

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2020
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm; to provide for a report; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and federal funds, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Extension service	\$59,478,945	\$2,342,700	\$61,821,645
Soil conservation committee	1,361,520	0	1,361,520
New and vacant FTE pool	0	3,301,295	3,301,295
Total all funds	\$60,840,465	\$5,643,995	\$66,484,460
Less other funds	29,049,776	2,839,356	31,889,132
Total general fund	\$31,790,689	\$2,804,639	\$34,595,328
Full-time equivalent positions	252.70	3.74	256.44

Subdivision 2.

NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Northern crops institute	\$5,724,771	\$1,549,397	\$7,274,168
New and vacant FTE pool	0	101,995	101,995
Total all funds	\$5,724,771	\$1,651,392	\$7,376,163
Less other funds	3,541,116	852,928	4,394,044
Total general fund	\$2,183,655	\$798,464	\$2,982,119
Full-time equivalent positions	18.15	0.20	18.35

Subdivision 3.

UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Upper great plains transportation	\$24,807,516	\$521,955	\$25,329,471

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New and vacant FTE pool	0	266,019	266,019
Total all funds	\$24,807,516	\$787,974	\$25,595,490
Less other funds	19,581,141	507,090	20,088,231
Total general fund	\$5,226,375	\$280,884	\$5,507,259
Full-time equivalent positions	43.88	(1.00)	42.88

Subdivision 4.

MAIN RESEARCH CENTER

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Main research center	\$116,148,130	\$19,566,700	\$135,714,830
New and vacant FTE pool	0	5,060,201	5,060,201
Total all funds	\$116,148,130	\$24,626,901	\$140,775,031
Less other funds	58,022,465	19,051,827	77,074,292
Total general fund	\$58,125,665	\$5,575,074	\$63,700,739
Full-time equivalent positions	358.47	6.08	364.55

Subdivision 5.

BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Dickinson research center	\$7,379,838	\$435,827	\$7,815,665
Central grasslands research center	3,618,270	168,766	3,787,036
Hettinger research center	5,381,248	240,658	5,621,906
Langdon research center	3,195,869	360,058	3,555,927
North Central research center	5,355,217	202,311	5,557,528
Williston research center	5,527,125	266,785	5,793,910
Carrington research center	10,191,002	408,102	10,599,104
New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,089,674	1,089,674
Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$3,172,181	\$43,820,750
Less other funds	20,964,971	885,212	21,850,183
Total general fund	\$19,683,598	\$2,286,969	\$21,970,567
Full-time equivalent positions	111.81	(4.65)	107.16

Subdivision 6.

AGRONOMY SEED FARM

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Agronomy seed farm	\$1,632,722	\$39,931	\$1,672,653
New and vacant FTE pool	0	7,343	7,343
Total special funds	\$1,632,722	\$47,274	\$1,679,996
Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00

Subdivision 7.

SECTION 1 TOTAL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total all funds	\$249,802,173	\$35,929,717	\$285,731,890
Less grand total other funds	132,792,191	24,183,687	156,975,878

Grand total general fund	\$117,009,982	\$11,746,030	\$128,756,012
Full-time equivalent positions	788.01	4.37	792.38

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which each entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Northern crops institute			
Protein extraction and air classification system	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
Total northern crops institute	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
Main research center			
Equipment storage sheds	\$1,567,500	\$0	\$1,567,500
Oakes irrigation research site interior	0	620,000	620,000
Langdon seed conditioning plant	0	2,600,000	2,600,000
Nesson Valley irrigation research site	0	2,300,000	2,300,000
Deferred maintenance	0	500,000	500,000
Williston research center storage shed	0	200,000	200,000
Swine facility renovation	0	6,000,000	6,000,000
Main research center greenhouse addition	0	3,250,000	3,250,000
Total main research center	\$1,567,500	\$15,470,000	\$17,037,500
Grand total	\$1,567,500	\$15,820,000	\$17,387,500

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST. The North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm line items in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME. The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues received during the 2025-27 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for one-time expenditures, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME - REPORT. The Williston research extension center shall report to the seventieth legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amounts included in the other funds appropriation line items and special funds appropriations line item in section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 7. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER. The other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of the Act includes the sum of \$2,470,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund, of which \$950,000 is for the Langdon seed conditioning plant, \$620,000 is for the Oakes irrigation research site, \$500,000 is for deferred maintenance, and \$400,000 is for the Nesson Valley irrigation research site.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch research center directors, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority, except appropriation authority in the new and vacant FTE pool line items, within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS - REPORT. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the state board of higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this Act, subject to availability of funds. All full-time or part-time positions must be separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the board shall report to the office of management and budget and to the budget section any adjustments made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 10. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME. Any unexpended general fund appropriation authority available to and any excess income received by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029.

SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The following appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

1. The sum of \$475,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund for storage sheds in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws; and
2. The sum of \$1,700,000 appropriated from the general fund for the Nesson Valley irrigation research site project in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws.

SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION. The main research center, for its use of the \$1,567,500 appropriated from the general fund for branch research center storage sheds is not subject to the provisions of section 48-01.2-02.1, and the main research center may spend this funding without procuring plans, drawings, and specifications from an architect or engineer.

SECTION 13. EMERGENCY. The \$6,000,000 appropriated from other funds for the swine facility renovation in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2020 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 1 Absent 2

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 70 Nays 18 Absent 6

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State