount determined by the commissioner.
- (b) The bond or insurance must cover a period of time at least equal to the term of the applicant's applicator's license. The commissioner must immediately suspend the license of a person an applicator who fails to maintain the required bond or insurance. The performance bond or insurance policy must contain a provision requiring the insurance or bonding company to notify the commissioner by ten days before the effective date of cancellation, termination, or any other change of the bond or insurance. If there is recovery against the bond or insurance, additional coverage must be secured by the applicator to maintain financial responsibility equal to the original amount required.
- (c) An employee of a licensed <u>person applicator</u> is not required to maintain an insurance policy or bond during the time the employer is maintaining the required insurance or bond.
- (d) Applications for reinstatement of a license suspended under the provisions of this section must be accompanied by proof of satisfaction of judgments previously rendered.
- Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.34, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** (a) Except for a licensed commercial applicator, certified private applicator, or licensed structural pest control applicator, a person, including a government employee, may not purchase or use a restricted use pesticide in performance of official duties without having a noncommercial applicator license for an appropriate use category.

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(b) A licensee must have a valid license identification card when applying pesticides and must display it upon demand by an authorized representative of the commissioner or a law enforcement officer. The license identification card must contain information required by the commissioner.

- (c) A person licensed under this section is considered qualified and is not required to verify, document, or otherwise prove a particular need prior to use, except as required by the federal label.
 - (d) A person licensed under this section must be 18 years of age or older.
- Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.34, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 4. Renewal. (a) A person An applicator must apply to the commissioner to renew a noncommercial applicator license. The commissioner may renew a license subject to reexamination, attendance at workshops a recertification workshop approved by the commissioner, or other requirements imposed by the commissioner to provide the applicator with information regarding changing technology and to help assure a continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly. Upon the receipt of an applicator's renewal application, the commissioner may require the applicator to attend a recertification workshop. Depending on the application category, the commissioner may require an applicator to complete a recertification workshop once per year, once every two years, or once every three years. If the commissioner requires an applicator to attend a recertification workshop and the applicator fails to attend the workshop, the commissioner may require the applicator to pass a reexamination. A recertification workshop must meet or exceed the competency standards in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171. Competency standards for a recertification website must be published on the Department of Agriculture website. The commissioner may require an additional demonstration of applicator qualification if the applicator has had a license suspended or revoked or has otherwise had a history of violations of this chapter.
 - (b) An applicant applicator that meets renewal requirements by reexamination instead of attending workshops a recertification workshop must pay the equivalent workshop fee for the reexamination as determined by the commissioner.
- 37.30 (c) An applicant applicator has 12 months to renew the license after expiration without having to meet initial testing requirements.

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Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.35, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) The commissioner may establish categories of structural pest control, commercial applicator, and noncommercial applicator licenses for administering and enforcing this chapter., and private applicator certification consistent with federal requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, parts 171.101 and 171.105, including but not limited to the federal categories that are applicable to the state. Application categories must meet or exceed the competency standards in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171. Competency standards for application categories must be published on the Department of Agriculture website. The categories may include pest control operators and ornamental, agricultural, aquatic, forest, and right-of-way pesticide applicators. Separate subclassifications of categories may be specified as to ground, aerial, or manual methods to apply pesticides or to the use of pesticides to control insects, plant diseases, rodents, or weeds.

- (b) Each category is subject to separate testing procedures and requirements.
- Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** (a) Except for a licensed commercial or noncommercial applicator, only a certified private applicator may use a restricted use pesticide to produce an agricultural commodity:
 - (1) as a traditional exchange of services without financial compensation;
- 38.20 (2) on a site owned, rented, or managed by the person or the person's employees; or
- 38.21 (3) when the private applicator is one of two or fewer employees and the owner or operator is a certified private applicator or is licensed as a noncommercial applicator.
- 38.23 (b) A person may not purchase a restricted use pesticide without presenting a license card, certified private applicator card, or the card number.
- 38.25 (c) A person certified under this section is considered qualified and is not required to verify, document, or otherwise prove a particular need prior to use, except as required by the federal label.
- 38.28 (d) A person certified under this section must be 18 years of age or older.
- Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Certification.** (a) The commissioner shall prescribe certification requirements and provide training that meets or exceeds United States Environmental Protection Agency

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39.1	standards to certify private applicators and provide information relating to changing
39.2	technology to help ensure a continuing level of competency and ability to use pesticides
39.3	properly and safely. Private applicator certification requirements and training must meet or
39.4	exceed the competency standards in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171.
39.5	Competency standards for private applicator certification and training must be published
39.6	on the Department of Agriculture website. The training may be done through cooperation
39.7	with other government agencies and must be a minimum of three hours in duration.
39.8	(b) A person must apply to the commissioner for certification as a private applicator.
39.9	After completing the certification requirements, which must include an a proctored
39.10	examination as determined by the commissioner, an applicant must be certified as a private
39.11	applicator to use restricted use pesticides. The certification shall expire March 1 of the third
39.12	calendar year after the initial year of certification.
39.13	(c) The commissioner shall issue a private applicator card to a private applicator.
39.14	Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.37, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
39.15	Subd. 2. Commercial and noncommercial applicators. (a) A commercial or
39.16	noncommercial applicator, or the applicator's authorized agent, must maintain a record of
39.17	pesticides used on each site. Noncommercial applicators must keep records of restricted
39.18	use pesticides. The record must include the:
39.19	(1) date of the pesticide use;
39.20	(2) time the pesticide application was completed;
39.21	(3) brand name of the pesticide, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
39.22	registration number, and rate used;
39.23	(4) number of units treated;
39.24	(5) temperature, wind speed, and wind direction;
39.25	(6) location of the site where the pesticide was applied;
39.26	(7) name and address of the customer;
39.27	(8) name of applicator, name of company, license number of applicator, and address of
39.28	applicator company; and
39.29	(9) any other information required by the commissioner.
39.30	(b) Portions of records not relevant to a specific type of application may be omitted upon
39.31	approval from the commissioner.

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40.1	(c) All information for this record requirement must be contained in a document for each
40.2	pesticide application, except a map may be attached to identify treated areas. An invoice
40.3	containing the required information may constitute the required record. The commissioner
40.4	shall make sample forms available to meet the requirements of this paragraph.
40.5	(d) The record must be completed no later than five days after the application of the
40.6	pesticide.
40.7	(e) A commercial applicator must give a copy of the record to the customer.
40.8	(f) Records must be retained by the applicator, company, or authorized agent for five
40.9	years after the date of treatment.
40.10	(g) A record of a commercial or noncommercial applicator must meet or exceed the
40.11	requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171.
40.12	Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18B.37, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
40.13	Subd. 3. Structural pest control applicators. (a) A structural pest control applicator
40.14	must maintain a record of each structural pest control application conducted by that person
40.15	or by the person's employees. The record must include the:
40.16	(1) date of structural pest control application;
40.17	(2) target pest;
40.18	(3) brand name of the pesticide, United States Environmental Protection Agency
40.19	registration number, and amount used;
40.20	(4) for fumigation, the temperature and exposure time;
40.21	(5) time the pesticide application was completed;
40.22	(6) name and address of the customer;
40.23	(7) name of structural pest control applicator, name of company and address of applicator
40.24	or company, and license number of applicator; and
40.25	(8) any other information required by the commissioner.
40.26	(b) All information for this record requirement must be contained in a document for
40.27	each pesticide application. An invoice containing the required information may constitute
40.28	the record.
40.29	(c) The record must be completed no later than five days after the application of the

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- (e) A copy of the record must be given to a person who ordered the application that is present at the site where the structural pest control application is conducted, placed in a conspicuous location at the site where the structural pest control application is conducted immediately after the application of the pesticides, or delivered to the person who ordered an application or the owner of the site. The commissioner must make sample forms available that meet the requirements of this subdivision.
- (f) A structural applicator must post in a conspicuous place inside a renter's apartment where a pesticide application has occurred a list of postapplication precautions contained on the label of the pesticide that was applied in the apartment and any other information required by the commissioner.
- 41.12 (g) A record of a structural applicator must meet or exceed the requirements in Code of
 41.13 Federal Regulations, title 40, part 171.

41.14 Sec. 20. <u>COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION LANGUAGE</u>

41.15 **REQUIREMENTS.**

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By January 1, 2025, the commissioner of agriculture must ensure that examinations for a commercial applicator license under Minnesota Statutes, section 18B.33, are available in Spanish and that applicants are informed that the examinations can be taken in Spanish.

The commissioner must use money appropriated from the pesticide regulatory account under Minnesota Statutes, section 18B.05, for this purpose.

41.21 ARTICLE 3

OTHER AGRICULTURE STATUTORY CHANGES

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.7371, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) "Approved agent" means a person authorized by the Department of Agriculture to determine if crop or fence damage was caused by elk and to assign a monetary value to the crop or fence damage.
- 41.28 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's authorized representative.
- 41.30 (c) "Estimated value" means the current value of crops or fencing as determined by an
 41.31 approved agent.

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(d) "Owner" means an individual, firm, corporation, copartnership, or association with
an interest in crops or fencing damaged by elk.
Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.7371, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
Subd. 2. Claim form and reporting. (a) The owner must prepare a claim on forms
provided by the commissioner and available on the Department of Agriculture's website of
by request from the commissioner. The claim form must be filed with the commissioner.
(b) After discovering crop or fence damage suspected to be caused by elk, an owner
must promptly notify an approved agent of the damage. To submit a claim for crop or fenc
damage caused by elk, an owner must complete the required portions of the claim form
provided by the commissioner. An owner who has submitted a claim must provide an
approved agent with all information required to investigate the crop or fence damage.
Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.7371, is amended by adding a subdivision to
read:
Subd. 2a. Investigation and crop valuation. (a) Upon receiving notification of crop of
fence damage suspected to be caused by elk, an approved agent must promptly investigat
the damage in a timely manner. An approved agent must make written findings on the clair
form regarding whether the crop was destroyed or damaged by elk. The approved agent's
findings must be based on physical and circumstantial evidence, including:
(1) the condition of the crop or fence;
(2) the presence of elk tracks;
(3) the geographic area of the state where the crop or fence damage occurred;
(4) any sightings of elk in the area; and
(5) any other circumstances that the approved agent considers to be relevant.
(b) The absence of affirmative evidence may be grounds for denial of a claim.
(c) On a claim form, an approved agent must make written findings of the extent of cro
or fence damage and, if applicable, the amount of crop destroyed.
(d) For damage to standing crops, an owner may choose to have the approved agent us
the method in clause (1) or clause (2) to complete the claim form and determine the amour
of crop loss:

43.1	(1) to submit a claim form to the commissioner at the time that the suspected elk damage
43.2	is discovered, the approved agent must record on the claim form: (i) the field's potential
43.3	yield per acre; (ii) the field's average yield per acre that is expected on the damaged acres;
43.4	(iii) the estimated value of the crop; and (iv) the total amount of loss. Upon completing the
43.5	claim form, the approved agent must submit the form to the commissioner; or
43.6	(2) to submit a claim form to the commissioner at the time that the crop is harvested,
43.7	the approved agent must record on the claim form at the time of the investigation: (i) the
43.8	percent of crop loss from damage; (ii) the actual yield of the damaged field when the crop
43.9	is harvested; (iii) the estimated value of the crop; and (iv) the total amount of loss. Upon
43.10	completing the claim form, the approved agent must submit the form to the commissioner.
43.11	(e) For damage to stored crops, an approved agent must record on the claim form: (1)
43.12	the type and volume of destroyed stored crops; (2) the estimated value of the crop; and (3)
43.13	the total amount of the loss.
43.14	(f) For damage to fencing, an approved agent must record on the claim form: (1) the
43.15	type of materials damaged; (2) the linear feet of the damage; (3) the value of the materials
43.16	per unit according to National Resource Conservation Service specifications; and (4) the
43.17	calculated total damage to the fence.
43.18	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.7371, is amended by adding a subdivision to
43.19	read:
43.20	Subd. 2b. Claim form. A completed claim form must be signed by the owner and an
43.21	approved agent. An approved agent must submit the claim form to the commissioner for
43.22	the commissioner's review and payment. The commissioner must return an incomplete claim
43.23	form to the approved agent. When returning an incomplete claim form to an approved agent,
43.24	the commissioner must indicate which information is missing from the claim form.
43.25	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 3.7371, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
43.26	Subd. 3. Compensation. (a) The erop An owner is entitled to the target price or the
43.27	market price, whichever is greater, estimated value of the damaged or destroyed crop plus
43.28	adjustments for yield loss determined according to agricultural stabilization and conservation
43.29	service programs for individual farms, adjusted annually, as determined by the commissioner,
43.30	upon recommendation of the commissioner's approved agent for the owner's county or
43.31	fence. Verification of crop or fence damage or destruction by elk may be provided by
43.32	submitting photographs or other evidence and documentation together with a statement
43.33	from an independent witness using forms prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner,

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upon recommendation of the commissioner's approved agent, shall determine whether the crop damage or destruction or damage to or destruction of a fence surrounding a crop or pasture is caused by elk and, if so, the amount of the crop or fence that is damaged or destroyed. In any fiscal year, an owner may not be compensated for a damaged or destroyed crop or fence surrounding a crop or pasture that is less than \$100 in value and may be compensated up to \$20,000, as determined under this section, if normal harvest procedures for the area are followed. An owner may not be compensated more than \$1,800 per fiscal year for damage to fencing surrounding a crop or pasture.

(b) In any fiscal year, the commissioner may provide compensation for claims filed under this section up to the amount expressly appropriated for this purpose.

Sec. 6. [17.034] DEBT REDUCTION GRANTS.

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- Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.
- 44.14 (b) "Eligible farmer" means an owner-member of a farmers' market who sells products
 44.15 of their farm or garden at the farmers' market.
- 44.16 (c) "Farmers' market" has the meaning given in section 28A.151, subdivision 1, paragraph
 44.17 (b).
- Subd. 2. **Debt reduction grants.** The commissioner of agriculture must award debt reduction grants of up to \$20,000 to eligible farmers who make scheduled or accelerated principal payments on agricultural operating, real estate, or capital equipment loans. An eligible farmer may receive one grant per year. Grants under this subdivision must be awarded on a reimbursement basis and are subject to sections 16B.97 to 16B.991.
- Subd. 3. Annual report. No later than February 1 each year, the commissioner must report program outcomes and any corresponding recommendations to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance.
- 44.26 Subd. 4. Expiration. This section expires June 30, 2030.
- Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 17.055, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. **Beginning farmer equipment and infrastructure grants.** (a) The commissioner may award and administer equipment and infrastructure grants to beginning farmers. The commissioner shall give preference to applicants who are emerging farmers experiencing

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limited land access or limited market access as those terms are defined in section 17.133, 45.1 subdivision 1. Grant money may be used for equipment and infrastructure development. 45.2 (b) The commissioner shall develop competitive eligibility criteria and may allocate 45.3 grants on a needs basis. 45.4 45.5 (c) Grant projects may continue for up to two years. Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 17.133, subdivision 1, is amended to read: 45.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have 45.7 the meanings given. 45.8 (b) "Eligible farmer" means an individual who at the time that the grant is awarded: 45.9 (1) is a resident of Minnesota who intends to acquire farmland located within the state 45.10 and provide the majority of the day-to-day physical labor and management of the farm; 45.11 (2) grosses no more than \$250,000 per year from the sale of farm products; and 45.12 (3) has not, and whose spouse has not, at any time had a direct or indirect ownership 45.13 interest in farmland; and 45.14 (4) is not, and whose spouse is not, related by blood or marriage to an owner of the 45.15 farmland that the individual intends to acquire. 45.16 (c) "Farm down payment" means an initial, partial payment required by a lender or seller 45.17 to purchase farmland. 45.18 45.19 (d) "Incubator farm" means a farm where: (1) individuals are given temporary, exclusive, and affordable access to small parcels 45.20 45.21 of land, infrastructure, and often training, for the purpose of honing skills and launching a farm business; and 45.22 (2) a majority of the individuals farming the small parcels of land grow industrial hemp, 45.23 cannabis, or one or more of the following specialty crops as defined by the United States 45.24 Department of Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop block grant program: fruits 45.25 and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants, culinary herbs and spices, horticulture 45.26 crops, floriculture crops, and nursery crops. 45.27 (e) "Limited land access" means farming land that the individual does not own when: 45.28 (1) the individual or the individual's child rents or leases the land, with the term of each 45.29 rental or lease agreement not exceeding three years in duration, from a person who is not 45.30 related to the individual or the individual's spouse by blood or marriage; or 45.31

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46.1	(2) the individual rents the land from an incubator farm.
46.2	(f) "Limited market access" means the majority of the individual's annual farm product
46.3	sales are direct sales to the consumer.
46.4	Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 17.133, subdivision 3, is amended
46.5	to read:
46.6	Subd. 3. Report to legislature. No later than December 1, 2023, and annually thereafter,
46.7	the commissioner must provide a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
46.8	legislative committees having jurisdiction over agriculture and rural development, in
46.9	compliance with sections 3.195 and 3.197, on the farm down payment assistance grants
46.10	under this section. The report must include:
46.11	(1) background information on beginning farmers in Minnesota and any other information
46.12	that the commissioner and authority find relevant to evaluating the effect of the grants on
46.13	increasing opportunities for and the number of beginning farmers;
46.14	(2) the number and amount of grants;
46.15	(3) the geographic distribution of grants by county;
46.16	(4) the number of grant recipients who are emerging farmers;
46.17	(5) the number of grant recipients who were experiencing limited land access or limited
46.18	market access when the grant was awarded;
46.19	(5) (6) disaggregated data regarding the gender, race, and ethnicity of grant recipients;
46.20	(6) (7) the number of farmers who cease to own land and are subject to payment of a
46.21	penalty, along with the reasons for the land ownership cessation; and
46.22	(7) (8) the number and amount of grant applications that exceeded the allocation available
46.23	in each year.
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46.24	Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 17.134, is amended by adding a
46.25	subdivision to read:
46.26	Subd. 3a. Grant requirements. In addition to the applicable grants management
46.27	requirements under sections 16B.97 to 16B.991, as a condition of receiving a soil health
46.28	financial assistance grant under this section an owner or lessee of farmland must commit

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to:

(1) if not certified under sections 17.9891 to 17.993, achieve certification no later that
24 months after the grant agreement is fully executed;
(2) not lease or rent the equipment to another for economic gain; and
(3) if selling the equipment, to sell it for no more than the owner's or lessee's document
share of the total purchase price.
Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:
Subd. 1c. Beneficial substance. A "beneficial substance" is any substance or compour
other than a primary, secondary, and micro plant nutrient that can be demonstrated by
scientific research to be beneficial to one or more species of plants, soil, or media.
Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:
Subd. 7b. Diammonium phosphate. "Diammonium phosphate" or "DAP" means a
fertilizer containing 18 percent total nitrogen and 46 percent available phosphate.
Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:
Subd. 11a. Finished sewage sludge product. "Finished sewage sludge product" mea
a fertilizer product consisting in whole or in part of sewage sludge that is disinfected by
means of composting, pasteurization, wet air oxidation, heat treatment or other means a
sold to the public.
Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:
Subd. 18b. Liquid 28. "Liquid 28" means a liquid nitrogen solution containing 28 perce
total nitrogen.
Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:
Subd. 18c. Liquid 32. "Liquid 32" means a liquid nitrogen solution containing 32 percentages."
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Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision 48.1 48.2 to read: Subd. 19c. Monoammonium phosphate. "Monoammonium phosphate" or "MAP" 48.3 means a fertilizer containing ten to 11 percent total nitrogen and 48 to 55 percent available 48.4 48.5 phosphate. Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision 48.6 to read: 48.7 Subd. 20a. Nitrogen fertilizer. "Nitrogen fertilizer" means any fertilizer, soil amendment, 48.8 or plant amendment totally or partially comprised of nitrogen, including but not limited to 48.9 anhydrous ammonia, urea, liquid 28, liquid 32, DAP, and MAP. 48.10 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, subdivision 33, is amended to read: 48.11 Subd. 33. Soil amendment. "Soil amendment" means a substance intended to improve 48.12 the structural, physical, chemical, biochemical, or biological characteristics of the soil or, 48.13 modify organic matter at or near the soil surface, except fertilizers, agricultural liming 48.14 materials, pesticides, and other materials exempted by the commissioner's rules. 48.15 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision 48.16 48.17 to read: Subd. 37a. Urea. "Urea" means a white crystalline solid containing 46 percent nitrogen. 48.18 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.115, subdivision 2, is amended to read: 48.19 Subd. 2. Adoption of national standards. Applicable national standards contained in 48.20 the 1996 official publication, number 49, most recently published version of the official 48.21 publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials including the rules 48.22 and regulations, statements of uniform interpretation and policy, and the official fertilizer 48.23 terms and definitions, and not otherwise adopted by the commissioner, may be adopted as 48.24 48.25 fertilizer rules of this state. Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.215, subdivision 1, is amended to read: 48.26 Subdivision 1. Packaged fertilizers. (a) A person may not sell or distribute specialty 48.27 fertilizer in bags or other containers in this state unless a label is placed on or affixed to the 48.28 bag or container stating in a clear, legible, and conspicuous form the following information: 48.29

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(1) the net weight and volume, if applicable;

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- 49.1 (2) the brand and grade, except the grade is not required if primary nutrients are not claimed;
- 49.3 (3) the guaranteed analysis;
- 49.4 (4) the name and address of the guarantor;
- 49.5 (5) directions for use, except directions for use are not required for custom blend specialty
 49.6 fertilizers; and
- 49.7 (6) a derivatives statement.
- (b) A person may not sell or distribute fertilizer for agricultural purposes in bags or other containers in this state unless a label is placed on or affixed to the bag or container stating in a clear, legible, and conspicuous form the information listed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (4), except:
- 49.12 (1) the grade is not required if primary nutrients are not claimed; and
- 49.13 (2) the grade on the label is optional if the fertilizer is used only for agricultural purposes and the guaranteed analysis statement is shown in the complete form as in section 18C.211.
- 49.15 (c) The labeled information must appear:
- 49.16 (1) on the front or back side of the container;
- 49.17 (2) on the upper one-third of the side of the container;
- 49.18 (3) on the upper end of the container; or
- 49.19 (4) printed on a tag affixed to the upper end of the container.
- (d) If a person sells a custom blend specialty fertilizer in bags or other containers, the information required in paragraph (a) must either be affixed to the bag or container as required in paragraph (c) or be furnished to the customer on an invoice or delivery ticket in written or printed form.
- 49.24 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.221, is amended to read:

49.25 **18C.221 FERTILIZER PLANT FOOD CONTENT.**

- 49.26 (a) Products that are deficient in plant food content are subject to this subdivision.
- 49.27 (b) An analysis must show that a fertilizer is deficient:
- 49.28 (1) in one or more of its guaranteed primary plant nutrients beyond the investigational allowances and compensations as established by regulation; or

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(2) if the overall index value of the fertilizer is shown below the level established by rule.

- (c) A deficiency in an official sample of mixed fertilizer resulting from nonuniformity is not distinguishable from a deficiency due to actual plant nutrient shortage and is properly subject to official action.
- (d) For the purpose of determining the commercial index value to be applied, the commissioner shall determine at least annually the values per unit of nitrogen, available phosphoric acid phosphate, and soluble potash in fertilizers in this state.
- (e) If a fertilizer in the possession of the consumer is found by the commissioner to be short in weight, the registrant or licensee of the fertilizer must submit a penalty payment of two times the value of the actual shortage to the consumer within 30 days after official notice from the commissioner.
- Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 18C.421, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
 - Subdivision 1. **Annual tonnage report.** (a) Each registrant under section 18C.411 and licensee under section 18C.415 shall file an annual tonnage report for the previous year ending June 30 with the commissioner, on forms provided or approved by the commissioner, utilizing uniform fertilizer tonnage reporting system codes and stating the number of net tons of each brand or grade of fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment distributed in this state or the number of net tons and grade of each raw fertilizer material distributed in this state during the reporting period.
 - (b) A tonnage report is not required to be submitted and an inspection fee under section 18C.425, subdivision 6, is not required to be paid to the commissioner by a licensee who distributes fertilizer solely by custom application.
- 50.25 (c) The annual tonnage report must be submitted to the commissioner on or before July 50.26 31 of each year.
- 50.27 (d) The inspection fee under section 18C.425, subdivision 6, must accompany the statement.
- 50.29 (e) The commissioner must produce an annual fertilizer sales report and post this report on the commissioner's website.

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Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 18C.425, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

- Subd. 6. **Payment of inspection fee.** (a) The person who registers and distributes in the state a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment under section 18C.411 shall pay the inspection fee to the commissioner.
- (b) The person licensed under section 18C.415 who distributes a fertilizer to a person not required to be so licensed shall pay the inspection fee to the commissioner, except as exempted under section 18C.421, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).
- (c) The person responsible for payment of the inspection fees for fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments sold and used in this state must pay the inspection fee set under paragraph (e), and until June 30, 2024, an additional 40 cents per ton, of fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment sold or distributed in this state, with a minimum of \$10 on all tonnage reports. Notwithstanding section 18C.131, until June 30, 2025, the commissioner must deposit all revenue from the additional 40 cents per ton fee in the agricultural fertilizer research and education account in section 18C.80; after June 30, 2025, the commissioner must deposit all revenue from the additional 40 cents per ton fee in the private well drinking-water assistance account established in section 18C.90. Products sold or distributed to manufacturers or exchanged between them are exempt from the inspection fee imposed by this subdivision if the products are used exclusively for manufacturing purposes.
- (d) A registrant or licensee must retain invoices showing proof of fertilizer, plant amendment, or soil amendment distribution amounts and inspection fees paid for a period of three years.
- (e) By commissioner's order, the commissioner must set the inspection fee at no less than 39 cents per ton and no more than 70 cents per ton. The commissioner must hold a public meeting before increasing the fee by more than five cents per ton.
- 51.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 51.29 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2025 2026.
- Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2025 2026.

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52.1	Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.80, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
52.2	Subd. 2. Expiration. This section expires June 30, 2025 2026.
52.3	Sec. 28. [18C.90] PRIVATE WELL DRINKING-WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
52.4	Subdivision 1. Account; appropriation. A private well drinking-water assistance account
52.5	is established in the agricultural fund. Money in the account, including interest earned, is
52.6	appropriated to the commissioner for aid payments to community health boards under
52.7	subdivision 2.
52.8	Subd. 2. Aid payments. (a) At least annually, the commissioner must make aid payments
52.9	to community health boards established under chapter 145A for purposes of assisting eligible
52.10	residents under subdivision 3.
52.11	(b) The commissioner must award proportional aid payments to eligible community
52.12	health boards based on each board's share of total private drinking-water wells in the state
52.13	with documented nitrate in excess of ten milligrams per liter, as determined by the
52.14	commissioner in consultation with the commissioners of health and the Pollution Control
52.15	Agency.
52.16	Subd. 3. Provision of safe drinking water. (a) For purposes of this section, "safe
52.17	drinking water" means water required for drinking, cooking, and maintaining oral hygiene
52.18	that has a nitrate level of no more than ten milligrams per liter.
52.19	(b) Community health boards must use aid payments received under subdivision 2 to
52.20	assist residents in obtaining safe drinking water when the documented level of nitrate in the
52.21	resident's private drinking-water well is more than ten milligrams per liter, with priority
52.22	given to pregnant women and children under the age of one.
52.23	(c) Community health boards must assist eligible residents in obtaining safe drinking
52.24	water through one or more of the following methods:
52.25	(1) convenient bottled water distribution or delivery;
52.26	(2) reverse osmosis treatment unit acquisition, installation, and maintenance;
52.27	(3) connection to a public water system; or
52.28	(4) another method, as determined by the commissioner of health, that provides eligible
52.29	residents with a sufficient quantity of safe drinking water.
52.30	Subd. 4. Reports. No later than January 15 each year, the commissioner must report
52.31	outcomes achieved under this section and any corresponding recommendations to the chairs

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and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
 and health.

- Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18D.301, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Enforcement required.** (a) The commissioner shall enforce this chapter and chapters 18B, 18C, and 18F.
- (b) Violations of chapter 18B, 18C, or 18F or rules adopted under chapter 18B, 18C, or 18F, or section 103H.275, subdivision 2, are a violation of this chapter.
 - (c) Upon the request of the commissioner, county attorneys, sheriffs, and other officers having authority in the enforcement of the general criminal laws shall take action to the extent of their authority necessary or proper for the enforcement of this chapter or special orders, standards, stipulations, and agreements of the commissioner.
- Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 18K.06, is amended to read:

53.13 **18K.06 RULEMAKING.**

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- (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the production, testing, processing, and licensing of industrial hemp. Notwithstanding the two-year limitation for exempt rules under section 14.388, subdivision 1, Minnesota Rules, chapter 1565, published in the State Register on August 16, 2021, is effective until August 16, 2025, or until permanent rules implementing chapter 18K are adopted, whichever occurs first may adopt or amend rules governing the production, testing, processing, and licensing of industrial hemp using the procedure in section 14.386, paragraph (a). Section 14.386, paragraph (b), does not apply to rules adopted or amended under this section.
- (b) Rules adopted under paragraph (a) must include but not be limited to provisions governing:
- 53.24 (1) the supervision and inspection of industrial hemp during its growth and harvest;
- 53.25 (2) the testing of industrial hemp to determine delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol levels;
- 53.26 (3) the use of background check results required under section 18K.04 to approve or deny a license application; and
- 53.28 (4) any other provision or procedure necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- 53.29 (c) Rules issued under this section must be consistent with federal law regarding the production, distribution, and sale of industrial hemp.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 28A.10, is amended to read: 54.1

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All such licenses shall be issued for a period of one year and shall be posted or displayed in a conspicuous place at the place of business so licensed. Except as provided in sections 29.22, subdivision 4 and 31.39, all such license fees and penalties collected by the commissioner shall be deposited into the state treasury and credited to the general fund. The commissioner may adopt such rules in conformity with law as the commissioner deems necessary to effectively and efficiently carry out the provisions of sections 28A.01 to 28A.16.

- Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 28A.21, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- Subd. 6. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2027 2037. 54.10
- Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 31.74, is amended to read: 54.11

31.74 SALE OF IMITATION HONEY.

- Subdivision 1. Honey defined. As used in this section "honey" means the nectar and saccharine exudation of plants, gathered, modified and stored in the comb by honey bees, which is levorotatory, contains not more than 25 percent of water, not more than 25/100 percent of ash, and not more than eight percent sucrose.
- Subd. 2. **Prohibited sale.** Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, it is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any product which is in semblance of honey and which is labeled, advertised, or otherwise represented to be honey, if it is not honey. The word "imitation" shall not be used in the name of a product which is in semblance of honey whether or not it contains any honey. The label for a product which is not in semblance of honey and which contains honey may include the word "honey" in the name of the product and the relative position of the word "honey" in the product name, and in the list of ingredients, when required, shall be determined by its prominence as an ingredient in the product.
- 54.26 Subd. 4. Food consisting of honey and another sweetener. Consistent with the federal act, the federal regulations incorporated under section 31.101, subdivision 7, and the prohibition against misbranding in sections 31.02 and 34A.03, the label for a food in 54.28 semblance of honey and consisting of honey and another sweetener must include but is not 54.29 limited to the following elements: 54.30
- (1) a statement of identity that accurately identifies or describes the nature of the food 54.31 or its characterizing properties or ingredients; and 54.32

(2) the common or usual name of each ingredient in the ingredient statement, in descending order of predominance by weight.

Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 31.94, is amended to read:

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31.94 ORGANIC AGRICULTURE; COMMISSIONER DUTIES.

- (a) In order to promote opportunities for organic agriculture in Minnesota, the commissioner shall:
- (1) survey producers and support services and organizations to determine information and research needs in the area of organic agriculture practices;
- (2) work with the University of Minnesota and other research and education institutions to demonstrate the on-farm applicability of organic agriculture practices to conditions in this state;
- (3) direct the programs of the department so as to work toward the promotion of organic agriculture in this state;
 - (4) inform agencies about state or federal programs that support organic agriculture practices; and
 - (5) work closely with producers, producer organizations, the University of Minnesota, and other appropriate agencies and organizations to identify opportunities and needs as well as ensure coordination and avoid duplication of state agency efforts regarding research, teaching, marketing, and extension work relating to organic agriculture.
 - (b) By November 15 of each year that ends in a zero or a five, the commissioner, in conjunction with the task force created in paragraph (c), shall report on the status of organic agriculture in Minnesota to the legislative policy and finance committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture. The report must include available data on organic acreage and production, available data on the sales or market performance of organic products, and recommendations regarding programs, policies, and research efforts that will benefit Minnesota's organic agriculture sector.
 - (c) A Minnesota Organic Advisory Task Force shall advise the commissioner and the University of Minnesota on policies and programs that will improve organic agriculture in Minnesota, including how available resources can most effectively be used for outreach, education, research, and technical assistance that meet the needs of the organic agriculture sector. The task force must consist of the following residents of the state:
- 55.32 (1) three organic farmers;

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56.1	(2) one wholesaler or distributor of organic products;
56.2	(3) one representative of organic certification agencies;
56.3	(4) two organic processors;
56.4	(5) one representative from University of Minnesota Extension;
56.5	(6) one University of Minnesota faculty member;
56.6	(7) one representative from a nonprofit organization representing producers;
56.7	(8) two public members;
56.8	(9) one representative from the United States Department of Agriculture;
56.9	(10) one retailer of organic products; and
56.10	(11) one organic consumer representative.
56.11	The commissioner, in consultation with the director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment
56.12	Station; the dean and director of University of Minnesota Extension and the dean of the
56.13	College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, shall appoint members to
56.14	serve three-year terms.
56.15	Compensation and removal of members are governed by section 15.059, subdivision 6.
56.16	The task force must meet at least twice each year and expires on June 30, 2024 2034.
56.17	(d) For the purposes of expanding, improving, and developing production and marketing
56.18	of the organic products of Minnesota agriculture, the commissioner may receive funds from
56.19	state and federal sources and spend them, including through grants or contracts, to assist
56.20	producers and processors to achieve certification, to conduct education or marketing
56.21	activities, to enter into research and development partnerships, or to address production or
56.22	marketing obstacles to the growth and well-being of the industry.
56.23	(e) The commissioner may facilitate the registration of state organic production and
56.24	handling operations including those exempt from organic certification according to Code
56.25	of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 205.101, and accredited certification agencies
56.26	operating within the state.

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

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 32D.30, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Program.** The commissioner must implement a dairy development and profitability enhancement program consisting of <u>a</u> dairy profitability enhancement teams and program, dairy business planning grants, and other services to support the dairy industry.

- Subd. 2. **Dairy profitability enhancement teams program.** (a) The dairy profitability enhancement teams program must provide one-on-one information and technical assistance to dairy farms of all sizes to enhance their financial success and long-term sustainability. Teams The program must assist dairy producers in all dairy-producing regions of the state and. Assistance to producers from the program may consist of be provided individually, as a team, or through other methods by farm business management instructors, dairy extension specialists, and other dairy industry partners. Teams The program may engage in activities including such as comprehensive financial analysis, risk management education, enhanced milk marketing tools and technologies, and facilitating or improving production systems, including rotational grazing and other sustainable agriculture methods, and value-added opportunities.
- (b) The commissioner must make grants to regional or statewide organizations qualified to manage the various components of the teams program and serve as program administrators. Each regional or statewide organization must designate a coordinator responsible for overseeing the program and submitting periodic reports to the commissioner regarding aggregate changes in producer financial stability, productivity, product quality, animal health, environmental protection, and other performance measures attributable to the program. The organizations must submit this information in a format that maintains the confidentiality of individual dairy producers.
- Subd. 3. **Dairy business planning grants.** The commissioner may award dairy business planning grants of up to \$5,000 per producer or dairy processor to develop comprehensive business plans use technical assistance services for evaluating operations, transitional changes, expansions, improvements, and other business modifications. Producers and processors must not use dairy business planning grants for capital improvements.
- Subd. 4. **Funding allocation.** Except as specified in law, the commissioner may allocate dairy development and profitability enhancement program dollars among for the permissible uses specified in this section and other needs to support the dairy industry, including efforts to improve the quality of milk produced in the state, in the proportions that the commissioner deems most beneficial to the state's dairy farmers.

Subd. 5. **Reporting.** No later than July 1 each year, the commissioner must submit a detailed accomplishment report and work plan detailing future plans for, and the actual and anticipated accomplishments from, expenditures under this section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. If the commissioner significantly modifies a submitted work plan during the fiscal year, the commissioner must notify the chairs and ranking minority members.

Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 41A.19, is amended to read:

41A.19 REPORT; INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

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By January 15 each year, the commissioner shall report on the incentive <u>and tax credit</u> programs under sections 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, <u>and 41A.20</u>, <u>and 41A.30</u> to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment <u>policy and finance</u> and agriculture policy and finance. The report shall include information on production <u>and</u>, <u>blending</u>, incentive expenditures, <u>and tax credit certificates awarded</u> under the programs, <u>as well as the following information that the commissioner must require of each producer or blender who receives a payment or a tax credit certificate during the reporting period:</u>

- (1) the producer's or blender's business structure;
- 58.18 (2) the name and address of the producer's or blender's parent company, if any;
- 58.19 (3) a cumulative list of all financial assistance received from all public grantors for the project;
- (4) goals for the number of jobs created and progress in achieving these goals, which may include separate goals for the number of part-time or full-time jobs, or, in cases where job loss is specific and demonstrable, goals for the number of jobs retained;
- 58.24 (5) equity hiring goals and progress in achieving these goals;
- 58.25 (6) wage goals and progress in achieving these goals for all jobs created or maintained 58.26 by the producer or blender;
- 58.27 (7) board member and executive compensation;
- 58.28 (8) evidence of compliance with environmental permits;
- 58.29 (9) the producer's or blender's intended and actual use of payments from, or tax credits approved by, the commissioner; and

(10) if applicable, the latest financial audit opinion statement produced by a certified 59.1 public accountant in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of 59.2 Certified Public Accountants. 59.3 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 41B.039, subdivision 2, is amended to read: 59.4 Subd. 2. State participation. The state may participate in a new real estate loan with 59.5 an eligible lender to a beginning farmer to the extent of 45 percent of the principal amount 59.6 of the loan or \$400,000 \$500,000, whichever is less. The interest rates and repayment terms 59.7 of the authority's participation interest may be different than the interest rates and repayment 59.8 terms of the lender's retained portion of the loan. 59.9 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 41B.04, subdivision 8, is amended to read: 59.10 Subd. 8. State participation. With respect to loans that are eligible for restructuring 59.11 under sections 41B.01 to 41B.23 and upon acceptance by the authority, the authority shall 59.12 enter into a participation agreement or other financial arrangement whereby it shall participate 59.13 in a restructured loan to the extent of 45 percent of the primary principal or \$525,000 59.14 \$625,000, whichever is less. The authority's portion of the loan must be protected during 59.15 the authority's participation by the first mortgage held by the eligible lender to the extent 59.16 of its participation in the loan. 59.17 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 41B.042, subdivision 4, is amended to read: 59.18 Subd. 4. Participation limit; interest. The authority may participate in new 59.19 seller-sponsored loans to the extent of 45 percent of the principal amount of the loan or 59.20 \$400,000 \$500,000, whichever is less. The interest rates and repayment terms of the 59.21 authority's participation interest may be different than the interest rates and repayment terms 59.22 of the seller's retained portion of the loan. 59.23 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 41B.043, subdivision 1b, is amended to read: 59.24 59.25 Subd. 1b. Loan participation. The authority may participate in an agricultural improvement loan with an eligible lender to a farmer who meets the requirements of section 59.26 41B.03, subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), and who is actively engaged in farming. 59.27 Participation is limited to 45 percent of the principal amount of the loan or \$400,000 59.28 \$500,000, whichever is less. The interest rates and repayment terms of the authority's 59.29 participation interest may be different than the interest rates and repayment terms of the 59.30

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Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 41B.045, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Loan participation.** The authority may participate in a livestock expansion and modernization loan with an eligible lender to a livestock farmer who meets the requirements of section 41B.03, subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), and who are actively engaged in a livestock operation. A prospective borrower must have a total net worth, including assets and liabilities of the borrower's spouse and dependents, of less than \$1,700,000 in 2017 and an amount in subsequent years which is adjusted for inflation by multiplying that amount by the cumulative inflation rate as determined by the United States All-Items Consumer Price Index.

Participation is limited to 45 percent of the principal amount of the loan or \$525,000 \$625,000, whichever is less. The interest rates and repayment terms of the authority's participation interest may be different from the interest rates and repayment terms of the lender's retained portion of the loan.

- Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 41B.047, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The authority shall establish and implement a disaster recovery loan program to help farmers:
- 60.17 (1) clean up, repair, or replace farm structures and septic and water systems, as well as replace seed, other crop inputs, feed, and livestock;
- 60.19 (2) purchase watering systems, irrigation systems, and other drought mitigation systems 60.20 and practices, and feed when drought is the cause of the purchase;
- 60.21 (3) restore farmland;

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- (4) replace flocks or livestock, make building improvements, or cover the loss of revenue when the replacement, improvements, or loss of revenue is due to the confirmed presence of a highly contagious animal disease in a commercial poultry or game flock, or a commercial livestock operation, located in Minnesota; or
- 60.26 (5) cover the loss of revenue when the revenue loss is due to an infectious human disease for which the governor has declared a peacetime emergency under section 12.31.
- Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 60.30 Subd. 26. Waterfowl hatching prohibition. A school board must prohibit a waterfowl hatching project as part of a lesson or experimental study in a class or program, including

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a community education program under section 124D.19, or in any cocurricular activity, or 61.1 extracurricular activity. This subdivision does not apply to a waterfowl hatching project 61.2 conducted by or under the auspices of Future Farmers of America or 4-H. For purposes of 61.3 this subdivision, "waterfowl" means all ducks, geese, and other species of migratory and 61.4 nonmigratory waterfowl. 61.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024. 61.6 61.7 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read: 61.8 Subd. 11. Waterfowl hatching prohibition. A charter school is subject to and must 61.9 comply with section 123B.02, subdivision 26, as though it were a district. 61.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024. 61.11 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 223.17, subdivision 6, is amended to read: 61.12 Subd. 6. Financial statements. (a) Except as allowed in paragraph (c), a grain buyer 61.13 61.14 licensed under this chapter must annually submit to the commissioner a financial statement prepared by a third-party independent accountant or certified public accountant in accordance 61.15 with generally accepted accounting principles national or international accounting standards. 61.16 The annual financial statement required under this subdivision must also: 61.17 (1) include, but not be limited to the following: 61.18 (i) a balance sheet; 61.19 (ii) a statement of income (profit and loss); 61.20 (iii) a statement of retained earnings; 61.21 (iv) a statement of changes in financial position cash flow; and 61.22 (v) a statement of the dollar amount of grain purchased in the previous fiscal year of the 61.23 grain buyer; 61.24 (2) be accompanied by a compilation report of the financial statement that is prepared 61.25 by a grain commission firm or a management firm approved by the commissioner or by an 61.26 61.27 independent public accountant, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or similar international standards; 61.28 (3) be accompanied by a certification by the chief executive officer or the chief executive 61.29 officer's designee of the licensee, and where applicable, all members of the governing board 61.30

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of directors under penalty of perjury, that the financial statement accurately reflects the 62.1 financial condition of the licensee for the period specified in the statement; 62.2 (4) for grain buyers purchasing under \$7,500,000 of grain annually, be reviewed by a 62.3 certified public accountant in accordance with standards established by the American Institute 62.4 of Certified Public Accountants, and must show that the financial statements are free from 62.5 material misstatements; and 62.6 (5) (3) for grain buyers purchasing \$7,500,000 or more of grain annually, be audited or 62.7 reviewed by a certified public accountant in accordance with standards established by the 62.8 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and or similar international standards. 62.9 62.10 An audit must include an opinion statement from the certified public accountant-performing the audit; and 62.11 (4) for grain buyers purchasing \$20,000,000 or more of grain annually, be audited by a 62.12 certified public accountant in accordance with standards established by the American Institute 62.13 of Certified Public Accountants or similar international standards. The audit must include 62.14 an opinion statement from the certified public accountant performing the audit. 62.15 (b) Only one financial statement must be filed for a chain of warehouses owned or 62.16 operated as a single business entity, unless otherwise required by the commissioner. All 62.17 financial statements filed with the commissioner are private or nonpublic data as provided 62.18 in section 13.02. 62.19 (c) A grain buyer who purchases grain immediately upon delivery solely with cash; a 62.20 certified check; a cashier's check; or a postal, bank, or express money order, as defined in 62.21 section 223.16, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), is exempt from this subdivision if the grain 62.22 buyer's gross annual purchases are \$1,000,000 or less. 62.23 (d) For an entity that qualifies for the exemption in paragraph (c), the commissioner 62.24 retains the right to require the entity to provide the commissioner with financial reporting 62.25 based on inspections, any report of nonpayment, or other documentation related to violations 62.26 of this chapter, chapter 232, or Minnesota Rules, chapter 1562. 62.27 (e) To ensure compliance with this chapter, the commissioner must annually review 62.28 financial statements submitted under paragraph (a). 62.29 62.30 (d) (f) The commissioner shall annually provide information on a person's fiduciary duties to each licensee. To the extent practicable, the commissioner must direct each licensee 62.31 to provide this information to all persons required to certify the licensee's financial statement 62.32

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63.1	(g) The commissioner may require an entity to provide additional financial statements
63.2	or financial reporting, including audited financial statements.
63.3	Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 223.24, subdivision 2, is amended
63.4	to read:
63.5	Subd. 2. Account; appropriation. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (d), money in
63.6	the grain indemnity account, including interest, is appropriated to the commissioner to pay
63.7	valid claims and to administer this section.
63.8	(b) The commissioner shall direct payments from the grain indemnity account only for
63.9	the following purposes:
63.10	(1) the payment of valid claims;
63.11	(2) the payment of grain indemnity premium refunds;
63.12	(3) the payment of administrative expenses under paragraph (c);
63.13	(4) the payment of legal fees and legal expenses under subdivision 7; or
63.14	(5) the payment of a trustee appointed under subdivision 6.
63.15	(c) The commissioner shall allocate money from the grain indemnity account to a separate
63.16	administrative expenses account to pay or reimburse the agency for grain indemnity account
63.17	expenses. Administrative expenses under this paragraph include the actual cost of processing
63.18	payments and refunds, enforcement, record keeping, ordinary management and investment
63.19	fees connected with the operation of the grain indemnity account, and legal expenses.
63.20	(d) Until June 30, 2029, all interest or other investment proceeds earned on money in
63.21	the grain indemnity account must be transferred to the farmer debt reduction account
63.22	established in subdivision 2a.
63.23	Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 223.24, is amended by adding a
63.24	subdivision to read:
63.25	Subd. 2a. Farmer debt reduction account. (a) A farmer debt reduction account is
63.26	established in the agricultural fund. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated
63.27	to the commissioner to award debt reduction grants under section 17.034.
63.28	(b) This subdivision expires on June 30, 2030.

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Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 232.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read: 64.1 Subd. 3. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture or the 64.2 commissioner's designee. 64.3 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 232.21, subdivision 7, is amended to read: 64.4 Subd. 7. Grain. "Grain" means any cereal grain, coarse grain, or oilseed in unprocessed 64.5 form for which a standard has been established by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, 64.6 dry edible beans, or agricultural crops designated by the commissioner by rule product 64.7 commonly referred to as grain, including wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, rice, soybeans, 64.8 emmer, sorghum, triticale, millet, pulses, dry edible beans, sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, 64.9 safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, and other products ordinarily stored 64.10 in grain warehouses. 64.11 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 232.21, subdivision 11, is amended to read: 64.12 Subd. 11. Producer. "Producer" means a person who owns or manages a grain producing 64.13 or growing operation and holds or shares the responsibility for marketing that grain produced 64.14 grows grain on land owned or leased by the person. 64.15 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 232.21, subdivision 12, is amended to read: 64.16 Subd. 12. Public grain warehouse operator. "Public grain warehouse operator" means: 64.17 (1) a person licensed to operate operating a grain warehouse in which grain belonging to 64.18 64.19 persons other than the grain warehouse operator is accepted for storage or purchase, or; (2) a person who offers grain storage or grain warehouse facilities to the public for hire; or (3) 64.20 a feed-processing plant that receives and stores grain, the equivalent of which, it processes 64.21 and returns to the grain's owner in amounts, at intervals, and with added ingredients that 64.22 are mutually agreeable to the grain's owner and the person operating the plant. 64.23 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 232.21, subdivision 13, is amended to read: 64.24 64.25 Subd. 13. Scale ticket. "Scale ticket" means a memorandum showing the weight, grade and kind of grain which is issued by a grain elevator or warehouse operator to a depositor 64.26 at the time the grain is delivered. 64.27

Sec. 53. CARBON CREDIT REPORT REQUIRED.

The commissioner of agriculture must convene a stakeholder working group to explore the state establishing a carbon credit market for farmers. No later than February 1, 2025,

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_	he commissioner must report recommendations to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture. The commissioner must provide participating stakeholders an opportunity
_	o include written testimony in the commissioner's report.
	Sec. 54. REPEALER.
	(a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 3.7371, subdivision 7; and 34.07, are repealed.
	(b) Minnesota Rules, parts 1506.0010; 1506.0015; 1506.0020; 1506.0025; 1506.0030;
]	1506.0035; and 1506.0040, are repealed.
	ARTICLE 4
	BROADBAND
	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116J.396, is amended by adding a subdivision
t	o read:
	Subd. 4. Transfer. The commissioner may transfer up to \$5,000,000 of a fiscal year
2	appropriation between the border-to-border broadband program, low density population
ł	proadband program, and the broadband line extension program to meet demand.
	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
	Sec. 2. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT; APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL
]	FUNDING; APPROPRIATION.
	(a) The commissioner of employment and economic development must prepare and
	submit an application to the United States Department of Commerce requesting State Digital
ĺ	Equity Capacity Grant Funding made available under Public Law 117-58, the Infrastructure
	nvestment and Jobs Act.
	(b) The amount awarded Minnesota from paragraph (a) is appropriated to the
(commissioner of employment and economic development for purposes of the commissioner's
ľ	Minnesota Digital Opportunity Plan."
	Delete the title and insert:
	"A bill for an act
	relating to state government; authorizing supplemental agriculture appropriations; modifying appropriations; providing broadband appropriation transfer authority; making policy and technical changes to agriculture provisions; establishing and modifying agriculture programs; requiring an application for federal broadband aid; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 3.7371, subdivisions 2, 3, by adding subdivisions; 17.133, subdivision 1; 18B.01, by adding a subdivision; 18B.26, subdivision 6; 18B.28, by adding a

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