

1.11 **ARTICLE 1**

1.12 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.13 Section 1. **AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.14 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.15 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

1.16 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1.17 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

1.18 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

1.19 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"

1.20 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

1.21		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
1.22		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
1.23		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
1.24		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

1.25 Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

1.26	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>61,342,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>58,358,000</u>
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2.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
2.2		<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>	
2.3	<u>General</u>	<u>60,943,000</u>		<u>57,959,000</u>	
2.4	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>		<u>399,000</u>	

2.5 The amounts that may be spent for each

2.6 purpose are specified in the following

2.7 subdivisions. Notwithstanding Minnesota

2.8 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14,

2.9 unless otherwise specified in this section, the

2.10 commissioner of agriculture may use up to ten

2.11 percent of money appropriated for costs

2.12 incurred to administer the Department of

2.13 Agriculture's grant programs.

2.14	<u>Subd. 2. Protection Services</u>		
2.15	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.16	<u>General</u>	<u>21,385,000</u>	<u>21,538,000</u>
2.17	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>
2.18	<u>(a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the</u>		
2.19	<u>second year are from the remediation fund for</u>		
2.20	<u>administrative funding of the voluntary</u>		
2.21	<u>cleanup program.</u>		
2.22	<u>(b) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the</u>		
2.23	<u>second year are for the soil health financial</u>		
2.24	<u>assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
2.25	<u>section 17.134. The commissioner may award</u>		
2.26	<u>no more than \$50,000 of the appropriation</u>		
2.27	<u>each year to a single recipient.</u>		
2.28	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
2.29	<u>16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may</u>		
2.30	<u>use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for</u>		
2.31	<u>costs incurred to administer the program. Any</u>		
2.32	<u>unencumbered balance does not cancel at the</u>		
2.33	<u>end of the first year and is available in the</u>		
2.34	<u>second year. Appropriations encumbered</u>		
2.35	<u>under contract on or before June 30, 2027, for</u>		
3.1	<u>soil health financial assistance grants are</u>		
3.2	<u>available until June 30, 2029.</u>		
3.3	<u>(c) \$293,000 the first year and \$293,000 the</u>		
3.4	<u>second year are for compensation for livestock</u>		
3.5	<u>destroyed or crippled by a wolf under</u>		
3.6	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first</u>		
3.7	<u>year appropriation may be spent to compensate</u>		
3.8	<u>for livestock that were destroyed or crippled</u>		
3.9	<u>during fiscal year 2025. If the amount in the</u>		
3.10	<u>first year is insufficient, the amount in the</u>		
3.11	<u>second year is available in the first year. The</u>		
3.12	<u>commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year</u>		
3.13	<u>to reimburse expenses incurred by university</u>		
3.14	<u>extension educators to provide fair market</u>		
3.15	<u>values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If</u>		
3.16	<u>the commissioner receives federal money to</u>		

2.25	<u>Subd. 2. Protection Services</u>		
2.26	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.27	<u>General</u>	<u>19,454,000</u>	<u>20,008,000</u>
2.28	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>
2.29	<u>(a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the</u>		
2.30	<u>second year are from the remediation fund for</u>		
2.31	<u>administrative funding of the voluntary</u>		
2.32	<u>cleanup program.</u>		
2.33	<u>(b) \$589,000 the first year and \$639,000 the</u>		
2.34	<u>second year are for the soil health financial</u>		
3.1	<u>assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
3.2	<u>section 17.134. The commissioner may award</u>		
3.3	<u>no more than \$50,000 of the appropriation</u>		
3.4	<u>each year to a single recipient.</u>		
3.5	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
3.6	<u>16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may</u>		
3.7	<u>use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for</u>		
3.8	<u>costs incurred to administer the program. Any</u>		
3.9	<u>unencumbered balance does not cancel at the</u>		
3.10	<u>end of the first year and is available in the</u>		
3.11	<u>second year. Appropriations encumbered</u>		
3.12	<u>under contract on or before June 30, 2027, for</u>		
3.13	<u>soil health financial assistance grants are</u>		
3.14	<u>available until June 30, 2029.</u>		
3.15	<u>(c) \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the</u>		
3.16	<u>second year are for compensation for livestock</u>		
3.17	<u>destroyed or crippled by a wolf under</u>		
3.18	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. If the</u>		
3.19	<u>amount in the first year is insufficient, the</u>		
3.20	<u>amount in the second year is available in the</u>		
3.21	<u>first year. The commissioner may use up to</u>		
3.22	<u>\$5,000 each year to reimburse expenses</u>		
3.23	<u>incurred by university extension educators to</u>		
3.24	<u>provide fair market values of destroyed or</u>		
3.25	<u>crippled livestock. If the commissioner</u>		
3.26	<u>receives federal funding to pay claims for</u>		
3.27	<u>destroyed or crippled livestock, an equivalent</u>		
3.28	<u>amount of this appropriation may be used to</u>		

3.17 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
3.18 an equivalent amount of this appropriation
3.19 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
3.20 methods performed by federal wildlife services
3.21 staff.

3.22 (d) \$280,000 the first year and \$280,000 the
3.23 second year are for compensation for crop or
3.24 fence damage caused by elk under Minnesota
3.25 Statutes, section 3.7371. If the amount in the
3.26 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
3.27 second year is available in the first year. The
3.28 commissioner may use up to \$10,000 of the
3.29 appropriation each year to reimburse expenses
3.30 incurred by the commissioner or the
3.31 commissioner's approved agent to investigate
3.32 and resolve claims, as well as for costs
3.33 associated with training for approved agents.
3.34 The commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of
3.35 the appropriation each year for grants to
4.1 producers for measures to protect stored crops
4.2 from elk damage. If the commissioner
4.3 determines that claims made under Minnesota
4.4 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are
4.5 unusually high, amounts appropriated for
4.6 either program may be transferred to the
4.7 appropriation for the other program.

4.8 (e) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
4.9 second year are to replace capital equipment
4.10 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
4.11 laboratory.

3.29 reimburse nonlethal prevention methods
3.30 performed by federal wildlife services staff.

3.31 (d) \$205,000 the first year and \$205,000 the
3.32 second year are for compensation for crop or
3.33 fence damage caused by elk under Minnesota
3.34 Statutes, section 3.7371. If the amount in the
3.35 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
4.1 second year is available in the first year. The
4.2 commissioner may use up to \$10,000 of the
4.3 appropriation each year to reimburse expenses
4.4 incurred by the commissioner or the
4.5 commissioner's approved agent to investigate
4.6 and resolve claims, as well as for costs
4.7 associated with training for approved agents.
4.8 The commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of
4.9 the appropriation each year to make grants to
4.10 producers for measures to protect stored crops
4.11 from elk damage. If the commissioner
4.12 determines that claims made under Minnesota
4.13 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are
4.14 unusually high, amounts appropriated for
4.15 either program may be transferred to the
4.16 appropriation for the other program.

4.17 (e) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
4.18 second year are to replace capital equipment
4.19 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
4.20 laboratory.

4.23 (g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
4.24 second year are to coordinate climate-related
4.25 activities and services within the Department
4.26 of Agriculture and with counterparts in local,
4.27 state, and federal agencies and for a full-time
4.28 climate implementation coordinator. The
4.29 climate implementation coordinator must
4.30 coordinate efforts seeking federal funding for
4.31 Minnesota's agricultural climate adaptation
4.32 and mitigation efforts and develop strategic

4.12 (f) \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
4.13 second year are for additional meat and poultry
4.14 inspection services. The commissioner is
4.15 encouraged to seek inspection waivers, match
4.16 federal money, and offer more online
4.17 inspections for the purposes of this paragraph.

4.18 (g) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
4.19 second year are for grants to counties to
4.20 support county agricultural inspectors. The
4.21 commissioner may use up to three percent of
4.22 the appropriation each year for administration.
4.23 County agricultural inspectors and
4.24 county-designated employees must annually
4.25 submit an application, on a form approved by
4.26 the commissioner, to be eligible for funding
4.27 during a given year. The commissioner must
4.28 equally divide available grant money among
4.29 eligible counties. To be eligible for grants
4.30 under this section, a county must employ a
4.31 county agricultural inspector or a
4.32 county-designated employee who:

4.33 (1) has attended training for new county
4.34 agricultural inspectors offered by the
4.35 commissioner;

5.1 (2) coordinates with the commissioner to
5.2 review applicable laws and enforcement
5.3 procedures;

5.4 (3) compiles and submits to the commissioner
5.5 local weed inspector annual report data;

5.6 (4) conducts an annual meeting and training
5.7 for local weed inspectors; and

5.8 (5) assists the commissioner with control
5.9 programs and other agricultural programs
5.10 when requested under Minnesota Statutes,
5.11 section 18.81, subdivision 1b, as directed by
5.12 the county board.

4.33 partnerships with the private sector and
4.34 nongovernment organizations.

5.1 (h) \$351,000 the first year and \$351,000 the
5.2 second year are for additional meat and poultry
5.3 inspection services. The base for this
5.4 appropriation is \$450,000 in fiscal year 2028
5.5 and each year thereafter.

5.13 (h) \$609,000 the first year and \$608,000 the
5.14 second year are appropriated to establish and
5.15 administer the biofertilizer innovation and
5.16 efficiency program under Minnesota Statutes,
5.17 section 18C.113. The commissioner may use
5.18 up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs
5.19 incurred to administer the program.
5.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
5.21 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
5.22 of fiscal year 2026 does not cancel and is
5.23 available until June 30, 2027. The base for this
5.24 appropriation is \$1,050,000 in fiscal year 2028
5.25 and each year thereafter.

5.26 (i) \$100,000 the first year is to conduct a study
5.27 with the commissioner of the Pollution Control
5.28 Agency, the commissioner of health, the
5.29 Metropolitan Council, a representative of a
5.30 major wastewater facility located outside the
5.31 seven-county metropolitan area, and a
5.32 technical panel of scientific experts on the
5.33 impact of biosolids contaminated with
5.34 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances
6.1 (PFAS) on farm families and consumers. The
6.2 study must include recommendations to the
6.3 legislature and be submitted to the chairs and
6.4 ranking minority members of the legislative
6.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
6.6 over agriculture policy and finance by June 1,
6.7 2027. The commissioner may contract with
6.8 an independent third party to conduct the
6.9 study.

6.10 (j) \$100,000 the first year is to conduct an
6.11 evaluation of the practice performance and
6.12 economic performance of the Olmsted County
6.13 groundwater protection and soil health
6.14 initiative, including the cover crop program,
6.15 alternative crops program, and haying,
6.16 grazing, and pasture enhancement program.
6.17 The evaluation must look at environmental
6.18 outcomes, include a cost-benefit analysis, and
6.19 be submitted to the chairs and ranking
6.20 minority members of the legislative

6.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
6.22 over agriculture policy and finance by June 1,
6.23 2027. The commissioner may contract with
6.24 an independent third party to conduct the
6.25 evaluation.

6.26 (k) \$150,000 the first year is to update and
6.27 modify the restricted use pesticide plan.

6.28 (l) \$420,000 the first year and \$924,000 the
6.29 second year are to support current services.

6.30 Subd. 3. **Agricultural Marketing and**
6.31 **Development** 24,529,000 24,526,000

6.32 (a) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
6.33 second year are for the continuation of the
6.34 dairy development and profitability
6.35 enhancement program, including dairy
7.1 profitability teams and dairy business planning
7.2 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.3 32D.30.

7.4 (b) The commissioner may use funds
7.5 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
7.6 cost-share payments to resident farmers or
7.7 entities that sell, process, or package
7.8 agricultural products in this state for the costs
7.9 of organic certification. The commissioner
7.10 may allocate these funds for assistance to
7.11 persons transitioning from conventional to
7.12 organic agriculture.

7.13 (c) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
7.14 second year are for mental health outreach and
7.15 support to farmers, ranchers, farm workers
7.16 and employees, and others in the agricultural
7.17 profession and for farm and farm worker
7.18 safety grant and outreach programs under
7.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental
7.20 health outreach and support may include a
7.21 24-hour hotline, stigma reduction, and
7.22 education. Notwithstanding Minnesota
7.23 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered

4.21 (f) \$420,000 the first year and \$924,000 the
4.22 second year are to support current services.

5.6 Subd. 3. **Agricultural Marketing and**
5.7 **Development** 21,126,000 20,876,000

5.8 (a) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
5.9 second year are for the continuation of the
5.10 dairy development and profitability
5.11 enhancement program, including dairy
5.12 profitability teams and dairy business planning
5.13 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
5.14 32D.30.

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

5.24 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
5.25 second year are for mental health outreach and
5.26 support to farmers, ranchers, and others in the
5.27 agricultural community and for farm safety
5.28 grant and outreach programs under Minnesota
5.29 Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental health
5.30 outreach and support may include a 24-hour
5.31 hotline, stigma reduction, and education.
5.32 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
5.33 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
5.34 cancel at the end of fiscal year 2026 and is
5.35 available until June 30, 2027. The base for this

7.24 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
7.25 year and is available in the second year.

7.26 (d) \$19,935,000 the first year and \$19,932,000
7.27 the second year are for the agricultural growth,
7.28 research, and innovation program under
7.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12.

7.30 (e) Except as provided in paragraph (f), the
7.31 commissioner may allocate the appropriation
7.32 in paragraph (d) each year among the
7.33 following areas: facilitating the start-up,
7.34 modernization, improvement, or expansion of
7.35 livestock operations, including beginning and
8.1 transitioning livestock operations with
8.2 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
8.3 equipment; assisting value-added agricultural
8.4 businesses to begin or expand, to access new
8.5 markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics
8.6 systems, with preference given to hemp fiber
8.7 processing equipment; facilitating the start-up,
8.8 modernization, or expansion of other
8.9 beginning and transitioning farms, including
8.10 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
8.11 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
8.12 on-farm research and demonstration; the
8.13 development or expansion of food hubs and
8.14 other alternative community-based food
8.15 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
8.16 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
8.17 including basic and applied turf seed research;
8.18 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
8.19 and good agricultural practices and good
8.20 handling practices certification assistance.
8.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
8.22 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
8.23 use up to 6.5 percent of the appropriation in
8.24 paragraph (d) for costs incurred to administer
8.25 the program.

6.1 appropriation is \$50,000 in fiscal year 2028
6.2 and each year thereafter.

6.3 (d) \$16,557,000 the first year and \$16,307,000
6.4 the second year are for the agricultural growth,
6.5 research, and innovation program under
6.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. The base
6.7 for this appropriation is \$16,357,000 in fiscal
6.8 year 2028 and each year thereafter.

6.9 (e) Except as provided in paragraph (f), the
6.10 commissioner may allocate the appropriation
6.11 in paragraph (d) each year among the
6.12 following areas: facilitating the startup,
6.13 modernization, improvement, or expansion of
6.14 livestock operations, including beginning and
6.15 transitioning livestock operations with
6.16 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
6.17 equipment; assisting value-added agricultural
6.18 businesses to begin or expand, to access new
6.19 markets, or to diversify, including aquaponics
6.20 systems, with preference given to hemp fiber
6.21 processing equipment; facilitating the startup,
6.22 modernization, or expansion of other
6.23 beginning and transitioning farms, including
6.24 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
6.25 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
6.26 on-farm research and demonstration; the
6.27 development or expansion of food hubs and
6.28 other alternative community-based food
6.29 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
6.30 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
6.31 including basic and applied turf seed research;
6.32 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
6.33 supporting the commercialization of an
6.34 innovative material additive utilizing
6.35 agricultural coproducts or waste streams to
7.1 produce fiber-based barrier packaging to
7.2 reduce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
7.3 substances (PFAS) and plastics in packaging
7.4 products; and good agricultural practices and
7.5 good handling practices certification
7.6 assistance. Notwithstanding Minnesota
7.7 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the

8.26 (f) Of the amount appropriated for the
8.27 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
8.28 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
8.29 41A.12:

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

8.34 (2) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
8.35 the second year are for incentive payments
9.1 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
9.2 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. If this
9.3 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
9.4 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
9.5 year, the balance of the appropriation is
9.6 available for other purposes under this
9.7 paragraph;

9.8 (3) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
9.9 the second year are for grants that enable retail
9.10 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and
9.11 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the
9.12 public in accordance with the biofuel
9.13 replacement goals established under
9.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
9.15 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
9.16 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
9.17 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
9.18 under this clause if the retail petroleum
9.19 dispenser has no more than 20 retail petroleum
9.20 dispensing sites and each site is located in
9.21 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
9.22 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
9.23 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
9.24 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
9.25 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
9.26 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
9.27 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
9.28 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant

7.8 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
7.9 the appropriation in paragraph (d) for costs
7.10 incurred to administer the program.

7.11 (f) Of the amount appropriated for the
7.12 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
7.13 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.14 41A.12:

7.15 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
7.16 the second year are for distribution in equal
7.17 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
7.18 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

7.19 (2) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
7.20 the second year are for incentive payments
7.21 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
7.22 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. If this
7.23 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
7.24 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
7.25 year, the balance of the appropriation is
7.26 available for other purposes under this
7.27 paragraph;

7.28 (3) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
7.29 the second year are for grants that enable retail
7.30 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and
7.31 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the
7.32 public in accordance with the biofuel
7.33 replacement goals established under
7.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
7.35 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
8.1 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
8.2 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
8.3 under this clause if the retail petroleum
8.4 dispenser has no more than 20 retail petroleum
8.5 dispensing sites and each site is located in
8.6 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
8.7 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
8.8 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
8.9 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
8.10 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
8.11 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
8.12 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
8.13 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant

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

10.13 (4) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
10.14 second year are for grants to facilitate the
10.15 start-up, modernization, or expansion of meat,
10.16 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A
10.17 grant award under this clause must not exceed
10.18 \$200,000;

10.19 (5) \$2,294,000 the first year and \$2,294,000
10.20 the second year are for providing more fruits,
10.21 vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for
10.22 children in school and early childhood
10.23 education settings, including, at the
10.24 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
10.25 to reimburse schools and early childhood
10.26 education and child care providers for
10.27 purchasing equipment and agricultural
10.28 products. Of the amount appropriated,
10.29 \$150,000 each year is for a statewide
10.30 coordinator of farm-to-institution strategy and
10.31 programming. The coordinator must consult
10.32 with relevant stakeholders and provide
10.33 technical assistance and training for

8.14 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
8.15 with any economic or community development
8.16 financial institution and any other entity with
8.17 which the commissioner contracts, must
8.18 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
8.19 financial assistance program by January 15
8.20 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
8.21 members of the legislative committees and
8.22 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
8.23 policy and finance. The annual report must
8.24 include but not be limited to a summary of the
8.25 following metrics: (i) the number and types
8.26 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
8.27 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
8.28 geographic distribution of financed projects;
8.29 (iv) any market expansion associated with
8.30 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
8.31 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
8.32 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
8.33 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;

8.34 (4) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
8.35 second year are for grants to facilitate the
8.36 startup, modernization, or expansion of meat,
9.1 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A
9.2 grant award under this clause must not exceed
9.3 \$200,000;

9.4 (5) \$1,444,000 the first year and \$1,444,000
9.5 the second year are for providing more fruits,
9.6 vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for
9.7 children in school and early childhood
9.8 education settings, including, at the
9.9 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
9.10 to reimburse schools and early childhood
9.11 education and child care providers for
9.12 purchasing equipment and agricultural
9.13 products. Of the amount appropriated,
9.14 \$150,000 each year is for a statewide
9.15 coordinator of farm-to-institution strategy and
9.16 programming. The coordinator must consult
9.17 with relevant stakeholders and provide
9.18 technical assistance and training for
9.19 participating farmers and eligible grant

10.34 participating farmers and eligible grant
10.35 recipients;

11.1 (6) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
11.2 the second year are for grants to facilitate the
11.3 development of urban agriculture, including
11.4 projects related to youth education, community
11.5 and economic development, value-added
11.6 processing, and vocational training;

11.7 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
11.8 the second year are for the good food access
11.9 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.10 17.1017;

11.11 (8) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
11.12 second year are for cooperative development
11.13 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.14 17.1016;

11.15 (9) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
11.16 second year are to award grants under the
11.17 AGRI works program. Agriculture-related
11.18 institutions and nonprofits may apply for
11.19 grants up to \$20,000. Grantees must submit
11.20 their most recent tax documents and complete
11.21 an application in the form and manner
11.22 prescribed by the commissioner to be eligible
11.23 for grants under this appropriation. The base
11.24 for this clause is \$366,000 in fiscal year 2028
11.25 and each year thereafter;

9.20 recipients. At the commissioner's discretion,
9.21 for state administration of federal cooperative
9.22 agreements for purchasing Minnesota grown
9.23 and raised foods for schools, child care
9.24 providers, food banks, and other institutions,
9.25 the commissioner may use an amount of state
9.26 funds equal to no more than 7.5 percent of the
9.27 total federal funds awarded to the state. The
9.28 commissioner shall expend any available
9.29 federal administrative funds awarded for this
9.30 purpose before using state funds;

9.31 (6) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000 the
9.32 second year are for grants to facilitate the
9.33 development of urban agriculture, including
9.34 projects related to youth education, community
9.35 and economic development, value-added
10.1 processing, and vocational training. The base
10.2 for this appropriation is \$1,025,000 in fiscal
10.3 year 2028 and each year thereafter;

10.4 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
10.5 the second year are for the food retail
10.6 improvement and development program under
10.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017;

10.8 (8) Up to \$200,000 the first year and up to
10.9 \$200,000 the second year are for cooperative
10.10 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
10.11 section 17.1016; and

11.26 (10) \$928,000 the first year and \$925,000 the
11.27 second year are to award grants under the
11.28 AGRI support program. Agriculture-related
11.29 institutions and nonprofits may apply for
11.30 grants over \$20,000 but not more than
11.31 \$200,000. Grantees must submit their most
11.32 recent tax documents and complete an
11.33 application in the form and manner prescribed
11.34 by the commissioner to be eligible for grants
11.35 under this appropriation. If the commissioner
12.1 determines that application demand for AGRI
12.2 works or AGRI support are unusually high,
12.3 amounts appropriated for either program may
12.4 be transferred to the appropriation for the other
12.5 program. The base for this clause is \$865,000
12.6 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter;
12.7 and

12.8 (11) \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the
12.9 second year are for the protecting livestock
12.10 grant program for producers to support the
12.11 installation of measures to prevent the
12.12 transmission of avian influenza. For the
12.13 appropriation in this paragraph, a grant
12.14 applicant must document a cost-share of 20
12.15 percent. An applicant's cost-share amount may
12.16 be reduced up to \$2,000 to cover time and
12.17 labor costs. Notwithstanding Minnesota
12.18 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the

10.12 (9) \$250,000 the first year is for the protecting
10.13 livestock grant program for producers to
10.14 support the installation of measures to prevent
10.15 the transmission of avian influenza. For the
10.16 appropriation in this clause, a grant applicant
10.17 must document a cost-share of 20 percent. An
10.18 applicant's cost-share amount may be reduced
10.19 up to \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs.
10.20 This is a onetime appropriation.
10.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
10.22 16A.28, this appropriation does not cancel at
10.23 the end of the first year and is available in the
10.24 second year.

12.19 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
12.20 this appropriation for administrative costs.

12.21 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
12.22 section 16A.28, the appropriation in paragraph
12.23 (d) does not cancel at the end of the second
12.24 year and is available until June 30, 2029.
12.25 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
12.26 or before June 30, 2029, for agricultural
12.27 growth, research, and innovation grants are
12.28 available until June 30, 2032.

12.29 (h) The base for the agricultural growth,
12.30 research, and innovation program is
12.31 \$20,038,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
12.32 thereafter.

13.1 **Subd. 4. Administration and Financial**
13.2 **Assistance** 15,029,000 11,895,000

13.3 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
13.4 second year are for payments to county and
13.5 district agricultural societies and associations
13.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
13.7 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
13.8 district agricultural societies and associations
13.9 must be disbursed no later than July 15 each
13.10 year. These payments are the amount of aid
13.11 from the state for an annual fair held in the
13.12 previous calendar year.

13.13 (b) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
13.14 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
13.15 Agricultural Education and Leadership
13.16 Council for programs of the council under
13.17 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

10.25 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
10.26 section 16A.28, the appropriation in paragraph
10.27 (d) does not cancel at the end of the second
10.28 year and is available until June 30, 2029.
10.29 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
10.30 or before June 30, 2029, for agricultural
10.31 growth, research, and innovation grants are
10.32 available until June 30, 2032.

11.1 **Subd. 4. Administration and Financial**
11.2 **Assistance** 12,104,000 12,118,000

11.3 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
11.4 second year are for payments to county and
11.5 district agricultural societies and associations
11.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
11.7 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
11.8 district agricultural societies and associations
11.9 must be disbursed no later than July 15 each
11.10 year. These payments are the amount of aid
11.11 from the state for an annual fair held in the
11.12 previous calendar year.

11.13 (b) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
11.14 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
11.15 Agricultural Education and Leadership
11.16 Council for programs of the council under
11.17 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

11.18 (c) \$2,000 the first year is for a grant to the
11.19 Minnesota State Poultry Association to
11.20 promote youth poultry programs in Minnesota.
11.21 This is a onetime appropriation.
11.22 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
11.23 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not

- 11.24 cancel at the end of the first year and is
11.25 available in the second year.
- 11.26 (d) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
11.27 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
11.28 Livestock Breeders Association. This is a
11.29 onetime appropriation.
- 11.30 (e) \$30,000 the first year and \$30,000 the
11.31 second year are for grants to the Northern
11.32 Crops Institute that may be used to purchase
11.33 equipment. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 12.1 (f) \$35,000 the first year and \$35,000 the
12.2 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
12.3 State Horticultural Society. This is a onetime
12.4 appropriation.
- 12.5 (g) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
12.6 second year are for grants to the Center for
12.7 Rural Policy and Development. This is a
12.8 onetime appropriation.
- 12.9 (h) \$40,000 the first year and \$40,000 the
12.10 second year are appropriated from the general
12.11 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for
12.12 grants to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for
12.13 basic and applied research on:
- 12.14 (1) the improved production of forage and turf
12.15 seed related to new and improved varieties;
12.16 and
- 12.17 (2) native plants, including plant breeding,
12.18 nutrient management, pest management,
12.19 disease management, yield, and viability.
- 12.20 The Minnesota Turf Seed Council may
12.21 subcontract with a qualified third party for
12.22 some or all of the basic or applied research.
12.23 Any unencumbered balance does not cancel
12.24 at the end of the first year and is available in
12.25 the second year. The Minnesota Turf Seed
12.26 Council must prepare a report outlining the
12.27 use of the grant money and related
12.28 accomplishments. No later than January 15,

13.18 (c) \$1,050,000 the first year and \$1,050,000
13.19 the second year are to award and administer
13.20 farm down payment assistance grants under
13.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with
13.22 priority given to eligible applicants with no
13.23 more than \$100,000 in annual gross farm
13.24 product sales and eligible applicants who are
13.25 producers of industrial hemp, cannabis, or one
13.26 or more of the following specialty crops as
13.27 defined by the United States Department of
13.28 Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop
13.29 block grant program: fruits and vegetables,
13.30 tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants,
13.31 culinary herbs and spices, horticulture crops,
13.32 floriculture crops, and nursery crops.
13.33 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
13.34 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
13.35 of the first year does not cancel and is
14.1 available in the second year and appropriations

12.29 2027, and January 15, 2028, the council must
12.30 submit the report to the chairs and ranking
12.31 minority members of the legislative
12.32 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
12.33 over agriculture finance and policy. This is a
12.34 onetime appropriation.

13.1 (i) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
13.2 second year are for grants to GreenSeam for
13.3 assistance to agriculture-related businesses to
13.4 support business retention and development,
13.5 business attraction and creation, talent
13.6 development and attraction, and regional
13.7 branding and promotion. These are onetime
13.8 appropriations. No later than December 1,
13.9 2026, and December 1, 2027, GreenSeam
13.10 must report to the chairs and ranking minority
13.11 members of the legislative committees with
13.12 jurisdiction over agriculture and rural
13.13 development with information on new and
13.14 existing businesses supported, number of new
13.15 jobs created in the region, new educational
13.16 partnerships and programs supported, and
13.17 regional branding and promotional efforts.

13.18 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
13.19 the second year are to award and administer
13.20 farm down payment assistance grants under
13.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with
13.22 priority given to eligible applicants with no
13.23 more than \$100,000 in annual gross farm
13.24 product sales and eligible applicants who are
13.25 producers of industrial hemp, cannabis, or one
13.26 or more of the following specialty crops as
13.27 defined by the United States Department of
13.28 Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop
13.29 block grant program: fruits and vegetables,
13.30 tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants,
13.31 culinary herbs and spices, horticulture crops,
13.32 floriculture crops, and nursery crops.
13.33 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
13.34 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
13.35 of the first year does not cancel and is
13.36 available in the second year and appropriations

14.2 encumbered under contract by June 30, 2027,
14.3 are available until June 30, 2029. The base for
14.4 this appropriation is \$1,400,000 in fiscal year
14.5 2028 and each year thereafter.

14.6 (d) \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
14.7 second year are for the purchase of milk for
14.8 distribution to Minnesota's food shelves and
14.9 other charitable organizations that are eligible
14.10 to receive food from the food banks. Milk
14.11 purchased with grant money must be acquired
14.12 from Minnesota milk processors and based on
14.13 low-cost bids. The milk must be allocated to
14.14 each Feeding America food bank serving
14.15 Minnesota according to the formula used in
14.16 the distribution of United States Department
14.17 of Agriculture commodities under The
14.18 Emergency Food Assistance Program. The
14.19 commissioner may enter into contracts or
14.20 agreements with food banks for shared funding
14.21 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of
14.22 milk. Each food bank that receives funding
14.23 under this paragraph may use up to two
14.24 percent for administrative expenses.
14.25 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
14.26 16A.28, any unencumbered balance the first
14.27 year does not cancel and is available the
14.28 second year.

14.1 encumbered under contract by June 30, 2027,
14.2 are available until December 31, 2027.

14.3 (k) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
14.4 the second year are for grants to Second
14.5 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's
14.6 five Feeding America food banks for the
14.7 following purposes:

14.8 (1) at least \$850,000 each year must be
14.9 allocated to purchase milk for distribution to
14.10 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable
14.11 organizations that are eligible to receive food
14.12 from the food banks. Milk purchased under
14.13 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota
14.14 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.
14.15 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding
14.16 America food bank serving Minnesota
14.17 according to the formula used in the
14.18 distribution of United States Department of
14.19 Agriculture commodities under The
14.20 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second
14.21 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or
14.22 agreements with food banks for shared funding
14.23 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of
14.24 milk. Each food bank that receives funding
14.25 under this clause may use up to two percent
14.26 for administrative expenses. Notwithstanding
14.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
14.28 unencumbered balance the first year does not
14.29 cancel and is available the second year;

14.30 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and
14.31 processors for costs incurred to harvest and
14.32 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,
14.33 and other agricultural commodities that would
14.34 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or be
14.35 sold in a secondary market. Surplus
15.1 commodities must be distributed statewide to
15.2 food shelves and other charitable organizations
15.3 that are eligible to receive food from the food
15.4 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause

14.29 (e) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the
14.30 second year are for a pass-through grant to
14.31 Region Five Development Commission to
14.32 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business
14.33 Management, statewide mental health
14.34 counseling support to Minnesota farm
14.35 operators, families, and employees, and
15.1 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers
15.2 in a professional capacity. Region Five
15.3 Development Commission may use up to 6.5
15.4 percent of the grant awarded under this
15.5 paragraph for administration.

15.5 must be from Minnesota producers and
15.6 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may
15.7 not use any amount of each grant awarded
15.8 under this clause for administrative expenses;

15.9 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,
15.10 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,
15.11 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's
15.12 food shelves and other charitable organizations
15.13 that are eligible to receive food from the food
15.14 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up
15.15 to two percent of each grant awarded under
15.16 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein
15.17 products purchased under the grants must be
15.18 acquired from Minnesota processors and
15.19 producers; and

15.20 (4) up to \$500,000 each year is to purchase
15.21 produce from The Good Acre.

15.22 Second Harvest Heartland must submit
15.23 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the
15.24 chairs and ranking minority members of the
15.25 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
15.26 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by
15.27 the commissioner. The reports must include
15.28 but are not limited to information on the
15.29 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or
15.30 other commodities purchased, and the
15.31 organizations to which this food was
15.32 distributed.

15.33 (l) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the
15.34 second year are for a pass-through grant to
15.35 Region Five Development Commission to
16.1 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business
16.2 Management, statewide mental health
16.3 counseling support to Minnesota farm
16.4 operators, families, and employees, and
16.5 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers
16.6 in a professional capacity. Region Five
16.7 Development Commission may use up to 6.5
16.8 percent of the grant awarded under this
16.9 paragraph for administration.

15.6 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
15.7 the second year are to expand the Emerging
15.8 Farmers Office and provide services to
15.9 beginning and emerging farmers to increase
15.10 connections between farmers and market
15.11 opportunities throughout the state. This
15.12 appropriation may be used for grants,
15.13 translation services, training programs, or
15.14 other purposes in line with the
15.15 recommendations of the emerging farmer
15.16 working group established under Minnesota
15.17 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1.

15.18 (g) \$137,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
15.19 second year are to support current services.

15.20 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
15.21 second year are for farm advocate services.
15.22 Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and
15.23 \$50,000 the second year are for the
15.24 continuation of the farmland transition
15.25 programs and may be used for grants to
15.26 farmland access teams to provide technical
15.27 assistance to potential beginning farmers.
15.28 Farmland access teams must assist existing
15.29 farmers and beginning farmers with
15.30 transitioning farm ownership and farm
15.31 operation. Services provided by teams may
15.32 include but are not limited to mediation
15.33 assistance, designing contracts, financial
15.34 planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and
15.35 housing assistance.

16.1 (i) \$3,100,000 the first year is for a grant to
16.2 First District Association for a wastewater
16.3 treatment project.

16.10 (m) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
16.11 second year are for grants to the Southern
16.12 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote
16.13 local foods through an annual event that raises
16.14 public awareness of local foods and connects
16.15 local food producers and processors with
16.16 potential buyers.

16.17 (n) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
16.18 the second year are for the Emerging Farmers
16.19 Office to provide services to beginning and
16.20 emerging farmers to increase connections
16.21 between farmers and market opportunities
16.22 throughout the state. This appropriation may
16.23 be used for grants, translation services,
16.24 training programs, or other purposes in line
16.25 with the recommendations of the emerging
16.26 farmer working group established under
16.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
16.28 subdivision 1.

16.29 (o) \$137,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
16.30 second year are to support current services.

16.31 (p) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
16.32 second year are for farm advocate services.
16.33 Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and
16.34 \$50,000 the second year are for the
16.35 continuation of the farmland transition
17.1 programs and may be used for grants to
17.2 farmland access teams to provide technical
17.3 assistance to potential beginning farmers.
17.4 Farmland access teams must assist existing
17.5 farmers and beginning farmers with
17.6 transitioning farm ownership and farm
17.7 operation. Services provided by teams may
17.8 include but are not limited to mediation
17.9 assistance, designing contracts, financial
17.10 planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and
17.11 housing assistance.

16.4 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
16.5 the second year are to award grants to eligible
16.6 applicants for participation in the local food
16.7 purchasing assistance grant program. Selected
16.8 applicants must use grant money to procure
16.9 and distribute food to communities. Eligible
16.10 applicants include but are not limited to
16.11 individuals, nonprofit organizations, for-profit
16.12 businesses, Tribal governments, government
16.13 entities, agricultural cooperatives, economic
16.14 development organizations, and educational
16.15 institutions. When awarding grants, the
16.16 commissioner must give preference to
16.17 applicants that:

16.18 (1) source 100 percent of food from
16.19 Minnesota;

16.20 (2) source at least 70 percent of food from
16.21 farmers who are experiencing limited land
16.22 access or limited market access as defined in
16.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133,
16.24 subdivision 1; and

16.25 (3) distribute food at no cost to communities
16.26 that have low supermarket access in
16.27 census-designated food deserts or low- or
16.28 moderate-income areas with substantial
16.29 subpopulations, such as the aging population
16.30 or people with disabilities.

17.12 (q) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
17.13 second year are for the local food purchasing
17.14 assistance grant program under article 3,
17.15 section 44.
74.17 **ARTICLE 3, Sec. 44. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

74.18 (a) The commissioner of agriculture may award grants to eligible applicants to purchase
74.19 and distribute food at no cost to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity. When awarding
74.20 grants, the commissioner of agriculture must give preference to applicants that:

74.21 (1) source 100 percent of food from Minnesota;

74.22 (2) source at least 70 percent of food from farmers who are experiencing limited land
74.23 access or limited market access as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, subdivision
74.24 1; and

74.25 (3) demonstrate strong connections to individuals whose needs are not met through the
74.26 traditional emergency food system.

74.27 (b) Eligible applicants include but are not limited to individuals, nonprofit organizations,
74.28 for-profit businesses, Tribal governments, government entities, agricultural cooperatives,
74.29 economic development organizations, and educational institutions.

74.30 (c) Grantees may use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded under this section for
74.31 administrative and transportation expenses.

75.1 (d) By January 15 each year, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking
75.2 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture regarding:

House Language H2446-2	Agriculture Appropriations	Senate Language UEH2446-1
<div>16.31</div> <div>16.32</div> <div>16.33</div> <div>16.34</div> <div>17.1</div> <div>17.2</div> <div>17.3</div> <div>17.4</div> <div>17.5</div> <div>17.6</div> <div>17.7</div> <div>17.8</div> <div>17.9</div> <div>17.10</div> <div>17.11</div>	<div>(k) \$100,000 the first year is to be awarded as</div> <div>a grant in a competitive bid process to an</div> <div>entity that is not a for-profit entity to conduct</div> <div>a study of market and workforce factors that</div> <div>may contribute to the incorrect marking for</div> <div>the installation of underground</div> <div>telecommunications infrastructure that is</div> <div>located within ten feet of existing underground</div> <div>utilities or that crosses the existing</div> <div>underground utilities. The study must include</div> <div>recommendations to the legislature and be</div> <div>submitted to the chairs and ranking minority</div> <div>members of the legislative committees and</div> <div>divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture</div> <div>policy and finance by June 1, 2027.</div>	<div>75.3</div> <div>(1) the amount awarded to each grantee;</div> <div>75.4</div> <div>(2) the amount of each grant award that has been disbursed to each grantee;</div> <div>75.5</div> <div>(3) a description of the purposes for which the grantee was issued a grant;</div> <div>75.6</div> <div>(4) an analysis of the grant recipients' success in meeting the purpose of the grant and</div> <div>75.7</div> <div>any goals or measurable outcomes specified in the grant agreement;</div> <div>75.8</div> <div>(5) information about the amount and type of food distributed by the grantee; and</div> <div>75.9</div> <div>(6) the amount of the grant used by each grantee for administrative costs.</div> <div>75.10</div> <div>As a condition of receiving a grant, a grantee must agree to provide the commissioner any</div> <div>75.11</div> <div>information necessary to complete the report required by this paragraph.</div>
		ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2, SUBD. 4
<div>17.16</div> <div>17.17</div> <div>17.18</div> <div>17.19</div> <div>17.20</div> <div>17.21</div> <div>17.22</div> <div>17.23</div> <div>17.24</div> <div>17.25</div> <div>17.26</div>	<div>(r) \$50,000 the first year is to conduct a study</div> <div>and develop recommendations for establishing</div> <div>an incentive-based program to support and</div> <div>encourage agricultural retailers in promoting</div> <div>4R nutrient management practices. The 4R</div> <div>nutrient management practices include: the</div> <div>right source of nutrients, at the right rate and</div> <div>right time, in the right place.</div> <div>(1) As part of the study, the department must</div> <div>evaluate strategies for leveraging cost-share</div> <div>programs, including the feasibility of</div>	

17.12 (I) The commissioner shall continue to
17.13 increase connections with ethnic minority and
17.14 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
17.15 and farming programs throughout the state.

17.16 Sec. 3. BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH \$ 6,767,000 \$ 6,767,000

17.17 \$357,000 the first year and \$357,000 the
17.18 second year are to maintain the current level
17.19 of service delivery.

17.20 Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION
17.21 RESEARCH INSTITUTE \$ 4,388,000 \$ 4,434,000

17.22 \$45,000 the first year and \$91,000 the second
17.23 year are to maintain the current level of service
17.24 delivery.

17.27 coordinating with the Agricultural Water
17.28 Quality Certification Program and other efforts
17.29 related to the state's Nutrient Reduction
17.30 Strategy.

17.31 (2) The commissioner must submit a report
17.32 detailing its findings, including potential
17.33 funding sources and proposal outlines for
17.34 funding requests where appropriate. The
17.35 commissioner must submit the report to the
18.1 chairs and ranking minority members of the
18.2 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
18.3 agriculture and environment by December 15,
18.4 2025.

18.5 (S) The commissioner shall continue to
18.6 increase connections with ethnic minority and
18.7 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
18.8 and farming programs throughout the state.

18.9 Sec. 3. BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH \$ 6,656,000 \$ 6,781,000

18.10 \$246,000 the first year and \$371,000 the
18.11 second year are to maintain the current level
18.12 of service delivery.

18.13 Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION
18.14 RESEARCH INSTITUTE \$ 4,388,000 \$ 4,434,000

18.15 \$45,000 the first year and \$91,000 the second
18.16 year are to maintain the current level of service
18.17 delivery.

18.18 Sec. 5. TRANSFERS; ADMINISTRATION.

18.19 Positions, salary money, and nonsalary administrative money may be transferred within
18.20 the Department of Agriculture as the commissioner of agriculture considers necessary, with
18.21 the advanced approval of the commissioner of management and budget. The commissioner
18.22 of agriculture shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
18.23 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance quarterly about the transfers made
18.24 under this section.

17.25 Sec. 5. **TRANSFERS.**

17.26 (a) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is transferred from the general fund to the agricultural
 17.27 emergency account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041.

17.28 (b) Of the amount transferred to the agricultural emergency account under Minnesota
 17.29 Statutes, section 17.041, up to \$2,000,000 may be used for the following purposes:

17.30 (1) to test milk, milk products, poultry products, and pet food before retail sale for the
 17.31 presence of avian influenza;

18.1 (2) to transfer funds to the commissioner of health for biomonitoring for the presence
 18.2 of avian influenza for agricultural workers, farm workers, and poultry or livestock processing
 18.3 employees that volunteer to participate; and

18.4 (3) to transfer funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop
 18.5 rapid testing, quantification, and human exposure risk assessment models for avian influenza
 18.6 in urban wastewater and drinking water treatment processes and public and private wells.

18.7 Prior to utilizing or transferring money under this paragraph, the commissioner must
 18.8 communicate the intended usage and the estimated amount of the money to the chairs and
 18.9 ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with
 18.10 jurisdiction over agriculture finance.

18.11 (c) \$153,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 18.12 the general fund to the pollinator research account established under Minnesota Statutes,
 18.13 section 18B.051. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and
 18.14 budget must include a transfer of \$100,000 each year from the general fund to the pollinator
 18.15 research account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 18B.051, when preparing
 18.16 each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast,
 18.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

18.18 (d) \$186,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$186,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 18.19 the general fund to the Minnesota grown account and may be used as grants for Minnesota
 18.20 grown promotion under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.102. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 18.21 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered under contract on or before June
 18.22 30, 2027, for Minnesota grown grants in this paragraph are available until June 30, 2029.
 18.23 For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must
 18.24 include a transfer of \$186,000 each year from the general fund to the Minnesota grown
 18.25 account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.102, subdivision 4, when preparing

20.28 Sec. 7. **FISCAL YEAR 2025 TRANSFER.**

20.29 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the general fund to the agricultural
 20.30 emergency account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.041.

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

18.25 Sec. 6. **TRANSFERS.**

18.26 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 18.27 the general fund to the pollinator research account established under Minnesota Statutes,
 18.28 section 18B.051. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and
 18.29 budget must include a transfer of \$100,000 each year from the general fund to the pollinator
 18.30 research account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 18B.051, when preparing
 18.31 each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast,
 18.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

19.1 (b) \$186,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$186,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 19.2 the general fund to the Minnesota grown account and may be used as grants for Minnesota
 19.3 Grown promotion under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.102. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 19.4 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered under contract on or before June
 19.5 30, 2027, for Minnesota Grown grants in this paragraph are available until June 30, 2029.
 19.6 For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must
 19.7 include a transfer of \$186,000 each year from the general fund to the Minnesota grown
 19.8 account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.102, when preparing each forecast

18.26 each forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast,
 18.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

18.28 (e) \$10,699,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 18.29 from the general fund to the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology
 18.30 transfer account under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3, and the
 18.31 commissioner shall transfer funds each year to the Board of Regents of the University of
 18.32 Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clauses (1)
 18.33 and (2), and must supplement and not supplant existing sources and levels of funding. The
 19.1 commissioner may use up to one percent of this transfer for costs incurred to administer
 19.2 this program.

19.3 (f) Of the amount transferred for the agriculture research, education, extension, and
 19.4 technology transfer grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14:

19.5 (1) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Minnesota
 19.6 Agricultural Experiment Station's agriculture rapid response fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 19.7 section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2);

19.8 (2) up to \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and up to \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
 19.9 research on avian influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related diseases and disease
 19.10 prevention measures;

19.11 (3) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for grants to
 19.12 the Minnesota Agricultural Educational Leadership Council to enhance agricultural education
 19.13 with priority given to Farm Business Management challenge grants. The transfer is
 19.14 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter;

19.15 (4) \$350,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for potato research;

19.16 (5) \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$802,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to fund the Forever
 19.17 Green Initiative and protect Minnesota's natural resources while increasing the efficiency,
 19.18 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial and winter
 19.19 annual crops into existing agricultural practices. By February 1 each year, the dean of the
 19.20 College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Sciences must submit a report to the
 19.21 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
 19.22 agriculture finance and policy and higher education detailing uses of the money in this
 19.23 paragraph, including administrative costs, and the achievements this money contributed to;

19.24 (6) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for research on
 19.25 natural stands of wild rice;

19.26 (7) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the cultivated
 19.27 wild rice forward selection project at the North Central Research and Outreach Center,
 19.28 including a tenure track or research associate plant scientist; and

19.9 from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota
 19.10 Statutes, section 16A.103.

19.11 (c) \$10,552,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,552,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 19.12 from the general fund to the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology
 19.13 transfer account under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3, and the
 19.14 commissioner shall transfer funds each year to the Board of Regents of the University of
 19.15 Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clauses (1)
 19.16 and (2), and must supplement and not supplant existing sources and levels of funding. The
 19.17 commissioner may use up to one percent of this transfer for costs incurred to administer
 19.18 this program.

19.19 (d) Of the amount transferred for the agriculture research, education, extension, and
 19.20 technology transfer grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14:

19.21 (1) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the Minnesota
 19.22 Agricultural Experiment Station's agriculture rapid response fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 19.23 section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2);

19.24 (2) up to \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and up to \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for
 19.25 research on avian influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related diseases and disease
 19.26 prevention measures;

19.27 (3) \$2,375,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,375,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for grants to
 19.28 the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council to enhance agricultural education
 19.29 with priority given to Farm Business Management challenge grants;

19.30 (4) \$350,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for potato research;

19.31 (5) \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$802,000 in fiscal year 2027 are to fund the Forever
 19.32 Green Initiative and protect Minnesota's natural resources while increasing the efficiency,
 19.33 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial and winter
 19.34 annual crops into existing agricultural practices. By February 1 each year, the dean of the
 20.1 College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences must submit a report to the
 20.2 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
 20.3 agriculture finance and policy and higher education detailing uses of the money in this
 20.4 clause, including administrative costs, and the achievements this money contributed to;

20.5 (6) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for research on
 20.6 natural stands of wild rice;

20.7 (7) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the cultivated
 20.8 wild rice forward selection project at the North Central Research and Outreach Center,
 20.9 including a tenure track or research associate plant scientist; and

19.29 (8) \$347,000 in fiscal year 2026 is for the Board of Regents of the University of
 19.30 Minnesota for purposes of research on crop contamination and exposure to prions deposited
 19.31 by animals infected with chronic wasting disease.

19.32 For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must
 19.33 include a transfer of \$11,373,000 each year from the general fund to the agriculture research,
 20.1 education, extension, and technology transfer account established under Minnesota Statutes,
 20.2 section 41A.14, subdivision 3, when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this
 20.3 section through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

20.4 (g) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from
 20.5 the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to evaluate,
 20.6 propagate, and maintain the genetic diversity of oilseeds, grains, grasses, legumes, and other
 20.7 plants, including flax, timothy, barley, rye, triticale, alfalfa, orchard grass, clover, and other
 20.8 species and varieties that were in commercial distribution and use in Minnesota prior to
 20.9 1970, excluding wild rice. This money must also be used to protect traditional seeds brought
 20.10 to Minnesota by immigrant communities. This transfer includes funding for associated
 20.11 extension and outreach to small farmers and farmers who are Black, Indigenous, and People
 20.12 of Color. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget
 20.13 must include a transfer of \$250,000 each year from the general fund to the Board of Regents
 20.14 of the University of Minnesota, when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this
 20.15 section through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

20.16 (h) \$1,425,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,425,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 20.17 from the general fund to the agricultural and environmental revolving loan account
 20.18 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest loans
 20.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the
 20.20 commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of \$1,425,000 each year
 20.21 from the general fund to the agricultural and environmental revolving loan account
 20.22 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117, subdivision 5a, when preparing each
 20.23 forecast from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast, under
 20.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

20.25 **Sec. 6. CANCELLATIONS.**

20.26 (a) \$3,000,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund for green
 20.27 fertilizer production facilities under Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 4, is canceled
 20.28 to the general fund by June 30, 2025.

20.29 (b) \$500,000 of the fiscal year 2025 general fund appropriation for the agricultural
 20.30 growth, research, and innovation program under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12, that

20.10 (8) \$75,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for grants to the
 20.11 Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation to support the Minnesota Agriculture
 20.12 and Rural Leadership program.

20.13 For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must
 20.14 include a transfer of \$10,552,000 each year from the general fund to the agriculture research,
 20.15 education, extension, and technology transfer account under Minnesota Statutes, section
 20.16 41A.14, subdivision 3, when preparing each forecast from the effective date of this section
 20.17 through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103.

20.18 (e) \$1,425,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,425,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
 20.19 from the general fund to the agricultural and environmental revolving loan account
 20.20 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest or
 20.21 no-interest loans issued through the agriculture best management practices loan program
 20.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the
 20.23 commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of \$1,425,000 each year
 20.24 from the general fund to the agricultural and environmental revolving loan account under
 20.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117, subdivision 5a, when preparing each forecast from the
 20.26 effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes,
 20.27 section 16A.103.

21.1 **Sec. 8. CANCELLATIONS; FISCAL YEAR 2025.**

21.2 (a) \$3,000,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund for green
 21.3 fertilizer production facilities under Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 4, is canceled
 21.4 to the general fund by June 30, 2025.

21.5 (b) \$1,500,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund for Dairy
 21.6 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial

20.31 was allocated for Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI) grants under Laws
20.32 2024, chapter 126, article 1, section 1, subdivision 4, paragraph (d), clause (6), is canceled
20.33 to the general fund by June 30, 2025.

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

21.7 assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll in coverage under a federal dairy risk
21.8 protection program and produced no more than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022 under
21.9 Laws 2024, chapter 126, article 1, section 1, is canceled to the general fund by June 30,
21.10 2025.

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

21.12 Sec. 9. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, as
21.13 amended by Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 1, section 1, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

21.14 Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct		
21.15 Advancement	25,343,000	27,257,000
21.16 (a) \$9,300,000 the first year and \$9,300,000		
21.17 the second year are for transfer to the		
21.18 agriculture research, education, extension, and		
21.19 technology transfer account under Minnesota		
21.20 Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of		
21.21 these amounts: at least \$600,000 the first year		
21.22 and \$600,000 the second year are for the		
21.23 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's		
21.24 agriculture rapid response fund under		
21.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,		
21.26 subdivision 1, clause (2); \$2,000,000 the first		
21.27 year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for		
21.28 grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education		
21.29 Leadership Council to enhance agricultural		
21.30 education with priority given to Farm Business		
21.31 Management challenge grants; \$350,000 the		
21.32 first year and \$350,000 the second year are		
21.33 for potato breeding; and \$450,000 the first		
21.34 year and \$450,000 the second year are for the		
22.1 cultivated wild rice breeding project at the		
22.2 North Central Research and Outreach Center		
22.3 to include a tenure track/research associate		
22.4 plant breeder. The commissioner shall transfer		
22.5 the remaining funds in this appropriation each		
22.6 year to the Board of Regents of the University		
22.7 of Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota		
22.8 Statutes, section 41A.14. Of the amount		
22.9 transferred to the Board of Regents, up to		
22.10 \$1,000,000 each year is for research on avian		
22.11 influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related		
22.12 diseases. By January 15, 2023, entities		

22.13 receiving grants for potato breeding and wild
22.14 rice breeding are requested to report to the
22.15 chairs and ranking minority members of the
22.16 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
22.17 agriculture and higher education regarding the
22.18 use of the grant money and to provide an
22.19 update on the status of research and related
22.20 accomplishments.

22.21 To the extent practicable, money expended
22.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
22.23 subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must
22.24 supplement and not supplant existing sources
22.25 and levels of funding. The commissioner may
22.26 use up to one percent of this appropriation for
22.27 costs incurred to administer the program.

22.28 (b) \$16,028,000 the first year and \$17,928,000
22.29 the second year are for the agricultural growth,
22.30 research, and innovation program under
22.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. Except
22.32 as provided below, the commissioner may
22.33 allocate the appropriation each year among
22.34 the following areas: facilitating the start-up,
22.35 modernization, improvement, or expansion of
23.1 livestock operations including beginning and
23.2 transitioning livestock operations with
23.3 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
23.4 equipment; providing funding not to exceed
23.5 \$800,000 each year to develop and enhance
23.6 farm-to-school markets for Minnesota farmers
23.7 by providing more fruits, vegetables, meat,
23.8 grain, and dairy for Minnesota children in
23.9 school and child care settings including, at the
23.10 commissioner's discretion, reimbursing
23.11 schools for purchases from local farmers;
23.12 assisting value-added agricultural businesses
23.13 to begin or expand, to access new markets, or
23.14 to diversify, including aquaponics systems;
23.15 providing funding not to exceed \$600,000
23.16 each year for urban youth agricultural
23.17 education or urban agriculture community
23.18 development of which \$10,000 each year is
23.19 for transfer to the emerging farmer account

23.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
23.21 subdivision 1a; providing funding not to
23.22 exceed \$450,000 each year for the good food
23.23 access program under Minnesota Statutes,
23.24 section 17.1017; facilitating the start-up,
23.25 modernization, or expansion of other
23.26 beginning and transitioning farms including
23.27 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
23.28 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
23.29 on-farm research and demonstration;
23.30 development or expansion of food hubs and
23.31 other alternative community-based food
23.32 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
23.33 energy infrastructure and use; crop research;
23.34 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
23.35 and good agricultural practices and good
23.36 handling practices certification assistance. The
24.1 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
24.2 this appropriation for costs incurred to
24.3 administer the program.

24.4 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
24.5 growth, research, and innovation program
24.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

24.7 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
24.8 the second year are for distribution in equal
24.9 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
24.10 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

24.11 (2) \$4,500,000 the first year and \$5,750,000
24.12 the second year are for incentive payments
24.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
24.14 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. Notwithstanding
24.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first
24.16 year appropriation is available until June 30,
24.17 2023, and the second year appropriation is
24.18 available until June 30, 2024. If this
24.19 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
24.20 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
24.21 year, the balance of the appropriation is
24.22 available for other purposes under this
24.23 paragraph. The base appropriation under this
24.24 clause is \$5,750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
24.25 thereafter;

24.26 (3) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
24.27 the second year are for grants that enable retail
24.28 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and
24.29 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the
24.30 public in accordance with the biofuel
24.31 replacement goals established under
24.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
24.33 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
24.34 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
24.35 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
25.1 under this clause if the retail petroleum
25.2 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum
25.3 dispensing sites and each site is located in
25.4 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
25.5 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
25.6 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
25.7 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
25.8 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
25.9 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
25.10 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
25.11 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
25.12 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
25.13 with any economic or community development
25.14 financial institution and any other entity with
25.15 which it contracts, must submit a report on the
25.16 biofuels infrastructure financial assistance
25.17 program by January 15 of each year to the
25.18 chairs and ranking minority members of the
25.19 legislative committees and divisions with
25.20 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and
25.21 finance. The annual report must include but
25.22 not be limited to a summary of the following
25.23 metrics: (i) the number and types of projects
25.24 financed; (ii) the amount of dollars leveraged
25.25 or matched per project; (iii) the geographic
25.26 distribution of financed projects; (iv) any
25.27 market expansion associated with upgraded
25.28 infrastructure; (v) the demographics of the
25.29 areas served; (vi) the costs of the program;
25.30 and (vii) the number of grants to
25.31 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;

25.32 (4) \$750,000 the first year and \$1,400,000 the
25.33 second year are for grants to facilitate the

25.34 start-up, modernization, or expansion of meat,
25.35 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A
25.36 grant award under this clause must not exceed
26.1 \$200,000. Any unencumbered balance at the
26.2 end of the second year does not cancel until
26.3 June 30, 2024, and may be used for other
26.4 purposes under this paragraph. The base
26.5 appropriation under this clause is \$250,000 in
26.6 fiscal year 2024 and thereafter; and

26.7 (5) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,400,000
26.8 the second year are for livestock investment
26.9 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
26.10 17.118. Any unencumbered balance at the end
26.11 of the second year does not cancel until June
26.12 30, 2024, and may be used for other purposes
26.13 under this paragraph. The appropriations under
26.14 this clause are onetime.

26.15 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
26.16 16A.28, ~~any unencumbered balance does not~~
26.17 ~~cancel at the end of the first year and is~~
26.18 ~~available for the second year, and this~~
26.19 ~~appropriation does not cancel at the end of the~~
26.20 ~~second year and is available until June 30,~~
26.21 ~~2029.~~ Appropriations encumbered under
26.22 contract on or before June 30, ~~2023~~ 2029, for
26.23 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
26.24 grants are available until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2032.

26.25 The base amount for the agricultural growth,
26.26 research, and innovation program is
26.27 \$17,553,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
26.28 \$17,553,000 in fiscal year 2025, and includes
26.29 funding for incentive payments under
26.30 Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16, 41A.17,
26.31 41A.18, and 41A.20.

26.32 (c) \$15,000 the first year and \$29,000 the
26.33 second year are to maintain the current level
26.34 of service delivery.

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

28.3 (2) up to \$1,000,000 the first year and up to
28.4 \$1,000,000 the second year are for research
28.5 on avian influenza, salmonella, and other
28.6 turkey-related diseases and disease prevention
28.7 measures;

22.6 (3) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
22.7 the second year are for grants to the Minnesota
22.8 Agricultural Education Leadership Council to
22.9 enhance agricultural education with priority
22.10 given to Farm Business Management
22.11 challenge grants;

22.12 (4) \$450,000 the first year is for the cultivated
22.13 wild rice breeding project at the North Central
22.14 Research and Outreach Center to include a
22.15 tenure track/research associate plant breeder;

22.16 (5) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
22.17 second year are for potato breeding;

22.18 (6) \$802,000 the first year and \$802,000 the
22.19 second year are to fund the Forever Green
22.20 Initiative and protect the state's natural
22.21 resources while increasing the efficiency,
22.22 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota
22.23 farmers by incorporating perennial and
22.24 winter-annual crops into existing agricultural
22.25 practices. The base for the allocation under
22.26 this clause is \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
22.27 each year thereafter. By February 1 each year,
22.28 the dean of the College of Food, Agricultural
22.29 and Natural Resource Sciences must submit
22.30 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
22.31 members of the legislative committees with
22.32 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and policy
22.33 and higher education detailing uses of the
22.34 funds in this paragraph, including
23.1 administrative costs, and the achievements
23.2 these funds contributed to;

23.3 (7) \$350,000 each year is for farm-scale winter
23.4 greenhouse research and development
23.5 coordinated by University of Minnesota
23.6 Extension Regional Sustainable Development
23.7 Partnerships. The allocation in this clause is
23.8 onetime;

23.9 (8) \$200,000 the second year is for research
23.10 on natural stands of wild rice; and

28.8 (3) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
28.9 the second year are for grants to the Minnesota
28.10 Agricultural Education Leadership Council to
28.11 enhance agricultural education with priority
28.12 given to Farm Business Management
28.13 challenge grants;

28.14 (4) \$450,000 the first year is for the cultivated
28.15 wild rice breeding project at the North Central
28.16 Research and Outreach Center to include a
28.17 tenure track/research associate plant breeder;

28.18 (5) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
28.19 second year are for potato breeding;

28.20 (6) \$802,000 the first year and \$802,000 the
28.21 second year are to fund the Forever Green
28.22 Initiative and protect the state's natural
28.23 resources while increasing the efficiency,
28.24 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota
28.25 farmers by incorporating perennial and
28.26 winter-annual crops into existing agricultural
28.27 practices. The base for the allocation under
28.28 this clause is \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
28.29 each year thereafter. By February 1 each year,
28.30 the dean of the College of Food, Agricultural
28.31 and Natural Resource Sciences must submit
28.32 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
28.33 members of the legislative committees with
28.34 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and policy
29.1 and higher education detailing uses of the
29.2 funds in this paragraph, including
29.3 administrative costs, and the achievements
29.4 these funds contributed to;

29.5 (7) \$350,000 each year is for farm-scale winter
29.6 greenhouse research and development
29.7 coordinated by University of Minnesota
29.8 Extension Regional Sustainable Development
29.9 Partnerships. The allocation in this clause is
29.10 onetime;

29.11 (8) \$200,000 the second year is for research
29.12 on natural stands of wild rice; and

23.11 (9) \$250,000 the second year is for the
23.12 cultivated wild rice forward selection project
23.13 at the North Central Research and Outreach
23.14 Center, including a tenure track or research
23.15 associate plant scientist.

23.16 (b) The base for the agriculture research,
23.17 education, extension, and technology transfer
23.18 program is \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2026
23.19 and \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2027.

23.20 (c) \$23,332,000 the first year is for the
23.21 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
23.22 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
23.23 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
23.24 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
23.25 among the following areas: facilitating the
23.26 start-up, modernization, improvement, or
23.27 expansion of livestock operations, including
23.28 beginning and transitioning livestock
23.29 operations with preference given to robotic
23.30 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
23.31 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
23.32 or expand, to access new markets, or to
23.33 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
23.34 preference given to hemp fiber processing
24.1 equipment; facilitating the start-up,
24.2 modernization, or expansion of other
24.3 beginning and transitioning farms, including
24.4 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
24.5 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
24.6 on-farm research and demonstration; the
24.7 development or expansion of food hubs and
24.8 other alternative community-based food
24.9 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
24.10 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
24.11 including basic and applied turf seed research;
24.12 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
24.13 and good agricultural practices and good
24.14 handling practices certification assistance. The
24.15 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
24.16 this appropriation for costs incurred to
24.17 administer the program.

29.13 (9) \$250,000 the second year is for the
29.14 cultivated wild rice forward selection project
29.15 at the North Central Research and Outreach
29.16 Center, including a tenure track or research
29.17 associate plant scientist.

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29.19 education, extension, and technology transfer
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29.34 or expand, to access new markets, or to
30.1 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
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30.6 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
30.7 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
30.8 on-farm research and demonstration; the
30.9 development or expansion of food hubs and
30.10 other alternative community-based food
30.11 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
30.12 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
30.13 including basic and applied turf seed research;
30.14 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
30.15 and good agricultural practices and good
30.16 handling practices certification assistance. The
30.17 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
30.18 this appropriation for costs incurred to
30.19 administer the program.

24.18 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
24.19 growth, research, and innovation program
24.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

24.21 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year is for distribution
24.22 in equal amounts to each of the state's county
24.23 fairs to preserve and promote Minnesota
24.24 agriculture;

24.25 (2) \$5,750,000 the first year is for incentive
24.26 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
24.27 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.
24.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
24.29 16A.28, the first year appropriation is
24.30 available until June 30, 2025. If this
24.31 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
24.32 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
24.33 year, the balance of the appropriation is
24.34 available for other purposes under this
24.35 paragraph;

25.1 (3) \$3,375,000 the first year is for grants that
25.2 enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage
25.3 tanks, and other equipment to dispense
25.4 biofuels to the public in accordance with the
25.5 biofuel replacement goals established under
25.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
25.7 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
25.8 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
25.9 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
25.10 under this clause if the retail petroleum
25.11 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum
25.12 dispensing sites and each site is located in
25.13 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
25.14 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
25.15 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
25.16 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
25.17 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
25.18 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
25.19 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
25.20 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
25.21 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
25.22 with any economic or community development
25.23 financial institution and any other entity with
25.24 which the commissioner contracts, must

30.20 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
30.21 growth, research, and innovation program
30.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

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30.24 in equal amounts to each of the state's county
30.25 fairs to preserve and promote Minnesota
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30.35 year, the balance of the appropriation is
31.1 available for other purposes under this
31.2 paragraph;

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31.4 enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage
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31.13 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum
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31.15 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
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31.17 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
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31.19 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
31.20 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
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31.22 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
31.23 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
31.24 with any economic or community development
31.25 financial institution and any other entity with
31.26 which the commissioner contracts, must

25.25 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
25.26 financial assistance program by January 15 of
25.27 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
25.28 members of the legislative committees and
25.29 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
25.30 policy and finance. The annual report must
25.31 include but not be limited to a summary of the
25.32 following metrics: (i) the number and types
25.33 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
25.34 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
25.35 geographic distribution of financed projects;
25.36 (iv) any market expansion associated with
26.1 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
26.2 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
26.3 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
26.4 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;

26.5 (4) \$1,250,000 the first year is for grants to
26.6 facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
26.7 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
26.8 processing facilities. A grant award under this
26.9 clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
26.10 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
26.11 year does not cancel until June 30, 2026, and
26.12 may be used for other purposes under this
26.13 paragraph;

26.14 (5) \$1,150,000 the first year is for providing
26.15 more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,
26.16 and dairy for children in school and early
26.17 childhood education settings, including, at the
26.18 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
26.19 to reimburse schools and early childhood
26.20 education and child care providers for
26.21 purchasing equipment and agricultural
26.22 products. Organizations must participate in
26.23 the National School Lunch Program or the
26.24 Child and Adult Care Food Program to be
26.25 eligible. Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000
26.26 is for a statewide coordinator of
26.27 farm-to-institution strategy and programming.
26.28 The coordinator must consult with relevant
26.29 stakeholders and provide technical assistance

31.27 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
31.28 financial assistance program by January 15 of
31.29 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
31.30 members of the legislative committees and
31.31 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
31.32 policy and finance. The annual report must
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31.35 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
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32.3 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
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32.5 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
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32.31 stakeholders and provide technical assistance

26.30 and training for participating farmers and
26.31 eligible grant recipients;

26.32 (6) \$2,000,000 the first year is for urban youth
26.33 agricultural education or urban agriculture
26.34 community development;

27.1 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year is for the good
27.2 food access program under Minnesota
27.3 Statutes, section 17.1017; and

27.4 (8) \$225,000 the first year is to provide grants
27.5 to secondary career and technical education
27.6 programs for the purpose of offering
27.7 instruction in meat cutting and butchery.
27.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
27.9 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
27.10 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
27.11 administrative costs. This is a onetime
27.12 appropriation. Grants may be used for costs,
27.13 including but not limited to:

27.14 (i) equipment required for a meat cutting
27.15 program;

27.16 (ii) facility renovation to accommodate meat
27.17 cutting; and

27.18 (iii) training faculty to teach the fundamentals
27.19 of meat processing.

27.20 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of
27.21 up to \$75,000 and may use up to ten percent
27.22 of the grant for faculty training. Priority may
27.23 be given to applicants who are coordinating
27.24 with meat cutting and butchery programs at
27.25 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
27.26 institutions or with local industry partners.

27.27 By January 15, 2025, the commissioner must
27.28 report to the chairs and ranking minority
27.29 members of the legislative committees with
27.30 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
27.31 education finance by listing the grants made
27.32 under this paragraph by county and noting the
27.33 number and amount of grant requests not
27.34 fulfilled. The report may include additional

32.32 and training for participating farmers and
32.33 eligible grant recipients;

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34.2 number and amount of grant requests not
34.3 fulfilled. The report may include additional

28.1 information as determined by the
28.2 commissioner, including but not limited to
28.3 information regarding the outcomes produced
28.4 by these grants. If additional grants are
28.5 awarded under this paragraph that were not
28.6 covered in the report due by January 15, 2025,
28.7 the commissioner must submit an additional
28.8 report to the chairs and ranking minority
28.9 members of the legislative committees with
28.10 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
28.11 education finance regarding all grants issued
28.12 under this paragraph by November 1, 2025.

28.13 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
28.14 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
28.15 cancel at the end of the first year and is
28.16 available for the second year, and
28.17 appropriations encumbered under contract on
28.18 or before June 30, 2025, for agricultural
28.19 growth, research, and innovation grants are
28.20 available until June 30, 2028.

28.21 (d) \$27,457,000 the second year is for the
28.22 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
28.23 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
28.24 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
28.25 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
28.26 among the following areas: facilitating the
28.27 start-up, modernization, improvement, or
28.28 expansion of livestock operations, including
28.29 beginning and transitioning livestock
28.30 operations with preference given to robotic
28.31 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
28.32 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
28.33 or expand, to access new markets, or to
28.34 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
28.35 preference given to hemp fiber processing
29.1 equipment; facilitating the start-up,
29.2 modernization, or expansion of other
29.3 beginning and transitioning farms, including
29.4 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
29.5 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
29.6 on-farm research and demonstration; the
29.7 development or expansion of food hubs and

34.4 information as determined by the
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34.7 by these grants. If additional grants are
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29.9 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
29.10 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
29.11 including basic and applied turf seed research;
29.12 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
29.13 and good agricultural practices and good
29.14 handling practices certification assistance. The
29.15 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
29.16 this appropriation for costs incurred to
29.17 administer the program.

29.18 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
29.19 growth, research, and innovation program
29.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

29.21 (1) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
29.22 distribution in equal amounts to each of the
29.23 state's county fairs to preserve and promote
29.24 Minnesota agriculture;

29.25 (2) \$5,750,000 the second year is for incentive
29.26 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
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29.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
29.29 16A.28, this appropriation is available until
29.30 June 30, 2027. If this appropriation exceeds
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29.34 under this paragraph. The base under this
30.1 clause is \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
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30.6 biofuels to the public in accordance with the
30.7 biofuel replacement goals established under
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30.9 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
30.10 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
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30.13 dispenser has no more than ten retail
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30.17 does not have the ability to be certified for
30.18 E25. A grant award must not exceed 65
30.19 percent of the cost of the appropriate
30.20 technology. A grant award must not exceed
30.21 \$200,000 per station. The commissioner must
30.22 cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the
30.23 implementation of the grant program. The
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31.4 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
31.5 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
31.6 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
31.7 minority-owned or female-owned businesses.
31.8 The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for
31.9 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;

31.10 (4) \$1,250,000 the second year is for grants
31.11 to facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
31.12 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
31.13 processing facilities. A grant award under this
31.14 clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
31.15 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
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37.20 paragraph. The base under this clause is
37.21 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
37.22 thereafter;

31.21 (5) \$1,275,000 the second year is for providing
31.22 more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,
31.23 and dairy for children in school and early
31.24 childhood education settings, including, at the
31.25 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
31.26 to reimburse schools and early childhood
31.27 education and child care providers for
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31.34 farm-to-institution strategy and programming.
31.35 The coordinator must consult with relevant
32.1 stakeholders and provide technical assistance
32.2 and training for participating farmers and
32.3 eligible grant recipients. The base under this
32.4 clause is \$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
32.5 each year thereafter;

32.6 (6) \$4,000,000 the second year is for Dairy
32.7 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
32.8 (DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial
32.9 assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll
32.10 in coverage under a federal dairy risk
32.11 protection program and produced no more
32.12 than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. The
32.13 commissioner must make DAIRI payments
32.14 based on the amount of milk produced in
32.15 2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per participating
32.16 farm, at a rate determined by the commissioner
32.17 within the limits of available funding. Any
32.18 unencumbered balance on June 30, 2026, may
32.19 be used for other purposes under this
32.20 paragraph. The allocation in this clause is
32.21 onetime;

32.22 (7) \$2,000,000 the second year is for urban
32.23 youth agricultural education or urban
32.24 agriculture community development;

32.25 (8) \$1,000,000 the second year is for the good
32.26 food access program under Minnesota
32.27 Statutes, section 17.1017; and

37.23 (5) \$1,275,000 the second year is for providing
37.24 more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,
37.25 and dairy for children in school and early
37.26 childhood education settings, including, at the
37.27 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
37.28 to reimburse schools and early childhood
37.29 education and child care providers for
37.30 purchasing equipment and agricultural
37.31 products. Organizations must participate in
37.32 the National School Lunch Program or the
37.33 Child and Adult Care Food Program to be
37.34 eligible. Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000
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38.27 (8) \$1,000,000 the second year is for the good
38.28 food access program under Minnesota
38.29 Statutes, section 17.1017; and

32.28 (9) \$225,000 the second year is for the
32.29 protecting livestock grant program for
32.30 producers to support the installation of
32.31 measures to prevent the transmission of avian
32.32 influenza. For the appropriation in this
32.33 paragraph, a grant applicant must document
32.34 a cost-share of 20 percent. An applicant's
32.35 cost-share amount may be reduced up to
33.1 \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs.
33.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
33.3 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
33.4 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
33.5 administrative costs. This appropriation is
33.6 available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime
33.7 appropriation.

33.8 ~~(e)~~ Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
33.9 section 16A.28, ~~this~~ the appropriation in
33.10 paragraph (d) does not cancel at the end of the
33.11 second year and is available until June 30,
33.12 2027. Appropriations encumbered under
33.13 contract on or before June 30, 2027, for
33.14 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
33.15 grants are available until June 30, 2030.

33.16 ~~(e)~~ ~~(f)~~ The base for the agricultural growth,
33.17 research, and innovation program is
33.18 \$17,582,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
33.19 thereafter and includes \$200,000 each year for
33.20 cooperative development grants.

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

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