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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to agriculture; setting soil-healthy farming goals for the state of Minnesota.
- 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.4 Section 1. **DEFINITIONS.**
- 1.5 (a) "Soil health" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 103C.101,
- 1.6 subdivision 10a.
- 1.7 (b) "Soil-healthy farming" means farming that improves soil health by integrating one
- 1.8 or more of the following practices:
- 1.9 (1) no-till;
- 1.10 (2) cover cropping;
- 1.11 (3) perennial cropping;
- 1.12 (4) interseeding;
- 1.13 (5) organic production;
- 1.14 (6) roll crimping; and
- 1.15 (7) managed rotational grazing.
- 1.16 Sec. 2. **SOIL-HEALTHY FARMING GOALS.**
- 1.17 To increase farm income, improve soil health, prevent or minimize erosion and runoff,
- 1.18 retain and clean water, increase vegetation on the state's landscape, sequester carbon, and

2.1 foster healthier rural residents, pollinators, and other wildlife, the state of Minnesota's
2.2 voluntary soil-healthy farming goals are that:

2.3 (1) 5,750,000 acres of tillable or grazeable acres utilize one or more soil-healthy practices
2.4 by 2030;

2.5 (2) 11,500,000 acres of tillable or grazeable acres utilize one or more soil-healthy
2.6 practices by 2035; and

2.7 (3) 25,000,000 acres of tillable or grazeable acres utilize one or more soil-healthy
2.8 practices by 2040.