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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**H. F. No. 693**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for the Forever Green Agriculture  
1.3 Initiative at the University of Minnesota.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FOREVER GREEN AGRICULTURE**  
1.6 **INITIATIVE.**

1.7 \$1,395,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,395,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated  
1.8 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to the Board of  
1.9 Regents of the University of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green Agriculture Initiative  
1.10 and to protect the state's natural resources while increasing the efficiency, profitability,  
1.11 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial and winter-annual  
1.12 crops into existing agricultural practices.