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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **741**

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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 farm to food shelf program.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FARM TO FOOD SHELF PROGRAM.**

1.5 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
1.6 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to Second Harvest
1.7 Heartland on behalf of the six Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota to
1.8 compensate agricultural producers and processors for costs incurred to harvest and
1.9 package for transfer surplus fruits, vegetables, or other agricultural commodities that
1.10 would otherwise go unharvested or be discarded. Surplus commodities must be distributed
1.11 statewide to food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible to receive
1.12 food from the food banks. Surplus food acquired under this appropriation must be from
1.13 Minnesota producers and processors. Second Harvest Heartland must report when
1.14 required by, and in the form prescribed by, the commissioner. Second Harvest Heartland
1.15 may use up to eight percent of any grant received for administrative expenses.