

Subject Drought relief
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Summary

As amended, this bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of money to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to award drought relief grants to eligible farmers.

Eligible farmers would be those who filed a crop insurance claim for a loss sustained during the 2021 growing season on land operated by the farmer in an area of the state classified by the U.S. Drought Monitor during 2021 as D2 (severe drought), D3 (extreme drought), or D4 (exceptional drought). Grants would equal one-half of a farmer's documented 2021 crop insurance premium or \$1,000, whichever is less.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Archived 2021 weekly drought maps for Minnesota are available online at: <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Maps/MapArchive.aspx>