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03/10/2014	6074	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a Farm-to-Foodshelf program; appropriating
1.3 money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FARM-TO-FOODSHELF PROGRAM.**

1.6 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.7 commissioner of agriculture for a grant to Second Harvest Heartland on behalf of the six
1.8 Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota to compensate agricultural producers
1.9 and processors for costs incurred to harvest and package for transfer surplus fruits,
1.10 vegetables, or other agricultural commodities that would otherwise go unharvested or be
1.11 discarded. Surplus commodities must be distributed statewide to food shelves and other
1.12 charitable organizations that are eligible to receive food from the food banks. Surplus
1.13 food acquired under this appropriation must be from Minnesota producers and processors.
1.14 Second Harvest Heartland must report when required by, and on forms prescribed by,
1.15 the commissioner. Second Harvest Heartland may use up to 11 percent of the grant for
1.16 administrative expenses. This is a base appropriation.