

**NDSU Main Research Center  
Budget No. 640  
House Bill No. 1020**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2019-21 legislative appropriation	344.05	\$53,417,326 <sup>1</sup>	\$57,943,240	\$111,360,566
2017-19 legislative appropriation	<u>336.12</u>	<u>49,557,415</u>	<u>59,084,828</u>	<u>108,642,243</u>
2019-21 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriation	7.93	\$3,859,911	(\$1,141,588)	\$2,718,323

<sup>1</sup>This amount includes \$750,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$52,667,326.

**Item Description**

**FTE changes** - The Legislative Assembly authorized 344.05 FTE positions for the Main Research Center for the 2019-21 biennium, an increase of 7.93 FTE positions from the 2017-19 biennium. Of the 7.93 FTE positions, 3.93 were added pursuant to Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2020 (2017), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at entities under its control. Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020 continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at entities under its control during the 2019-21 biennium. The 4 remaining FTE positions were added for the agribiome initiative, including 1 microbe-livestock interactions scientist, 1 microbe-livestock interactions technician, 1 organismal-plant interactions scientist, and 1 organismal-plant interactions technician.

**Transfer authority** - In Section 7 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly authorized the director of the Main Research Center, with approval from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, and appropriate branch research center directors, to transfer appropriation authority within the Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center. Any amounts transferred must be reported to OMB.

**Extraordinary repairs** - In Section 4 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly identified \$940,465 of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for extraordinary repairs at the Main Research Center.

**Seed cleaning plants** - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$750,000 to the Main Research Center for a seed cleaning plant at the Williston Research Center. In Sections 10 and 11 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly authorized the branch research centers and Main Research Center to continue up to \$6 million, including \$1.5 million from the general fund and \$4.5 million from other funds, of unexpended appropriations from the 2015-17 and 2017-19 bienniums for seed cleaning plants at the

**Status/Result**

Through April 2020, the Main Research Center has not adjusted FTE positions pursuant to Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020. The center anticipates filling the agribiome initiative positions by the end of the biennium.

To date there have been no transfers of appropriation authority within the Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center, and the agency does not anticipate making any transfers during the remainder of the 2019-21 biennium.

Through April 2020, none of the funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund has been expended for extraordinary repairs. The Main Research Center anticipates spending the entire appropriation by the end of the 2019-21 biennium on various projects, including roof repair at the Dickinson Research Center and feedlot concrete repair at the Carrington Research Center.

Through April 2020, the Carrington Research Center has spent \$1,523,641, the North Central Research Center has spent \$1,365,469, and the Williston Research Center has spent \$35,761 in total on new seed cleaning plants. The Carrington Research Center estimates completion of its seed cleaning plant in September 2020, the North Central Research Center estimates completion of its seed cleaning plant in June 2021, and the Williston Research Center estimates completion of its seed cleaning plant in June 2021.

Carrington Research Center, North Central Research Center, and Williston Research Center.

**Williston Research Center greenhouse** - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$500,000 from other funds to the Main Research Center to construct a greenhouse at the Williston Research Center. Section 12 of the bill provides legislative intent that any future operations and maintenance expenses relating to the Williston Research Center greenhouse be paid from other funds.

The Williston Research Center is fundraising for the greenhouse and anticipates completing construction of the greenhouse in the spring of 2021.