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2007 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HB 1250

# 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1250

House Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: 1-18-07

Recorder Job Number: 1466

Committee Clerk Signature

*Edward D. Johnson*

Minutes:

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON:** Committee Members, we will open on HB 1250. The bill is an act to provide a grant program to assist in raising new or nontraditional crops? And to provide an appropriation.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON:** REPRESENTATIVE MONSON, your first.

**REPRESENTATIVE MONSON:** See printed testimony. There will be more wineries. If this bill passes, I would like to see it open as possible.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON:** To qualify for a Farm Diversification Grant; you must be a current producer { 25 head of cattle or more, and , and/or 100 acres or more and 51% of your total income must come from on farm operation.

**REPRESENTATIVE WALL:** If someone comes in from California and comes in and wants to raise a crop that has not been grown in North Dakota before.

**REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON:** Any additional testimony either for or against HB 1250? Committee Members, what are your wishes on HB 1250?

**REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND MADE A MOTION FOR A DO NOT PASS.**

**REPRESENTATIVE BRANDENBURG:** I SECOND THE MOTION.

**REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND FOR

**A DO NOT PASS. ANY DISCUSSION. THE CLERK WILL TAKE THE ROLL.**

**THERE WERE 13 YES VOTES AND 0 NO VOTES AND NO ONE ABSENT**

**REPRESENTATIVE WALL WILL CARRY THE BILL.**

**REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON CLOSED THE HEARING ON HB 1250.**

Date:  
Roll Call Vote #:

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2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House AGRICULTURE Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By HEADLAND Seconded By BRAND

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Dennis Johnson, Chairman	✓		Tracy Boe	✓	
Joyce Kingsbury Vice Chairman	✓		Rodney J Froelich	✓	
Wesley Belter	✓		Phillip Mueller	✓	
Mike Brandenburg	✓		Kenton Onstad	✓	
Mike Brandenburg			Ben Vig	✓	
Craig Headland	✓				
Brenda Heller	✓				
John D Wall	✓				
Gerry Uglem	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment REP WALL

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 18, 2007 12:47 p.m.

**Module No: HR-12-0739**  
**Carrier: Wald**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1250: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1250 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.**

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1250

# ND Agricultural Products Utilization Commission

## Farm Diversification Grant Application

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The North Dakota Agricultural Products Utilization Commission invites farmers/ranchers to apply for a farm diversification grant. Priority is given to projects dealing with the diversification of a family farm to non-traditional crops or to livestock or on-farm value-added processing of agricultural commodities. Traditional crops and livestock are generally defined as those for which the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service regularly reports and maintains statistics. The project will usually be judged on traditional/non-traditional grant request guidelines, but does not necessarily have to be a totally new crop, livestock or value-added processing venture. The proposed project must have the potential to create additional income for the farm unit. Sustainability of the new venture is considered.

Already existing diversification enterprises are eligible if the project proposal is to significantly expand or otherwise upgrade the enterprise and if the project has not received prior funding from APUC.

To qualify for a Farm Diversification Grant you must be a current producer (25 head of cattle or more, and/or 100 acres or more and 51% of your total income must come from on farm operation).

- **Proposals must demonstrate a well-prepared plan of action to offer the commission.**
- **Markets for the product must have been researched and possible income must be projected.**
- **New and innovative plans for marketing products must also be evident.**
- **A sound business plan must show potential profits from diversifying.**

Applicants applying for these grants can receive help and must receive a letter of endorsement from one of following agricultural specialists, indicating that they have reviewed the projections in the grant request:

Adult Farm Management Instructors	Agricultural Loan Officers
Agricultural Mediation Service Negotiators	County Agents
Local Economic Developers	RC&D Coordinators
Regional Councils	

The Applicant Advisor/Fiscal Agent may charge a 5% fee for help received. Use any of the above-listed individuals; the fee should be included in the proposal budget.

Generally Farm Diversification grants will not exceed \$5,000 per application, plus 5% Fiscal Agent Fee.

Grant funds will be paid in two separate installments.

Grantees will be required to submit a final written report prior to the final disbursement; the results will be made available to other farmers.

Each project will be considered on an individual basis and on its own merits.

Please submit 2 copies of the Farm Diversification application form

**The Commission reserves the right to reject any grant application**