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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to agriculture; appropriating money for a grant for the farm-to-food

1.3shelf program.

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

1.5Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FARM-TO-FOOD SHELF GRANT.**

1.6\$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the

1.7commissioner of agriculture for a grant to Second Harvest Heartland on behalf of the six

1.8Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota to compensate agricultural producers

1.9and processors for costs incurred to harvest and package for transfer surplus fruits,

1.10vegetables, or other agricultural commodities that would otherwise go unharvested, be

1.11discarded, or be sold in a secondary market. Surplus commodities must be distributed

1.12statewide to food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible to receive

1.13food from the food banks. Surplus food acquired under this appropriation must be from

1.14Minnesota producers and processors.