

Agriculture Commissioner - Budget No. 602  
House Bill No. 1009  
Base Level Funding Changes

|                                                                                             | Executive Budget Recommendation |              |              |              | House Version |              |               |               | House Changes to Executive Budget |              |               |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                                                                             | FTE Positions                   | General Fund | Other Funds  | Total        | FTE Positions | General Fund | Other Funds   | Total         | FTE Positions                     | General Fund | Other Funds   | Total         |
|                                                                                             |                                 |              |              |              |               |              |               |               |                                   |              |               |               |
| 2021-23 Biennium Base Level                                                                 | 78.00                           | \$10,700,429 | \$28,322,406 | \$39,022,835 | 78.00         | \$10,700,429 | \$28,322,406  | \$39,022,835  | 0.00                              | \$0          | \$0           | \$0           |
| 2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes                                                             |                                 |              |              |              |               |              |               |               |                                   |              |               |               |
| Base payroll changes                                                                        |                                 | (\$228,166)  | (\$24,207)   | (\$252,373)  |               |              |               | \$0           |                                   | \$228,166    | \$24,207      | \$252,373     |
| Salary increase                                                                             |                                 | 192,094      | 143,528      | 335,622      |               | \$188,218    | \$156,594     | 344,812       |                                   | (3,876)      | 13,066        | 9,190         |
| Health insurance increase                                                                   |                                 | 2,146        | 1,603        | 3,749        |               | 2,146        | 1,603         | 3,749         |                                   |              |               | 0             |
| Retirement contribution increase                                                            |                                 | 39,262       | 29,337       | 68,599       |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | (39,262)     | (29,337)      | (68,599)      |
| Unfunds 1 FTE Pride of Dakota administrative assistant I position                           |                                 | (152,521)    |              | (152,521)    |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | 152,521      |               | 152,521       |
| Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 licenses                                              |                                 | 7,322        | 1,491        | 8,813        |               | 7,322        | 1,491         | 8,813         |                                   |              |               | 0             |
| Adjusts funding for operating expenses                                                      |                                 | (57,759)     | 88,566       | 30,807       |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | 57,759       | (88,566)      | (30,807)      |
| Adds funding for state agency Capitol grounds rent proposal                                 |                                 | 166,440      |              | 166,440      |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | (166,440)    |               | (166,440)     |
| Transfers funding from the Department of Commerce for the North Dakota Trade Office         |                                 | 850,000      |              | 850,000      |               | 1,600,000    |               | 1,600,000     |                                   | 750,000      |               | 750,000       |
| Adjusts federal funding for operating expenses and grants                                   |                                 |              | 78,000       | 78,000       |               |              |               | 0             |                                   |              | (78,000)      | (78,000)      |
| Removes 2019-21 biennium funding for a plotter                                              |                                 | (10,000)     | (5,000)      | (15,000)     |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | 10,000       | 5,000         | 15,000        |
| Adds funding to replace a utility terrain vehicle                                           |                                 | 10,000       | 5,000        | 15,000       |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | (10,000)     | (5,000)       | (15,000)      |
| Adds funding for the noxious weeds grant program                                            |                                 |              | 50,000       | 50,000       |               |              | 50,000        | 50,000        |                                   |              |               | 0             |
| Removes funding for wine and research promotion grants, apiary grants, and waterbank grants |                                 | (155,000)    | (300,000)    | (455,000)    |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | 155,000      | 300,000       | 455,000       |
| Reduces funding for the Board of Animal Health                                              |                                 | (78,000)     |              | (78,000)     |               |              |               | 0             |                                   | 78,000       |               | 78,000        |
| Adjusts funding for the Wildlife Services program                                           |                                 | (398,600)    | 398,600      | 0            |               | 69,207       | 55,860        | 125,067       |                                   | 398,600      | (398,600)     | 0             |
| Adds funding for 2019-21 biennium salary increase cost to continue                          |                                 |              |              | 0            |               | 69,207       |               | 0             |                                   | 69,207       |               | 125,067       |
| Adds funding for salary compression                                                         |                                 |              |              | 0            | 1.00          | 369,866      | 332,634       | 702,500       |                                   | 369,866      | 332,634       | 702,500       |
| Adds funding for 1 FTE grain inspector position                                             |                                 |              |              | 0            |               | 183,399      |               | 183,399       |                                   | 183,399      |               | 183,399       |
| Adds funding for meat inspector salaries and operating expenses                             |                                 |              |              | 0            |               | 106,458      |               | 106,458       |                                   | 106,458      |               | 106,458       |
| Adds funding to reclassify a program coordinator to an attorney                             |                                 |              |              | 0            |               | 68,279       |               | 68,279        |                                   | 68,279       |               | 68,279        |
| Adds funding for the industrial hemp program                                                |                                 |              |              | 0            |               |              | 36,250        | 36,250        |                                   |              | 36,250        | 36,250        |
| Adds funding for public warehouse and grain buyer license costs                             |                                 |              |              | 0            |               | 43,500       |               | 43,500        |                                   | 43,500       |               | 43,500        |
| Adds funding for the North Dakota Mediation Service program                                 |                                 |              |              | 0            |               | 120,000      |               | 120,000       |                                   | 120,000      |               | 120,000       |
| Adds funding for the specialty crop block grant program                                     |                                 |              |              | 0            |               |              | 158,000       | 158,000       |                                   |              | 158,000       | 158,000       |
| Removes funding for mitigation of environmental impact grants                               |                                 |              |              | 0            |               |              | (5,000,000)   | (5,000,000)   |                                   |              | (4,900,000)   | (4,900,000)   |
| Total ongoing funding changes                                                               | 0.00                            | \$187,218    | (\$366,918)  | (\$100,000)  | 1.00          | \$2,758,395  | (\$4,207,568) | (\$1,449,173) | 1.00                              | \$2,571,177  | (\$4,574,486) | (\$2,003,309) |
| One-time funding items                                                                      |                                 |              |              |              |               |              |               |               |                                   |              |               |               |
| Adds funding to replace various program databases                                           |                                 | \$180,000    |              | \$180,000    |               |              |               | \$0           |                                   | (\$180,000)  |               | (\$180,000)   |
| Adds funding for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission                           |                                 |              |              | 0            |               |              | \$2,700,000   | 2,700,000     |                                   |              | \$2,700,000   | 2,700,000     |
| Adds funding for a soil health cover crop grant program                                     |                                 |              |              | 0            |               |              | 500,000       | 500,000       |                                   |              | 500,000       | 500,000       |
| Adds funding for bioscience innovation grants                                               |                                 |              |              | 0            |               | \$5,500,000  |               | 5,500,000     |                                   | 5,500,000    |               | 5,500,000     |



Other Sections in Agriculture Commissioner - Budget No. 602

| Executive Budget Recommendation                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | House Version                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Estimated income - Transfer - State Water Commission  | Section 6 would transfer \$125,000 from the State Water Commission to the Agriculture Commissioner for the Wildlife Services program during the 2021-23 biennium.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Section 7 identifies \$125,000 in the estimated income line item, which the State Water Commission is required to transfer to the Agriculture Commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Wildlife Services program during the 2021-23 biennium.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Transfer - Environment and rangeland protection fund  | Section 3 would require the Agriculture Commissioner to transfer \$325,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund during the 2021-23 biennium.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Section 8 requires the Agriculture Commissioner to transfer \$325,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund during the 2021-23 biennium.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Environment and rangeland protection fund             | Section 4 would identify \$7,046,124 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the environment and rangeland protection fund.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Section 9 identifies \$6,900,301 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the environment and rangeland protection fund.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Game and Fish Department operating fund               | Section 5 would identify that \$624,136 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the Game and Fish Department operating fund for various Department of Agriculture programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Section 10 identifies \$619,329 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the Game and Fish Department operating fund for various Agriculture Commissioner programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| North Dakota Trade Office - Matching fund requirement | Section 10 would identify that \$850,000 in the operating expenses line item relates to the North Dakota Trade Office, which a portion of the program is recommended to be transferred from the Department of Commerce to the Agriculture Commissioner. The Agriculture Commissioner would be allowed to spend 60 percent of this amount without requiring any matching funds from the North Dakota Trade Office. Any additional amounts may be spent only to the extent the North Dakota Trade Office provides \$1 of matching funds from private or other sources for each \$1 provided by the Agriculture Commissioner during the 2021-23 biennium. Matching funds may include money spent by businesses or organizations to pay salaries to export assistants, to provide training, and to buy computer equipment as part of the North Dakota Trade Office's export assistant program. | Section 11 identifies \$1.6 million in the North Dakota Trade Office line item relates to the North Dakota Trade Office. The Agriculture Commissioner may spend 60 percent of this amount without requiring any matching funds from the North Dakota Trade Office. Any additional amounts may be spent only to the extent the North Dakota Trade Office provides \$1 of matching funds from private or other sources for each \$1 provided by the Agriculture Commissioner during the 2021-23 biennium. Matching funds may include money spent by businesses or organizations to pay salaries to export assistants, to provide training, and to buy computer equipment as part of the North Dakota Trade Office's export assistant program. |
| Agriculture Commissioner salary                       | Section 9 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Agriculture Commissioner's salary. The Agriculture Commissioner's annual salary would increase from the current level of \$119,757 to \$122,152 effective July 1, 2021, and to \$124,595 effective July 1, 2022, to reflect the 2 percent and 2 percent recommended salary increase.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Section 12 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Agriculture Commissioner's salary. The Agriculture Commissioner's annual salary will increase from the current level of \$119,757 to \$121,553 effective July 1, 2021, and to \$123,376 effective July 1, 2022, to reflect annual increases of 1.5 percent each year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Pipeline restoration and reclamation - Exempt records |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Section 13 amends Section 4, 1-01-17 to exempt the names of surface owners and surface tenants who receive assistance from the pipeline restoration and reclamation program from open records request laws.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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Pipeline restoration and reclamation - Estimated income

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Section 8 would identify that \$200,000 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund for the pipeline restoration and reclamation program.

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Section 14 identifies \$200,000 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund for the pipeline restoration and reclamation program.

Amendment - 2019 Session Laws - Waterbank program - 2019-21 biennium

Section 7 would amend Section 7 of Chapter 34 of the 2019 Session Laws to allow the Agriculture Commissioner to use "up to" \$50,000 of the 2019-21 biennium salaries and wages line item as matching funds for the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grant for the waterbank program.

Section 15 amends Section 7 of Chapter 34 of the 2019 Session Laws to allow the Agriculture Commissioner to use "up to" \$50,000 of the 2019-21 biennium salaries and wages line item as matching funds for the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grant for the waterbank program.

Waterbank program - 2021-23 biennium

Section 16 identifies of the amount appropriated in the salary and wages line item in Section 1, the Agriculture Commissioner may use up to \$50,000 from the general fund for matching funds for the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grant provided for the waterbank program.

Legislative Management study - North Dakota Beef Commission

Section 17 provides for a Legislative Management study of the North Dakota Beef Commission, including its operations and the selection of commission members.