

Legislative Council  
**Agriculture Commissioner - Budget No. 602**  
**Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1009**

	Armstrong Executive Budget				House Version				House Compared to Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2025-27 Biennium Base Level</b>												
<b>2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>												
Base payroll changes	80.00	\$14,820,933	\$27,117,306	\$41,938,239	80.00	\$14,820,933	\$27,117,306	\$41,938,239	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salary increase		\$203,651	(\$228,654)	(\$25,003)		\$203,651	(\$228,654)	(\$25,003)		(\$3,036)	(\$3,036)	(\$6,071)
Health insurance increase		383,276	266,444	649,720		380,240	263,409	643,649		(3,002)	(3,003)	(6,005)
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		271,679	214,749	486,428		268,677	211,746	480,423				
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		214,930		214,930		214,930		214,930				
Removes funding for the 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool		393,797	268,273	662,070		393,797	268,273	662,070		(146,988)	(104,860)	(251,848)
Adjusts base level funding for temporary salaries		(203,625)	1,024	(202,601)		(203,625)	1,024	(202,601)				
Adds funding for an FTE plant protection position	1.00	107,344	107,344	214,688				0	(1.00)	(107,344)	(107,344)	(214,688)
Adds funding for travel		748,900	218,808	967,708				0		(748,900)	(218,808)	(967,708)
Adjusts base level funding for operating expenses		(296,796)	625,775	328,979		(296,796)	625,775	328,979				
Reduces funding for the postproduction royalty oversight program			(200,000)	(200,000)			(200,000)	(200,000)				
Adjusts base level funding for capital assets			4,100	4,100			4,100	4,100				
Adds funding for the specialty crop block grant program			1,968,500	1,968,500			1,968,500	1,968,500				
Adds funding for the noxious weed program			366,900	366,900			366,900	366,900				
Removes funding for the grape and wine grant program		(80,000)		(80,000)				0		80,000		80,000
Adjusts base level funding for grants			5,900	5,900			5,900	5,900				
Adds funding for the APUC program			3,000,000	3,000,000				0		(3,000,000)		(3,000,000)
Adjusts base level funding for the board of animal health		(8,357)		(8,357)		(8,357)		(8,357)				
Adds base level funding for COVID-19 specialty crop block grants			300,000	300,000				0			(300,000)	(300,000)
Adds funding for the North Dakota trade office		400,000		400,000				0		(400,000)		(400,000)
Total ongoing funding changes	1.00	\$2,134,799	\$6,919,163	\$9,053,962	0.00	\$805,529	\$3,182,113	\$3,987,642	(1.00)	(\$1,329,270)	(\$3,737,050)	(\$5,066,320)
<b>One-Time Funding Items</b>												
Bioscience innovation grant program			\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000				\$0			(\$5,500,000)	(\$5,500,000)
Livestock planning program			660,000	660,000				0			(660,000)	(660,000)
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$6,160,000	\$6,160,000	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0	(\$6,160,000)	(\$6,160,000)
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	1.00	\$2,134,799	\$13,079,163	\$15,213,962	0.00	\$805,529	\$3,182,113	\$3,987,642	(1.00)	(\$1,329,270)	(\$9,897,050)	(\$11,226,320)
<b>2025-27 Total Funding</b>	81.00	\$16,955,732	\$40,196,469	\$57,152,201	80.00	\$15,626,462	\$30,299,419	\$45,925,881	(1.00)	(\$1,329,270)	(\$9,897,050)	(\$11,226,320)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$17,965,927	\$17,965,927			\$17,409,886	\$17,409,886			(\$556,041)	

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level 1.3% 14.4% 25.5% 21.6% 0.0% 5.4% 11.7% 9.5% N/A N/A N/A

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Section Description	Armstrong Executive Budget	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool line item		Section 3 provides for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
Transfer - Department of Water Resources to Agriculture Commissioner		Section 4 identifies \$125,000 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the Department of Water Resources, which the department shall transfer to the Agriculture Commissioner for the Wildlife Services program.
Transfer - Environment and rangeland protection fund to minor use pesticide fund		Section 5 requires the Agriculture Commissioner to transfer \$325,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund.
Environment and rangeland protection fund		Section 6 identifies \$8,495,424 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the environment and rangeland protection fund for various Department of Agriculture programs.
Game and Fish Department operating fund		Section 7 identifies \$673,374 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the Game and Fish Department operating fund for various Department of Agriculture programs.
Abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund		Section 8 identifies \$500,000 in the other funds 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 (\$200,000) and the postproduction royalty oversight program (\$300,000).
Agriculture Commissioner salary		Section 9 amends Section 4-1-01-02 to increase the salary of the agriculture commissioner from \$136,680 to \$140,780 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2025, and to \$145,003 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2026.
North Dakota Trade Office - Matching fund requirement		Section 10 identifies \$1.6 million of the funding appropriated in Section 1 is from the general fund for 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. Additional amounts may be spent only to the extent that the North Dakota Trade Office provides \$1 of matching funds from private or other public sources for every \$1 provided by the department. 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 assistance program.
Waterbank program - Matching funds		Section 11 identifies of the amount appropriated in the salary and wages line item, 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.
Exemption - COVID-19 specialty crop block grant program		Section 12 provides an exemption to authorize the Agriculture Commissioner to continue funding appropriated for the 2019-21 biennium and continued into the 2021-23 and 2023-25 bienniums for the COVID-19 specialty crop block grant program into the 2025-27 biennium. The 2021 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$5 million for the program. Of this amount, the Agriculture Commissioner anticipates approximately \$300,000 is needed to continue into the 2025-27 biennium.