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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4498

03/04/2024 Authored by Frederick 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; modifying a previous appropriation; amending Laws 2023,
1.3 chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and
1.7 Development 5,165,000 4,985,000

1.8 (a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
1.9 second year are to expand international trade
1.10 opportunities and markets for Minnesota
1.11 agricultural products.

1.12 (b) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the
1.13 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota
1.14 grown account and may be used as grants for
1.15 Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota
1.16 Statutes, section 17.102. Notwithstanding
1.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
1.18 appropriations encumbered under contract on
1.19 or before June 30, 2025, for Minnesota grown
1.20 grants in this paragraph are available until June
1.21 30, 2027.

1.22 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
1.23 second year are for the continuation of the

- 2.1 dairy development and profitability
- 2.2 enhancement programs, including dairy
- 2.3 profitability teams and dairy business planning
- 2.4 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 2.5 32D.30.
- 2.6 (d) The commissioner may use funds
- 2.7 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
- 2.8 cost-share payments to resident farmers or
- 2.9 entities that sell, process, or package
- 2.10 agricultural products in this state for the costs
- 2.11 of organic certification. The commissioner
- 2.12 may allocate these funds for assistance to
- 2.13 persons transitioning from conventional to
- 2.14 organic agriculture.
- 2.15 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$420,000 the
- 2.16 second year are to maintain the current level
- 2.17 of service delivery. The base for this
- 2.18 appropriation is \$490,000 for fiscal year 2026
- 2.19 and each year thereafter.
- 2.20 (f) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
- 2.21 second year are for mental health outreach and
- 2.22 support to farmers, ranchers, and others in the
- 2.23 agricultural community and for farm safety
- 2.24 grant and outreach programs under Minnesota
- 2.25 Statutes, section 17.1195. Mental health
- 2.26 outreach and support may include a 24-hour
- 2.27 hotline, stigma reduction, and education.
- 2.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
- 2.29 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
- 2.30 cancel at the end of the first year and is
- 2.31 available in the second year. This is a onetime
- 2.32 appropriation.
- 2.33 (g) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
- 2.34 second year are to ~~award and administer grants~~
- 2.35 ~~for infrastructure~~ for grants to support EBT,

3.1 SNAP, SFMNP, and related programs at  
3.2 farmers markets. Grants may be used for staff  
3.3 costs associated with program administration,  
3.4 compliance, and reporting. The commissioner  
3.5 may use up to 6.5 percent of the appropriation  
3.6 each year to administer the grant program.

3.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.8 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not  
3.9 cancel at the end of the first year and is  
3.10 available in the second year. This is a onetime  
3.11 appropriation.

3.12 (h) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the  
3.13 second year are to award cooperative grants  
3.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1016.

3.15 The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent  
3.16 of the appropriation each year to administer  
3.17 the grant program. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
3.18 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered  
3.19 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
3.20 year and is available in the second year. This  
3.21 is a onetime appropriation.

3.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.