

Subject Agricultural crops

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Overview

This bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for grants to the University of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green Initiative. Researchers with Forever Green identify, research, and develop promising crops with the goal of protecting the state's natural resources while simultaneously increasing the efficiency, profitability, and productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial and winter-annual crops into existing agricultural practices.