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H. F. No. 8

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a budget for the Department of Agriculture,
1.3 the Board of Animal Health, the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, and
1.4 the Office of Broadband Development; creating a program and an account; requiring
1.5 reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 17.055,
1.6 by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.7 chapter 32D.

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

1.9 ARTICLE 1
1.10 AGRICULTURE

1.11 Section 1. AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS.

1.12 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.13 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
1.14 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
1.15 The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
1.16 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively.
1.17 "The first year" is fiscal year 2022. "The second year" is fiscal year 2023. "The biennium"
1.18 is fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

Table with columns for APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30, 2022 and 2023. Row 1.23: Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Row 1.24: Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 59,303,000 \$ 59,410,000

2.1 Appropriations by Fund

2.2		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
2.3	<u>General</u>	<u>58,904,000</u>	<u>59,011,000</u>
2.4	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>

2.5 The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.6 purpose are specified in the following
 2.7 subdivisions.

2.8 Subd. 2. Protection Services

2.9 Appropriations by Fund

2.10		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
2.11	<u>General</u>	<u>19,384,000</u>	<u>19,610,000</u>
2.12	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>

2.13 (a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
 2.14 second year are from the remediation fund for
 2.15 administrative funding for the voluntary
 2.16 cleanup program.

2.17 (b) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
 2.18 second year are for compensation for
 2.19 destroyed or crippled livestock under
 2.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first
 2.21 year appropriation may be spent to compensate
 2.22 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled
 2.23 during fiscal year 2021. If the amount in the
 2.24 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
 2.25 second year is available in the first year. The
 2.26 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year
 2.27 to reimburse expenses incurred by university
 2.28 extension educators to provide fair market
 2.29 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If
 2.30 the commissioner receives federal dollars to
 2.31 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
 2.32 an equivalent amount of this appropriation
 2.33 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
 2.34 methods performed by federal wildlife services
 2.35 staff.

3.1 (c) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the
3.2 second year are for compensation for crop
3.3 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.4 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is
3.5 insufficient, the amount in the second year is
3.6 available in the first year. The commissioner
3.7 may use up to \$10,000 of the appropriation
3.8 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by
3.9 the commissioner or the commissioner's
3.10 approved agent to investigate and resolve
3.11 claims, as well as for costs associated with
3.12 training for approved agents. The
3.13 commissioner may use up to \$20,000 of the
3.14 appropriation each year to make grants to
3.15 producers for measures to protect stored crops
3.16 from elk damage.

3.17 If the commissioner determines that claims
3.18 made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737
3.19 or 3.7371, are unusually high, amounts
3.20 appropriated for either program may be
3.21 transferred to the appropriation for the other
3.22 program.

3.23 (d) \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000 the
3.24 second year are for additional funding for the
3.25 noxious weed and invasive plant program.

3.26 (e) \$50,000 the first year is for additional
3.27 funding for the industrial hemp program for
3.28 IT development. This is a onetime
3.29 appropriation and is available until June 30,
3.30 2023.

3.31 (f) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
3.32 second year are for additional meat and poultry
3.33 inspection services. The commissioner is
3.34 encouraged to seek inspection waivers,
3.35 matching federal dollars, and offer more online

4.1 inspections for the purposes under this
4.2 paragraph.

4.3 (g) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
4.4 second year are to replace capital equipment
4.5 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
4.6 laboratory.

4.7 (h) \$274,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
4.8 second year are to maintain the current level
4.9 of service delivery.

4.10 **Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and**
4.11 **Development**

4,200,000

4,205,000

4.12 (a) \$186,000 the first year and \$186,000 the
4.13 second year are for transfer to the Minnesota
4.14 grown account and may be used as grants for
4.15 Minnesota grown promotion under Minnesota
4.16 Statutes, section 17.102. Grants may be made
4.17 for one year. Notwithstanding Minnesota
4.18 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations
4.19 encumbered under contract on or before June
4.20 30, 2023, for Minnesota grown grants in this
4.21 paragraph are available until June 30, 2025.

4.22 (b) \$50,000 the first year is to expand
4.23 international marketing opportunities for
4.24 farmers and value-added processors, including
4.25 in-market representation in Taiwan. This is a
4.26 onetime appropriation and is available until
4.27 June 30, 2023.

4.28 (c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
4.29 second year are for continuation of the dairy
4.30 development and profitability enhancement
4.31 programs including dairy profitability teams
4.32 and dairy business planning grants under
4.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 32D.30.

5.1 (d) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 5.2 second year are for additional funding for
 5.3 mental health outreach and support to farmers
 5.4 and others in the agricultural community,
 5.5 including a 24-hour hotline, stigma reduction,
 5.6 and educational offerings. These are onetime
 5.7 appropriations.

5.8 (e) The commissioner may use funds
 5.9 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
 5.10 cost-share payments to resident farmers or
 5.11 entities that sell, process, or package
 5.12 agricultural products in this state for the costs
 5.13 of organic certification. The commissioner
 5.14 may allocate these funds for assistance to
 5.15 persons transitioning from conventional to
 5.16 organic agriculture.

5.17 (f) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 5.18 second year are for the farm safety grant and
 5.19 outreach programs under Minnesota Statutes,
 5.20 section 17.1195. These are onetime
 5.21 appropriations.

5.22 (g) \$54,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
 5.23 second year are to maintain the current level
 5.24 of service delivery.

5.25 **Subd. 4. Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct**
 5.26 **Advancement**

25,343,000

25,357,000

5.27 (a) \$9,300,000 the first year and \$9,300,000
 5.28 the second year are for transfer to the
 5.29 agriculture research, education, extension, and
 5.30 technology transfer account under Minnesota
 5.31 Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of
 5.32 these amounts: at least \$600,000 the first year
 5.33 and \$600,000 the second year are for the
 5.34 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's
 5.35 agriculture rapid response fund under

6.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
6.2 subdivision 1, clause (2); \$2,000,000 the first
6.3 year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for
6.4 grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education
6.5 Leadership Council to enhance agricultural
6.6 education with priority given to Farm Business
6.7 Management challenge grants; \$350,000 the
6.8 first year and \$350,000 the second year are
6.9 for potato breeding; and \$450,000 the first
6.10 year and \$450,000 the second year are for the
6.11 cultivated wild rice breeding project at the
6.12 North Central Research and Outreach Center
6.13 to include a tenure track/research associate
6.14 plant breeder. The commissioner shall transfer
6.15 the remaining funds in this appropriation each
6.16 year to the Board of Regents of the University
6.17 of Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota
6.18 Statutes, section 41A.14. Of the amount
6.19 transferred to the Board of Regents, up to
6.20 \$1,000,000 each year is for research on avian
6.21 influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related
6.22 diseases. By January 15, 2023, entities
6.23 receiving grants for potato breeding and wild
6.24 rice breeding are requested to report to the
6.25 chairs and ranking minority members of the
6.26 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
6.27 agriculture and higher education regarding the
6.28 use of the grant money and to provide an
6.29 update on the status of research and related
6.30 accomplishments.

6.31 To the extent practicable, money expended
6.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
6.33 subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must
6.34 supplement and not supplant existing sources
6.35 and levels of funding. The commissioner may

7.1 use up to one percent of this appropriation for
7.2 costs incurred to administer the program.

7.3 (b) \$16,028,000 the first year and \$16,028,000
7.4 the second year are for the agricultural growth,
7.5 research, and innovation program under
7.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. Except
7.7 as provided below, the commissioner may
7.8 allocate the appropriation each year among
7.9 the following areas: facilitating the start-up,
7.10 modernization, improvement, or expansion of
7.11 livestock operations including beginning and
7.12 transitioning livestock operations with
7.13 preference given to robotic dairy-milking
7.14 equipment; providing funding not to exceed
7.15 \$800,000 each year to develop and enhance
7.16 farm-to-school markets for Minnesota farmers
7.17 by providing more fruits, vegetables, meat,
7.18 grain, and dairy for Minnesota children in
7.19 school and child care settings including, at the
7.20 commissioner's discretion, reimbursing
7.21 schools for purchases from local farmers;
7.22 assisting value-added agricultural businesses
7.23 to begin or expand, to access new markets, or
7.24 to diversify, including aquaponics systems;
7.25 providing funding not to exceed \$600,000
7.26 each year for urban youth agricultural
7.27 education or urban agriculture community
7.28 development of which \$10,000 each year is
7.29 for transfer to the emerging farmer account
7.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.055,
7.31 subdivision 1a; providing funding not to
7.32 exceed \$450,000 each year for the good food
7.33 access program under Minnesota Statutes,
7.34 section 17.1017; facilitating the start-up,
7.35 modernization, or expansion of other
7.36 beginning and transitioning farms including

8.1 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
8.2 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
8.3 on-farm research and demonstration;
8.4 development or expansion of food hubs and
8.5 other alternative community-based food
8.6 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
8.7 energy infrastructure and use; crop research;
8.8 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
8.9 and good agricultural practices and good
8.10 handling practices certification assistance. The
8.11 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
8.12 this appropriation for costs incurred to
8.13 administer the program.

8.14 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
8.15 growth, research, and innovation program
8.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

8.17 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
8.18 the second year are for distribution in equal
8.19 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
8.20 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

8.21 (2) \$4,500,000 the first year and \$4,500,000
8.22 the second year are for incentive payments
8.23 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
8.24 41A.17, and 41A.18. Notwithstanding
8.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the first
8.26 year appropriation is available until June 30,
8.27 2023, and the second year appropriation is
8.28 available until June 30, 2024. If this
8.29 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
8.30 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
8.31 year, the balance of the appropriation is
8.32 available for other purposes under this
8.33 paragraph;

8.34 (3) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
8.35 the second year are for grants that enable retail

9.1 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and
9.2 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the
9.3 public in accordance with the biofuel
9.4 replacement goals established under
9.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
9.6 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
9.7 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
9.8 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
9.9 under this clause if the retail petroleum
9.10 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum
9.11 dispensing sites and each site is located in
9.12 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
9.13 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
9.14 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
9.15 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
9.16 of the technical assistance and appropriate
9.17 technology. A grant award must not exceed
9.18 \$200,000 per station. The commissioner must
9.19 cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the
9.20 implementation of the grant program. The
9.21 commissioner, in cooperation with any
9.22 economic or community development
9.23 financial institution and any other entity with
9.24 which it contracts, must submit a report on the
9.25 biofuels infrastructure financial assistance
9.26 program by January 15 of each year to the
9.27 chairs and ranking minority members of the
9.28 legislative committees and divisions with
9.29 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and
9.30 finance. The annual report must include but
9.31 not be limited to a summary of the following
9.32 metrics: (i) the number and types of projects
9.33 financed; (ii) the amount of dollars leveraged
9.34 or matched per project; (iii) the geographic
9.35 distribution of financed projects; (iv) any
9.36 market expansion associated with upgraded

10.1 infrastructure; (v) the demographics of the
10.2 areas served; (vi) the costs of the program;
10.3 and (vii) the number of grants to
10.4 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;
10.5 (4) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
10.6 second year are for grants to facilitate the
10.7 start-up, modernization, or expansion of meat,
10.8 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A
10.9 grant award under this clause must not exceed
10.10 \$200,000. Any unencumbered balance at the
10.11 end of the second year does not cancel until
10.12 June 30, 2024, and may be used for other
10.13 purposes under this paragraph. The
10.14 appropriations under this clause are onetime;
10.15 and
10.16 (5) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,400,000
10.17 the second year are for livestock investment
10.18 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.19 17.118. Any unencumbered balance at the end
10.20 of the second year does not cancel until June
10.21 30, 2024, and may be used for other purposes
10.22 under this paragraph. The appropriations under
10.23 this clause are onetime.
10.24 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
10.25 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
10.26 cancel at the end of the first year and is
10.27 available for the second year, and
10.28 appropriations encumbered under contract on
10.29 or before June 30, 2023, for agricultural
10.30 growth, research, and innovation grants are
10.31 available until June 30, 2026.
10.32 The base amount for the agricultural growth,
10.33 research, and innovation program is
10.34 \$16,053,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
10.35 \$16,053,000 in fiscal year 2025, and includes

11.1 funding for incentive payments under
 11.2 Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16, 41A.17,
 11.3 41A.18, and 41A.20.
 11.4 (c) \$15,000 the first year and \$29,000 the
 11.5 second year are to maintain the current level
 11.6 of service delivery.

11.7 **Subd. 5. Administration and Financial**
 11.8 **Assistance**

9,977,000

9,839,000

11.9 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
 11.10 second year are for payments to county and
 11.11 district agricultural societies and associations
 11.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
 11.13 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
 11.14 district agricultural societies and associations
 11.15 shall be disbursed no later than July 15 of each
 11.16 year. These payments are the amount of aid
 11.17 from the state for an annual fair held in the
 11.18 previous calendar year.

11.19 (b) \$387,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
 11.20 second year are for farm advocate services.
 11.21 Of these amounts, \$100,000 the first year and
 11.22 \$50,000 the second year are for a pilot
 11.23 program creating farmland access teams to
 11.24 provide technical assistance to potential
 11.25 beginning farmers. The farmland access teams
 11.26 must assist existing farmers and beginning
 11.27 farmers on transitioning farm ownership and
 11.28 operation. Services provided by teams may
 11.29 include but are not limited to providing
 11.30 mediation assistance, designing contracts,
 11.31 financial planning, tax preparation, estate
 11.32 planning, and housing assistance. Of this
 11.33 amount for farm transitions, up to \$50,000 the
 11.34 first year may be used to upgrade the
 11.35 Minnesota FarmLink web application that

- 12.1 connects farmers looking for land with farmers
12.2 looking to transition their land.
- 12.3 (c) \$47,000 the first year and \$47,000 the
12.4 second year are for grants to the Northern
12.5 Crops Institute that may be used to purchase
12.6 equipment. These are onetime appropriations.
- 12.7 (d) \$238,000 the first year and \$238,000 the
12.8 second year are for transfer to the Board of
12.9 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
12.10 Universities for statewide mental health
12.11 counseling support to farm families and
12.12 business operators through the Minnesota State
12.13 Agricultural Centers of Excellence. South
12.14 Central College and Central Lakes College
12.15 shall serve as the fiscal agents.
- 12.16 (e) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
12.17 the second year are for grants to Second
12.18 Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's
12.19 six Feeding America food banks for the
12.20 following:
- 12.21 (1) to purchase milk for distribution to
12.22 Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable
12.23 organizations that are eligible to receive food
12.24 from the food banks. Milk purchased under
12.25 the grants must be acquired from Minnesota
12.26 milk processors and based on low-cost bids.
12.27 The milk must be allocated to each Feeding
12.28 America food bank serving Minnesota
12.29 according to the formula used in the
12.30 distribution of United States Department of
12.31 Agriculture commodities under The
12.32 Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second
12.33 Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or
12.34 agreements with food banks for shared funding
12.35 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of

13.1 milk. Each food bank that receives funding
13.2 under this clause may use up to two percent
13.3 for administrative expenses;
13.4 (2) to compensate agricultural producers and
13.5 processors for costs incurred to harvest and
13.6 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables,
13.7 and other agricultural commodities that would
13.8 otherwise go unharvested, be discarded, or
13.9 sold in a secondary market. Surplus
13.10 commodities must be distributed statewide to
13.11 food shelves and other charitable organizations
13.12 that are eligible to receive food from the food
13.13 banks. Surplus food acquired under this clause
13.14 must be from Minnesota producers and
13.15 processors. Second Harvest Heartland may
13.16 use up to 15 percent of each grant awarded
13.17 under this clause for administrative and
13.18 transportation expenses; and
13.19 (3) to purchase and distribute protein products,
13.20 including but not limited to pork, poultry, beef,
13.21 dry legumes, cheese, and eggs to Minnesota's
13.22 food shelves and other charitable organizations
13.23 that are eligible to receive food from the food
13.24 banks. Second Harvest Heartland may use up
13.25 to two percent of each grant awarded under
13.26 this clause for administrative expenses. Protein
13.27 products purchased under the grants must be
13.28 acquired from Minnesota processors and
13.29 producers.
13.30 Of the amount appropriated under this
13.31 paragraph, at least \$600,000 each year must
13.32 be allocated under clause (1). Notwithstanding
13.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
13.34 unencumbered balance the first year does not
13.35 cancel and is available in the second year.

14.1 Second Harvest Heartland must submit
14.2 quarterly reports to the commissioner and the
14.3 chairs and ranking minority members of the
14.4 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
14.5 agriculture finance in the form prescribed by
14.6 the commissioner. The reports must include
14.7 but are not limited to information on the
14.8 expenditure of funds, the amount of milk or
14.9 other commodities purchased, and the
14.10 organizations to which this food was
14.11 distributed.

14.12 (f) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
14.13 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
14.14 Agricultural Education and Leadership
14.15 Council for programs of the council under
14.16 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D.

14.17 (g) \$1,437,000 the first year and \$1,437,000
14.18 the second year are for transfer to the
14.19 agricultural and environmental revolving loan
14.20 account established under Minnesota Statutes,
14.21 section 17.117, subdivision 5a, for low-interest
14.22 loans under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.23 17.117. The base for appropriations under this
14.24 paragraph in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter
14.25 is \$1,425,000. The commissioner must
14.26 examine how the department could use up to
14.27 one-third of the amount transferred to the
14.28 agricultural and environmental revolving loan
14.29 account under this paragraph to award grants
14.30 to rural landowners to replace septic systems
14.31 that inadequately protect groundwater. No
14.32 later than February 1, 2022, the commissioner
14.33 must report to the legislative committees with
14.34 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
14.35 environment finance on the results of the

- 15.1 examination required under this paragraph.
- 15.2 The commissioner's report may include other
- 15.3 funding sources for septic system replacement
- 15.4 that are available to rural landowners.
- 15.5 (h) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
- 15.6 second year are for grants to the Center for
- 15.7 Rural Policy and Development. These are
- 15.8 onetime appropriations.
- 15.9 (i) \$150,000 the first year is to provide grants
- 15.10 to Central Lakes College for the purposes of
- 15.11 designing, building, and offering credentials
- 15.12 in the area of meat cutting and butchery that
- 15.13 align with industry needs as advised by local
- 15.14 industry advisory councils. Notwithstanding
- 15.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
- 15.16 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
- 15.17 end of the first year and is available for the
- 15.18 second year. The commissioner may only
- 15.19 award a grant under this paragraph if the grant
- 15.20 is matched by a like amount from another
- 15.21 funding source. The commissioner must seek
- 15.22 matching dollars from Minnesota State
- 15.23 Colleges and Universities or other entities.
- 15.24 The appropriation is onetime and is available
- 15.25 until June 30, 2024. Any money remaining on
- 15.26 June 30, 2024, must be transferred to the
- 15.27 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
- 15.28 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 15.29 41A.12, and is available until June 30, 2025.
- 15.30 Grants may be used for costs including but
- 15.31 not limited to:
- 15.32 (1) facility renovation to accommodate meat
- 15.33 cutting;
- 15.34 (2) curriculum design and approval from the
- 15.35 Higher Learning Commission;

- 16.1 (3) program operational start-up costs;
- 16.2 (4) equipment required for a meat cutting
- 16.3 program; and
- 16.4 (5) meat handling start-up costs in regard to
- 16.5 meat access and market channel building.
- 16.6 No later than January 15, 2023, Central Lakes
- 16.7 College must submit a report outlining the use
- 16.8 of grant money to the chairs and ranking
- 16.9 minority members of the legislative
- 16.10 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
- 16.11 over agriculture and higher education.
- 16.12 (j) \$2,000 the first year is for grants to the
- 16.13 Minnesota State Poultry Association. This is
- 16.14 a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding
- 16.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
- 16.16 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
- 16.17 end of the first year and is available for the
- 16.18 second year.
- 16.19 (k) \$17,000 the first year and \$17,000 the
- 16.20 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
- 16.21 State Horticultural Society. These are onetime
- 16.22 appropriations.
- 16.23 (l) \$18,000 the first year and \$18,000 the
- 16.24 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
- 16.25 Livestock Breeders Association. These are
- 16.26 onetime appropriations.
- 16.27 (m) The commissioner shall continue to
- 16.28 increase connections with ethnic minority and
- 16.29 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
- 16.30 and farming programs throughout the state.
- 16.31 (n) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
- 16.32 second year are for grants to the Southern
- 16.33 Minnesota Initiative Foundation to promote

17.1 local foods through an annual event that raises
17.2 public awareness of local foods and connects
17.3 local food producers and processors with
17.4 potential buyers.

17.5 (o) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
17.6 second year are for grants to Greater Mankato
17.7 Growth, Inc., for assistance to
17.8 agriculture-related businesses to promote jobs,
17.9 innovation, and synergy development. These
17.10 are onetime appropriations.

17.11 (p) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
17.12 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
17.13 Turf Seed Council for basic and applied
17.14 research. The Minnesota Turf Seed Council
17.15 may subcontract with a qualified third party
17.16 for some or all of the basic or applied research.
17.17 No later than January 15, 2023, the Minnesota
17.18 Turf Seed Council must submit a report
17.19 outlining the use of the grant money and
17.20 related accomplishments to the chairs and
17.21 ranking minority members of the legislative
17.22 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture.
17.23 These are onetime appropriations. Any
17.24 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
17.25 end of the first year and is available for the
17.26 second year.

17.27 (q) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
17.28 second year are to establish an emerging
17.29 farmer office and hire a full-time emerging
17.30 farmer outreach coordinator. The emerging
17.31 farmer outreach coordinator must engage and
17.32 support emerging farmers regarding resources
17.33 and opportunities available throughout the
17.34 Department of Agriculture and the state. For
17.35 purposes of this paragraph, "emerging farmer"

18.1 has the meaning provided in Minnesota
 18.2 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1. Of the
 18.3 amount appropriated each year, \$25,000 is for
 18.4 translation services for farmers and cottage
 18.5 food producers.

18.6 (r) \$222,000 the first year and \$286,000 the
 18.7 second year are to maintain the current level
 18.8 of service delivery.

18.9 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH** **\$ 5,980,000 \$ 6,081,000**

18.10 (a) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
 18.11 second year are for agricultural emergency
 18.12 preparedness and response.

18.13 (b) \$103,000 the first year and \$204,000 the
 18.14 second year are to maintain the current level
 18.15 of service delivery.

18.16 **Sec. 4. AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION**
 18.17 **RESEARCH INSTITUTE** **\$ 4,543,000 \$ 4,043,000**

18.18 (a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 18.19 second year are for a meat scientist.

18.20 (b) \$500,000 the first year is for grants to
 18.21 organizations to acquire, host, and operate a
 18.22 mobile slaughter unit. The mobile unit must
 18.23 coordinate with Minnesota state two-year
 18.24 colleges that have meat cutting programs to
 18.25 accommodate training as it relates to animal
 18.26 slaughter. The mobile unit may coordinate
 18.27 with livestock producers who desire to provide
 18.28 value-added meat products by utilizing the
 18.29 mobile slaughter unit. The mobile unit may
 18.30 be used for research, training outside of the
 18.31 two-year colleges, and other activities that
 18.32 align with industry needs. The Agricultural
 18.33 Utilization Research Institute may only award
 18.34 a grant under this paragraph if the grant

19.1 amount is matched by a like amount from
 19.2 another funding source. The Agricultural
 19.3 Utilization Research Institute must seek
 19.4 matching dollars from Minnesota State
 19.5 Colleges and Universities or other entities for
 19.6 purposes of this paragraph. The appropriation
 19.7 under this paragraph is onetime and is
 19.8 available until June 30, 2024. Any money
 19.9 remaining on June 30, 2024, must be
 19.10 transferred to the commissioner of agriculture
 19.11 for the agricultural growth, research, and
 19.12 innovation program under Minnesota Statutes,
 19.13 section 41A.12, and is available until June 30,
 19.14 2025. By January 15, 2023, the institute must
 19.15 report to the chairs and ranking minority
 19.16 members of the legislative committees with
 19.17 jurisdiction over agriculture regarding the
 19.18 status of the project, including the status of
 19.19 the use of any state or matching dollars to
 19.20 complete the project.

19.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 17.055, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 19.22 read:

19.23 Subd. 1a. **Emerging farmer account.** An emerging farmer account is established in the
 19.24 agricultural fund. The account consists of money appropriated by law and any other money
 19.25 donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to the account. Money in the account,
 19.26 including interest, is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of this section and
 19.27 must be used to further the objectives of the emerging farmer working group.

19.28 Sec. 6. **[32D.30] DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND PROFITABILITY**
 19.29 **ENHANCEMENT.**

19.30 Subdivision 1. **Program.** The commissioner must implement a dairy development and
 19.31 profitability enhancement program consisting of dairy profitability enhancement teams and
 19.32 dairy business planning grants.

20.1 Subd. 2. Dairy profitability enhancement teams. (a) Dairy profitability enhancement
20.2 teams must provide one-on-one information and technical assistance to dairy farms of all
20.3 sizes to enhance their financial success and long-term sustainability. Teams must assist
20.4 dairy producers in all dairy producing regions of the state and may consist of farm business
20.5 management instructors, dairy extension specialists, and other dairy industry partners. Teams
20.6 may engage in activities including comprehensive financial analysis, risk management
20.7 education, enhanced milk marketing tools and technologies, and facilitating or improving
20.8 production systems including rotational grazing and other sustainable agriculture methods.

20.9 (b) The commissioner must make grants to regional or statewide organizations qualified
20.10 to manage the various components of the teams. Each regional or statewide organization
20.11 must designate a coordinator responsible for overseeing the program and submitting periodic
20.12 reports to the commissioner regarding aggregate changes in producer financial stability,
20.13 productivity, product quality, animal health, environmental protection, and other performance
20.14 measures attributable to the program. The organizations must submit this information in a
20.15 format that maintains the confidentiality of individual dairy producers.

20.16 Subd. 3. Dairy business planning grants. The commissioner may award dairy business
20.17 planning grants of up to \$5,000 per producer to develop comprehensive business plans.
20.18 Producers must not use dairy business planning grants for capital improvements.

20.19 Subd. 4. Funding allocation. Except as specified in law, the commissioner may allocate
20.20 dairy development and profitability enhancement program dollars among the permissible
20.21 uses specified in this section, including efforts to improve the quality of milk produced in
20.22 the state, in the proportions that the commissioner deems most beneficial to the state's dairy
20.23 farmers.

20.24 Subd. 5. Reporting. No later than July 1 each year, the commissioner must submit a
20.25 detailed accomplishment report and work plan detailing future plans for, and the actual and
20.26 anticipated accomplishments from, expenditures under this section to the chairs and ranking
20.27 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over
20.28 agriculture policy and finance. If the commissioner significantly modifies a submitted work
20.29 plan during the fiscal year, the commissioner must notify the chairs and ranking minority
20.30 members.

20.31 Sec. 7. CANCELLATIONS.

20.32 (a) \$916,553 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for protection services
20.33 under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is
20.34 canceled.

21.1 (b) \$136,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for agricultural marketing
 21.2 and development under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2,
 21.3 subdivision 3, is canceled.

21.4 (c) \$120,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for agriculture, bioenergy,
 21.5 and bioproduct advancement under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1,
 21.6 section 2, subdivision 4, as amended by Laws 2020, chapter 89, article 4, section 34, and
 21.7 Laws 2020, chapter 101, section 3, is canceled.

21.8 (d) \$157,500 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation for administration and
 21.9 financial assistance under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2,
 21.10 subdivision 5, as amended by Laws 2020, chapter 74, article 1, section 3, is canceled.

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

21.12 **ARTICLE 2**

21.13 **BROADBAND**

21.14 Section 1. **BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

21.15 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agency
 21.16 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
 21.17 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
 21.18 The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
 21.19 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively.
 21.20 "The first year" is fiscal year 2022. "The second year" is fiscal year 2023. "The biennium"
 21.21 is fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

21.22 **APPROPRIATIONS**

21.23 **Available for the Year**

21.24 **Ending June 30**

21.25 **2022**

2023

21.26 **Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT**
 21.27 **AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

\$

350,000

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350,000

21.28 \$350,000 each year is for the Office of
 21.29 Broadband Development.