

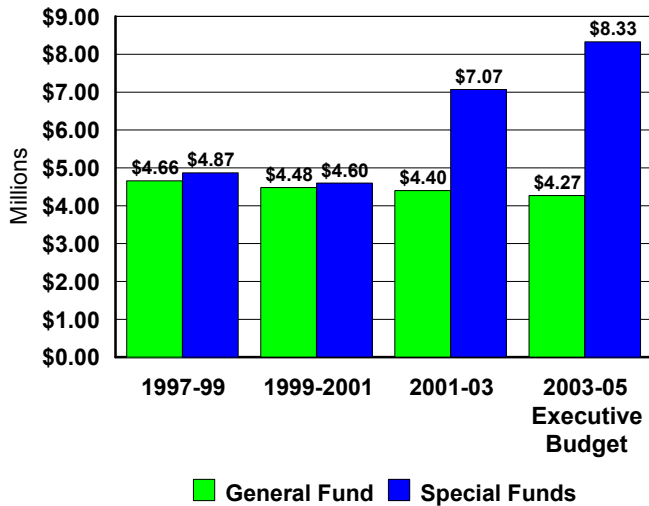
**Department 602 - Agriculture Commissioner
 Senate Bill No. 2009**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 Executive Budget	57.00	\$4,267,848	\$8,336,778	\$12,604,626
2001-03 Legislative Appropriations	55.50	4,396,735 ¹	7,068,293	11,465,028 ²
Increase (Decrease)	1.50	(\$128,887)	\$1,268,485	\$1,139,598

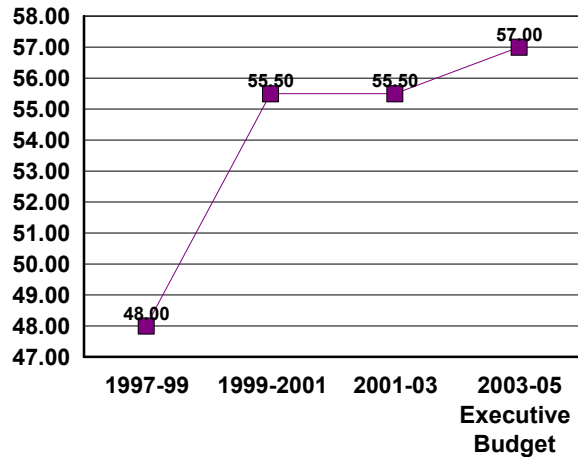
¹ The 2001-03 general fund appropriation is the amount appropriated by the 2001 Legislative Assembly and does not include a reduction of \$46,166 relating to the 1.05 percent budget allotment ordered by Governor Hoeven in July 2002.

² The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$42,948, \$25,339 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees. The 2001-03 appropriation amounts do not include \$887,622 of additional other funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2001-03 biennium.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



First House Action

Attached is a summary of the first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes Noted)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Executive Services			
1. Removes the special line item for "ag in the classroom"	(\$12,500)	(\$158,500)	(\$171,000)
2. Provides funding for "ag in the classroom" within the salary and wages and operating line items. Includes a \$71,000 special funds carryover from the 2001-03 biennium.		\$171,000	\$171,000
3. Changes funding for the Pride of Dakota program to more accurately reflect spending. Includes an increase in grants of \$61,700 which was transferred from marketing. The total 2003-05 biennium funding for the Pride of Dakota program is \$180,948, \$119,248 of which is from the general fund.	(\$38,461)	\$61,700	\$23,239

4. Changes funding for marketing to more accurately reflect spending. Includes a transfer from the grants line item of \$61,700 to Pride of Dakota program.	\$66,024	(\$182,200)	(\$116,176)
Ag Mediation Service			
5. Removes the special line item for ag mediation service	(\$170,117)	(\$899,989)	(\$1,070,106)
6. Provides funding for ag mediation service within the salaries and wages, operating, and capital assets line items	\$170,117	\$899,989	\$1,070,106
Plant Services			
7. Removes the special line item for the waterbank program		(\$900,000)	(\$900,000)
8. Provides funding for the waterbank program within the salaries and wages and operating line items		\$900,000	\$900,000
9. Increases funding for Project Safe Send to reflect anticipated needs and the salary and health insurance adjustment. The total 2003-05 funding for Project Safe Send is \$619,525, including \$2,327 for the executive recommendation for salaries and health insurance, from special funds (environment and rangeland protection fund).		\$19,750	\$19,750
10. Changes funding for noxious weed control. The total 2003-05 funding for noxious weed control is \$1,346,836, \$97,215 of which is from the general fund and \$1,249,621 from special funds (environment and rangeland protection fund).	(\$86,926)	\$86,926	
Livestock Services			
11. Replaces general fund money for the Board of Animal Health with game and fish funds. The total 2003-05 biennium funding from game and fish fees is \$150,000 for assistance with contagious and infectious diseases of nontraditional wildlife.	(\$82,000)	\$82,000	
12. Increases funding for 1 FTE veterinarian within the Board of Animal Health (federal bioterrorism funds)		\$133,399	\$133,399
13. Changes funding for operating and salaries within the Board of Animal Health to reflect a decrease in federal funds and the 95 percent budget. The total 2003-05 biennium funding for the Board of Animal Health is \$876,517, \$407,151 of which is from the general fund.	\$15,956	(\$203,765)	(\$187,809)
14. Increases funding from the general fund for wildlife services for a total general fund appropriation of \$388,209. Maintains special funds for wildlife services at \$400,000 from the game and fish fund. The Senate removed the general fund appropriation for wildlife services and increased the funding from the game and fish fund to \$800,000.	\$8,515		\$8,515
15. Adds funding for a .5 FTE program specialist (inspector) for the state meat inspection program	\$12,950	\$18,635	\$31,585
16. Increases funding for salaries and operations of the state meat inspection program. The total 2003-05 biennium funding for the state meat inspection program is \$770,554, \$319,415 of which is from the general fund.	\$6,490	\$99,552	\$106,042
17. Decreases funding for dairy to more accurately reflect actual costs	(\$84,155)		(\$84,155)

Major Related Legislation

Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2009 increases the statutory changes as necessary to increase the Agriculture Commissioner's salary as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the 2001 Legislative Assembly:

July 1, 2001	\$66,509
January 1, 2002	\$68,504
July 1, 2002	\$69,874

Proposed annual salary recommendation in the 2003-05 executive budget:

July 1, 2003	\$69,874
January 1, 2004	\$70,573
January 1, 2005	\$71,984

The Senate removed the 2003-05 biennium salary increase for the Agriculture Commissioner.

Section 2 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2009 authorizes \$2,499,215 from the **environment and rangeland protection fund** for noxious weed control (\$1,494,285), Project Safe Send (\$617,198), and pesticide regulation (\$387,732). The 2001-03 biennium pesticide registration biennial fee is \$350 per pesticide product registered. Of this amount, \$300 is deposited in the environment and rangeland protection fund and \$50 in the general fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the fee reverts to \$300, of which \$250 is deposited in the environment and rangeland protection fund and \$50 in the general fund. Senate Bill No. 2319 extends the sunset clause for the \$350 pesticide registration fee until June 30, 2005.

Section 3 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2009 authorizes \$156,359 from the **anhydrous ammonia storage inspection fund** for anhydrous regulation. The Senate decreased this amount to \$54,496.

Section 4 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2009 authorizes \$550,000 from the **game and fish fund** for wildlife services (\$400,000) and Board of Animal Health services (\$150,000). The Senate increased the amount from the game and fish fund for wildlife services to \$800,000.

Section 5 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2009 increases the pet food registration fee from \$50 to \$100 for a two-year period. This increase is estimated to generate an additional \$152,500 in general fund revenues.

Section 6 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2009 increases the livestock medicine registration fee from \$20 to \$40 for a two-year period. This increase is estimated to generate an additional \$28,000 in general fund revenues.

House Bill No. 1066 - This bill continues the agriculture pesticide and pesticide container disposal program (Project Safe Send) through July 31, 2005.

Senate Bill No. 2081 - This bill authorizes the Agriculture Commissioner to establish conditions for and issue experimental use permits for pesticides.

Senate Bill No. 2319 - This bill delays the sunset clause on the \$350 pesticide product registration fee until June 30, 2005. The additional amount collected, estimated to be \$450,000 for the 2003-05 biennium, will be deposited in the environment and rangeland protection fund. The pesticide product registration fee will revert to \$300 on July 1, 2005. In addition, \$250,000 is appropriated from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the Agriculture Commissioner for controlling and eradicating saltcedar.

Senate Bill No. 2398 - This bill provides for a \$200,000 transfer from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund during the 2003-05 biennium.