

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

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	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	78.00	\$10,700,429	\$28,322,406	\$39,022,835
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Salary increase		\$192,094	\$143,528	\$335,622
Health insurance increase		2,146	1,603	3,749
Retirement contribution increase		39,262	29,337	68,599
Adds funding for salary compression funding		369,866	332,634	702,500
Adds funding for 2019-21 biennium salary increase cost to continue		69,207	55,860	125,067
Adds funding for meat inspector salaries and operating expenses		106,458		106,458
Adds funding to reclassify a program coordinator to an attorney		68,279		68,279
Adds funding for 1 grain inspector FTE position	1.00	183,399		183,399
Adds funding for the industrial hemp program			36,250	36,250
Adds funding for public warehouse and grain buyer license costs		43,500		43,500
Adds funding for the North Dakota mediation service program		120,000		120,000
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses		7,322	1,491	8,813
Adds funding for the speciality crop block grant program			158,000	158,000
Adds funding for noxious weeds grants			50,000	50,000
Removes funding for mitigation of environmental impact grants			(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Transfers the North Dakota Trade Office from Commerce		1,600,000		1,600,000
Total ongoing funding changes	1.00	\$2,801,533	(\$4,191,297)	(\$1,389,764)
One-time funding items				
Adds funding to continue federal Coronavirus Relief Fund authority			\$150,000	\$150,000
Adds funding for a soil health cover crop cost share program			500,000	500,000
Adds funding for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission			2,700,000	2,700,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	1.00	\$2,801,533	(\$841,297)	\$1,960,236
2021-23 Total Funding	79.00	\$13,501,962	\$27,481,109	\$40,983,071
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	1.3%	26.2%	(14.8%)	(3.6%)
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	1.3%	26.2%	(3.0%)	5.0%

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Transfer - General Fund - Bioscience innovation grant fund - Bioscience innovation grant program	Section 3 requires the Office of Management and Budget to transfer \$5.5 million from the general fund to the bioscience innovation grant fund for the purpose of providing bioscience innovation grants during the 2021-23 biennium.
Transfer - General Fund - Federal environmental law impact review fund	Section 4 requires the Office of Management and Budget to transfer \$5 million from the general fund to the federal environmental law impact review fund for the purpose of defraying costs associated with federal environmental legislation or regulations which detrimentally impact or potentially detrimentally impact the state's agricultural, energy, or oil production sectors during the 2021-23 biennium.
Transfer - Bank of North Dakota profits - Outdoor heritage fund - Soil health cover crop cost share program - One-time funding	Section 5 identifies funding of \$500,000 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is for a soil health cover crop cost share program, of which \$300,000 is from the current earnings and undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota, from which the Industrial Commission shall transfer to the Agriculture Commissioner for deposit in the agriculture department operating fund during the 2021-23 biennium, and \$200,000 is from the outdoor heritage fund. The funding is considered a one-time funding item.
Transfer - Bank of North Dakota profits - Agricultural Products Utilization Commission - One-time funding	Section 6 identifies funding of \$2.7 million in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission fund. The Industrial Commission is required to transfer \$3 million from the current earnings and undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota to the Agriculture Commissioner for deposit in the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission fund during the 2021-23 biennium. The funding is considered a one-time funding item.
Transfer - State Water Commission	Section 7 transfers \$125,000 from the State Water Commission to the Agriculture Commissioner for the Wildlife Services program during the 2021-23 biennium.
Transfer - Environment and rangeland protection fund	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.

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Environment and rangeland protection fund	Section 9 identifies \$6,910,910 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the environment and rangeland protection fund.
Game and Fish Department operating fund	Section 10 identifies \$614,430 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the Game and Fish Department operating fund for various Department of Agriculture programs.
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund spending authority - One-time funding	Section 11 identifies \$150,000 in the estimated income line item in Section 1 is from the state's allocation from the federal Coronavirus Relief fund, which the Agriculture Commissioner may spend until December 31, 2021. The funding is considered a one-time funding item.
North Dakota Trade Office - Matching Fund Requirement	Section 12 identifies \$1,600,000 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 13 provides 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 annual increases of 2 percent each year.
Pipeline restoration and reclamation - Exempt records	Section 14 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

Section 15 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.

Waterbank program - 2019-21 biennium

Section 16 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 17 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.