

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota
2 state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation
3 institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm; to provide
4 for a report; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
9 federal funds, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops
10 institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch
11 research centers, and agronomy seed farm for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
12 North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great
13 plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and
14 agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as
15 follows:

16 Subdivision 1.

17 NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

18			Adjustments or	
19		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
20	Extension service	\$59,478,945	\$2,342,700	\$61,821,645
21	Soil conservation committee	1,361,520	0	1,361,520
22	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>3,301,295</u>	<u>3,301,295</u>

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1	Total all funds	\$60,840,465	\$5,643,995	\$66,484,460
2	Less other funds	<u>29,049,776</u>	<u>2,839,356</u>	<u>31,889,132</u>
3	Total general fund	\$31,790,689	\$2,804,639	\$34,595,328
4	Full-time equivalent positions	252.70	3.74	256.44
5	Subdivision 2.			
6	NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE			
7			Adjustments or	
8		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
9	Northern crops institute	\$5,724,771	\$1,549,397	\$7,274,168
10	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>101,995</u>	<u>101,995</u>
11	Total all funds	\$5,724,771	\$1,651,392	\$7,376,163
12	Less other funds	<u>3,541,116</u>	<u>852,928</u>	<u>4,394,044</u>
13	Total general fund	\$2,183,655	\$798,464	\$2,982,119
14	Full-time equivalent positions	18.15	0.20	18.35
15	Subdivision 3.			
16	UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE			
17			Adjustments or	
18		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
19	Upper great plains transportation	\$24,807,516	\$521,955	\$25,329,471
20	institute			
21	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>266,019</u>	<u>266,019</u>
22	Total all funds	\$24,807,516	\$787,974	\$25,595,490
23	Less other funds	<u>19,581,141</u>	<u>507,090</u>	<u>20,088,231</u>
24	Total general fund	\$5,226,375	\$280,884	\$5,507,259
25	Full-time equivalent positions	43.88	(1.00)	42.88
26	Subdivision 4.			
27	MAIN RESEARCH CENTER			
28			Adjustments or	
29		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
30	Main research center	\$116,148,130	\$19,566,700	\$135,714,830
31	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>5,060,201</u>	<u>5,060,201</u>

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1	Total all funds	\$116,148,130	\$24,626,901	\$140,775,031
2	Less other funds	<u>58,022,465</u>	<u>19,051,827</u>	<u>77,074,292</u>
3	Total general fund	\$58,125,665	\$5,575,074	\$63,700,739
4	Full-time equivalent positions	358.47	6.08	364.55

5 Subdivision 5.

6 BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS

7			Adjustments or	
8		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
9	Dickinson research center	\$7,379,838	\$435,827	\$7,815,665
10	Central grasslands research center	3,618,270	168,766	3,787,036
11	Hettinger research center	5,381,248	240,658	5,621,906
12	Langdon research center	3,195,869	360,058	3,555,927
13	North Central research center	5,355,217	202,311	5,557,528
14	Williston research center	5,527,125	266,785	5,793,910
15	Carrington research center	10,191,002	408,102	10,599,104
16	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>1,089,674</u>	<u>1,089,674</u>
17	Total all funds	\$40,648,569	\$3,172,181	\$43,820,750
18	Less other funds	<u>20,964,971</u>	<u>885,212</u>	<u>21,850,183</u>
19	Total general fund	\$19,683,598	\$2,286,969	\$21,970,567
20	Full-time equivalent positions	111.81	(4.65)	107.16

21 Subdivision 6.

22 AGRONOMY SEED FARM

23			Adjustments or	
24		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
25	Agronomy seed farm	\$1,632,722	\$39,931	\$1,672,653
26	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>7,343</u>	<u>7,343</u>
27	Total special funds	\$1,632,722	\$47,274	\$1,679,996
28	Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00

29 Subdivision 7.

30 SECTION 1 TOTAL

1			Adjustments or	
2		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
3	Grand total all funds	\$249,802,173	\$35,929,717	\$285,731,890
4	Less grand total other funds	<u>132,792,191</u>	<u>24,183,687</u>	<u>156,975,878</u>
5	Grand total general fund	\$117,009,982	\$11,746,030	\$128,756,012
6	Full-time equivalent positions	788.01	4.37	792.38

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which each entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Northern crops institute			
Protein extraction and air classification system	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
Total northern crops institute	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
Main research center			
Equipment storage sheds	\$1,567,500	\$0	\$1,567,500
Oakes irrigation research site interior	0	620,000	620,000
Langdon seed conditioning plant	0	2,600,000	2,600,000
Nesson Valley irrigation research site	0	2,300,000	2,300,000
Deferred maintenance	0	500,000	500,000
Williston research center storage shed	0	200,000	200,000
Swine facility renovation	0	6,000,000	6,000,000
Main research center greenhouse addition	<u>0</u>	<u>3,250,000</u>	<u>3,250,000</u>
Total main research center	<u>\$1,567,500</u>	<u>\$15,470,000</u>	<u>\$17,037,500</u>
Grand total	\$1,567,500	\$15,820,000	\$17,387,500

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST. The

North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new

1 and vacant FTE pool line item to the North Dakota state university extension service, northern
2 crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch
3 research centers, and agronomy seed farm line items in accordance with the guidelines and
4 reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative
5 assembly.

6 **SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**

7 **INCOME.** The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues
8 received during the 2025-27 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing
9 operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for
10 one-time expenditures, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

11 **SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS**

12 **INCOME - REPORT.** The Williston research extension center shall report to the seventieth
13 legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or
14 easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and the
15 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

16 **SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION.** In addition to the amounts

17 included in the other funds appropriation line items and special funds appropriations line item in
18 section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts,
19 and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension
20 service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main
21 research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise
22 provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation,
23 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

24 **SECTION 7. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

25 **FUND - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER.** The other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of
26 the Act includes the sum of \$2,470,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund,
27 of which \$950,000 is for the Langdon seed conditioning plant, \$620,000 is for the Oakes
28 irrigation research site, \$500,000 is for deferred maintenance, and \$400,000 is for the Nesson
29 Valley irrigation research site.

30 **SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,
31 upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch

research center directors, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority, except appropriation authority in the new and vacant FTE pool line items, within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS -

REPORT. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the state board of higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this Act, subject to availability of funds. All full-time or part-time positions must be separate from North Dakota state university. Annually, the board shall report to the office of management and budget and to the budget section any adjustments made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 10. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME. Any unexpended general fund appropriation authority available to and any excess income received by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029.

SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The following appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

1. The sum of \$475,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund for storage sheds in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws; and
2. The sum of \$1,700,000 appropriated from the general fund for the Nesson Valley irrigation research site project in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws.

SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

CONSTRUCTION. The main research center, for its use of the \$1,567,500 appropriated from the general fund for branch research center storage sheds is not subject to the provisions of section 48-01.2-02.1, and the main research center may spend this funding without procuring plans, drawings, and specifications from an architect or engineer.

1 **SECTION 13. EMERGENCY.** The \$6,000,000 appropriated from other funds for the swine
2 facility renovation in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency
3 measure.