

Subject Rotational grazing pilot program

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Overview

This bill establishes a rotational grazing pilot program where Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) awards grants to farmers for rotational grazing projects. This bill appropriates \$2,000,000 from the environment and natural resources trust fund to the MDA to establish and administer this pilot program.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Rotational grazing pilot program.
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Subd. 1. Administration. Requires MDA to establish and administer a rotational grazing pilot program. Defines “rotational grazing” for purposes of this program.

Subd. 2. Grant purposes. Requires MDA to award grants for either establishing perennial forages for rotational grazing or purchasing rotational grazing system infrastructure.

Subd. 3. Awarding grants. Clarifies that grants must be used to improve conservation and water protection and are awarded on a reimbursement basis after grantee submits evidence of successful implementation and six months after grantee completes updates. Limits awards to \$25,000.

Subd. 4. Report. Requires MDA to submit a report to the agriculture and environment legislative committees on program results including the number, amount, and county distribution of grants.

2	Appropriation.
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Appropriates \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the environment and natural resources trust fund to the MDA to administer section 1.