

Subject Agriculture finance

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Overview

This is the 2019 omnibus agriculture finance bill as recommended by Governor Tim Walz. It would appropriate funding in state fiscal years 2020 and 2021 for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Agriculture appropriations.</p> <p>Inserts boilerplate language regarding interpretation of the appropriations authorized in subsequent sections.</p>
2	<p>Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>Appropriates general fund and remediation fund dollars to MDA for specified purposes.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Denotes the total amount of money, by fund, appropriated to MDA in this bill. As is customary, statutory appropriations from the agricultural fund, the federal fund, or other funds are not reflected in these totals or this bill.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Protection services. Appropriates general fund and remediation fund dollars for MDA's regulatory programs. This subdivision provides funding for the following MDA divisions: Pesticide and Fertilizer Management, Laboratory Services, Plant Protection, Dairy and Meat Inspection, and Food and Feed Safety.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Agricultural marketing and development. Appropriates general fund dollars for MDA's Agricultural Marketing and Development Division.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Agriculture, bioenergy, and bioproduct advancement. Appropriates general fund dollars for specific programs and purposes within this budget category.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Administration and financial assistance. Appropriates general fund dollars for specified pass-through grants and agency administration.</p>

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3	Board of Animal Health. Appropriates general fund dollars to the Board of Animal Health.
4	Agricultural Utilization Research Institute. Appropriates general fund dollars to the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute.
5	Agriculture, bioenergy, and bioproduct advancement. Amends Laws 2015 to extend MDA’s access to the fiscal year 2017 general fund appropriation for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program by one year, to June 30, 2020. Effective date: This section would be effective the day following final enactment. Unless specified otherwise, sections in this bill would take effect on the first day of state fiscal year 2020, i.e., July 1, 2019.
6	Protection services. Amends Laws 2017 to authorize MDA to use \$5,000 of the \$175,000 fiscal year 2019 wolf depredation payment appropriation to compensate University of Minnesota Extension educators who determine the fair market value of livestock destroyed or crippled by wolves. Effective date: This section would be effective the day following final enactment.
7	Agriculture, bioenergy, and bioproduct advancement. Amends Laws 2017 to extend MDA’s access to the fiscal year 2019 general fund appropriation for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program by one year, to June 30, 2022. Effective date: This section would be effective the day following final enactment.



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