

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

S.F. No. 251

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/17/2019	114	Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance
03/07/2019	651a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
03/13/2019	851	Comm report: To pass
	853	Second reading
	4688	Rule 47, returned to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for mental health counseling.

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

1.4 Section 1. CANCELLATION.

1.5 Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2019 to the commissioner of agriculture for
1.6 the agricultural growth, research, and innovation program for incentive payments in Laws
1.7 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), clause (2), \$70,000 is
1.8 canceled to the general fund.

1.9 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.10 (a) \$70,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.11 of agriculture for the following purposes:

1.12 (1) \$40,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.13 Universities to provide additional statewide mental health counseling support to farm families
1.14 and business operators through the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence.
1.15 South Central College and Central Lakes College shall serve as the fiscal agents; and

1.16 (2) \$30,000 is for coordinating public information, farmer mental health marketing,
1.17 training coordination, outreach activities, and engaging farm groups and other agriculture
1.18 organizations to reduce the stigma of stress, anxiety, and other mental health challenges.

1.19 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.1 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 This act is effective the day following final enactment.