



Senate Appropriations-HB 1020

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Baker Garden & Gift supports HB 1020.

The NDSU woody plant improvement project has introduced 61 superior woody plants for production and sale, with 41 active registered trademarks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark office. NDSU woody plant introductions have a nursery wholesale value of over \$2.8 million and a \$6.8 million value in retail sales for 2021 alone. The return on investment of this program is with increasing the diversification and availability of woody plants with increased disease, insect resistance and winter hardiness for landscapes throughout North Dakota. We have and will continue to see the importance of new introductions as we see new disease and insect pressures arise. As a nursery and retail business, we want to offer our customers the best plant selections for our area. NDSU's research has been key in bringing well adapted plant material into the nursery industry.

For these reasons, Baker Garden & Gift supports the funding and missions of NDSU.