

Subject Farm Safety
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Summary

As amended, this bill would establish a new grain storage safety grant program, reauthorize an expired tractor safety program, and fund an agriculture safety education program. All three programs would be administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

Under the grain safety program, the MDA would reimburse 75 percent or \$1,000, whichever is less, of a farmer's cost to purchase, ship, and install fall protection measures, dust collection systems, or other eligible safety equipment.

The legislature created the Tractor Rollover Protection Pilot Program in 2016 and the statute expired in 2019. This bill would reestablish the program on a permanent basis to reimburse schools and farmers that retrofit eligible, older tractors with rollover bars and seat belts.

As amended, the bill appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund for the grant programs and \$250,000 for the education program.