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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/24/2022	5129	Introduction and first reading
03/02/2022	5191	Referred to Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy
03/14/2022		Author added Dornink
		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants and financial assistance to

1.3 livestock farmers and crop producers impacted by drought; appropriating money

1.4 to the Rural Finance Authority revolving loan account for drought relief.

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

1.6 Section 1. DROUGHT RELIEF; APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the

1.8 commissioner of agriculture for the purpose of providing grants and other forms of financial

1.9 assistance to livestock farmers and specialty crop producers impacted by the drought in

1.10 2021. The commissioner may issue payments of up to \$10,000 on a first-come, first-served,

1.11 noncompetitive basis. Preference may be given to producers located in counties that include

1.12 areas designated as D4, exceptional drought, on any of the weekly maps published during

1.13 2021 by the National Drought Mitigation Center at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Any

1.14 unencumbered balance at the end of the year does not cancel and is available until June 30,

1.15 2024. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.16 (b) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the Rural

1.17 Finance Authority revolving loan account established under Minnesota Statutes, section

1.18 41B.06, for drought relief loans under Minnesota Statutes, section 41B.047. If this

1.19 appropriation exceeds the total amount for which all farmers are eligible in a fiscal year,

1.20 the balance of the appropriation is available for other programs eligible for funding under

1.21 the Rural Finance Authority's revolving loan account. Any unencumbered balance at the

1.22 end of the year does not cancel and is available until June 30, 2024. This is a onetime

1.23 appropriation.

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