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## **TITLE 4.1 Agriculture Summary of Bills Enacted by 2009 Legislative Assembly**

This memorandum summarizes 2009 legislation primarily affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 4.1. Bills primarily affecting other titles also affect this title and relevant provisions of those bills are summarized in this memorandum.

### **COMMODITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**House Bill No. 1025** rewrites the chapters of the code pertaining to the North Dakota barley council, the North Dakota Beef Commission, the North Dakota Beekeepers Association, the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council, the North Dakota Dairy Promotion Commission, the North Dakota Dry Bean Council, the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council, the North Dakota Oilseed Council, the North Dakota Potato Council, the North Dakota Soybean Council, the North Dakota Turkey Federation, and the North Dakota Wheat Commission.

**House Bill No. 1413** reconfigures the manner in which the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council conducts its elections.

**House Bill No. 1402** provides that the temporary increase in the wheat assessment from 12 to 15 mills will remain in effect at the level of 15 mills.

**Senate Bill No. 2208** raises the assessment on sunflowers and canola from three cents to four cents and raises the assessment on flax from two cents to three cents.

**Senate Bill No. 2242** increases the per diem compensation to \$135 for members of the State Fair Association, the State Seed Commission, the Seed Arbitration Board, the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, the North Dakota Barley Council, the North Dakota Beef Commission, the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council, the North Dakota Dairy Promotion Commission, the North Dakota Dry Bean Council, the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council, the North Dakota Oilseed Council, the North Dakota Potato Council, the North Dakota Soybean Council, the North Dakota Wheat Commission, the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission, the Milk Marketing Board, the State Soil Conservation Committee, the North Dakota Agricultural Mediation Service Board, the State Board of Animal Health, and the State Board of Appraisers.

**House Bill No. 1109** removes the Agriculture Commissioner from membership on the various agricultural commodity boards and commissions and provides that the commissioner may participate as a nonvoting member in any regular or special meeting of such groups. The bill also requires that the Agriculture Commissioner call an annual meeting of commodity group representatives for the purpose of engaging in collaborative efforts to promote and market agricultural commodities.

### **NOXIOUS WEEDS**

**House Bill No. 1026** rewrites the statutory provisions pertaining to the control of noxious weeds in this state.

**House Bill No. 1270** allows the Agriculture Commissioner to inspect forage for the purpose of certifying that weeds prohibited according to the standards of the North American Weed Management Association are not cut when producing viable seeds and included in baled forage.