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This act appropriates state money to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (\$514,000) and the Board of Animal Health (\$379,000) to pay overtime to staff involved in the agencies' response to the 2015 outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza. The United States Department of Agriculture confirmed the first Minnesota case of H5N2 avian influenza in commercial poultry on March 5, 2015. As of May 2, 2015 – the date the appropriations in this act became available – poultry on 72 Minnesota farms in a total of 19 counties had contracted H5N2.

This act also appropriates to the department and board all federal avian influenza money received in state fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, subject to certain reporting requirements.