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

Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance

Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; establishing a farm-to-foodshelf program; appropriating

money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FARM-TO-FOODSHELF PROGRAM.**

\$1,500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the

commissioner of agriculture for a grant to Second Harvest Heartland on behalf of the six

Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota to compensate agricultural producers

and processors for costs incurred to harvest and package for transfer surplus fruits,

vegetables, or other agricultural commodities that would otherwise go unharvested or be

discarded. Surplus commodities must be distributed statewide to food shelves and other

charitable organizations that are eligible to receive food from the food banks. Surplus

food acquired under this appropriation must be from Minnesota producers and processors.

Second Harvest Heartland must report when required by, and on forms prescribed by,

the commissioner. Second Harvest Heartland may use up to 11 percent of the grant for

administrative expenses. This is a base appropriation.