17.85 LABORATORY SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Account.** A laboratory services account is established in the agricultural fund. Payments for laboratory services performed by the Laboratory Services Division of the Department of Agriculture must be deposited in the agricultural fund and credited to the laboratory services account. Money in the account, including interest earned on the account, is annually appropriated to the commissioner of agriculture to administer the programs of the Laboratory Services Division.

Subd. 2. **Agriculture laboratory.** The agriculture laboratory exists to provide analytical and technical services in support of agency programs that protect and enhance the states' agriculture, environment, and food chain. The laboratory may provide analytical and technical services for a fee to any public or private entity as requested or required to meet department objectives in support of Minnesota agriculture and a national food safety system.

History: *1988 c 688 art 20 s 1; 1999 c 231 s 33; 1Sp2001 c 2 s 31*