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

1.1 A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; appropriating money to support farmers' markets.

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

Section 1. <u>APPROPRIATION</u>; <u>FARMERS' MARKETS AND DIRECT MARKETING</u> PRODUCERS.

\$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture to create and implement a program to support farmers' markets, including markets within urban American Indian communities and Tribal nations, and direct-marketing producers. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 is for a grant to the Minnesota Farmers' Market

Association for awards to farmers' markets not exceeding \$10,000 per market location for costs, including but not limited to training, education, equipment, and infrastructure. Of this amount, \$500,000 is for the commissioner of agriculture to create and support a grant program for direct-marketing producers. The Minnesota Farmers' Market Association may use up to 1.5 percent of the grant awarded under this paragraph for administrative expenses. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.

Section 1.