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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for county agricultural inspector grants.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated
1.6 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to counties to support
1.7 county agricultural inspectors. The commissioner may use up to \$130,000 of the appropriation
1.8 each year for administration.

1.9 (b) To be eligible for grants under this section, a county must employ a county agricultural
1.10 inspector who:

1.11 (1) has attended training for new county agricultural inspectors offered by the
1.12 commissioner;

1.13 (2) coordinates with the commissioner to review applicable laws and enforcement
1.14 procedures;

1.15 (3) compiles and submits to the commissioner local weed inspector annual report data;

1.16 (4) conducts an annual meeting and training for local weed inspectors;

1.17 (5) attends the annual short course of the Minnesota Association of County Agricultural
1.18 Inspectors; and

1.19 (6) assists the commissioner with control programs and other agricultural programs
1.20 when requested under Minnesota Statutes, section 18.81, subdivision 1b.