

Subject Food shelves
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Overview

This bill would appropriate \$2,650,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,650,000 in fiscal year 2021 to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for grants to Second Harvest Heartland.

Second Harvest Heartland would use these dollars to (1) purchase milk from Minnesota processors for distribution to food shelves and other charitable organizations, and (2) compensate Minnesota agricultural producers and processors for their costs incurred to package surplus fruits, vegetables, and other commodities for distribution to local food shelves and other charitable organizations.

The bill also requires Second Harvest Heartland to provide quarterly progress reports to MDA.