

**Agronomy Seed Farm
Budget No. 649
House Bill Nos. 1020, 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	3.00	\$0	\$1,230,346	\$1,230,346
2007-09 legislative appropriations	3.00		1,230,162	1,230,162
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	(\$184)	(\$184)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	0.00 ¹	\$0	\$29,154	\$29,154

¹The 2005-07 appropriation was based on 2.97 FTE positions. Section 6 of Senate Bill No. 2020 (2005) authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. A total .03 FTE position was added pursuant to this section and reported to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Agronomy Seed Farm is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2189. In addition, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$829,669, of which \$438,129 is from the general fund and \$391,540 is from special funds, to the Main Research Center to provide agricultural research and extension agency employees an additional 1 percent salary increase each year of the biennium. The Main Research Center is to allocate the funding between the Main Research Center, branch research centers, North Dakota State University Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Agronomy Seed Farm. The total salary increase provided is 5 percent effective July 1, 2007, and 5 percent effective July 1, 2008, which is the same increase provided to the North Dakota University System.

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions		\$0	(\$184)	(\$184)
Total	0.00	\$0	(\$184)	(\$184)

FTE Changes

The 2005-07 appropriation is based on 2.97 FTE positions authorized by the 2005 Legislative Assembly. Section 6 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2020 authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. A .03 FTE position was added pursuant to this section for a total of 3 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 3 FTE positions.

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1020

Additional income appropriation - Section 4 appropriates any additional funds, including federal funds, grants, gifts, and donations received by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Agricultural Experiment Station (branch research centers, Main Research Center, and Agronomy Seed Farm) for the purpose designated in the Act, grant, or donation for the 2007-09 biennium.

FTE adjustments - Section 6 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Agricultural Experiment Station during the 2007-09 biennium.

State motor pool requirements - Section 8 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 24-02-03.3 to exempt certain vehicles used in farming operations at the Agronomy Seed Farm and branch research centers from state motor pool requirements.

Carryover authority - Section 9 authorizes the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Agricultural Experiment Station to retain, beyond the close of the 2007-09 biennium, any unspent general fund money appropriated to or excess income received by the agency during the 2007-09 biennium.