

Legislative Council

Agriculture Commissioner - Budget No. 602
Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1009

	Armstrong Executive Budget				House Version				House Compared to Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level												
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes	80.00	\$14,820,933	\$27,117,306	\$41,938,239	80.00	\$14,820,933	\$27,117,306	\$41,938,239	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Base payroll changes		\$203,651	(\$228,654)	(\$25,003)		\$203,651	(\$228,654)	(\$25,003)				\$0
Salary increase		383,276	266,444	649,720		380,240	263,409	643,649		(\$3,036)	(\$3,036)	(6,071)
Health insurance increase		271,679	214,749	486,428		268,677	211,746	480,423		(3,002)	(3,003)	(6,005)
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		214,930		214,930		214,930		214,930				0
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		393,797	268,273	662,070		393,797	268,273	662,070				0
Removes funding for the 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool				0		(146,988)	(104,860)	(251,848)		(146,988)	(104,860)	(251,848)
Adjusts base level funding for temporary salaries		(203,625)	1,024	(202,601)		(203,625)	1,024	(202,601)				0
Adds funding for an FTE plant protection position	1.00	107,344	107,344	214,688				0	(1.00)	(107,344)	(107,344)	(214,688)
Adjusts base level funding for travel		(1,100)	218,808	217,708				0		1,100	(218,808)	(217,708)
Adds funding for state fleet rate increases		750,000		750,000				0		(750,000)		(750,000)
Adjusts base level funding for operating expenses		(322,996)	625,775	302,779		(322,996)	625,775	302,779				0
Adds funding for operating expenses		26,200		26,200				26,200				0
Reduces funding for the postproduction royalty oversight program			(200,000)	(200,000)			(200,000)	(200,000)				0
Adjusts base level funding for capital assets			4,100	4,100			4,100	4,100				0
Adds funding for the specialty crop block grant program			1,968,500	1,968,500			1,968,500	1,968,500				0
Adds funding for the noxious weed program			366,900	366,900			366,900	366,900		80,000		80,000
Removes funding for the grape and wine grant program		(80,000)		(80,000)				0				0
Adjusts base level funding for grants			5,900	5,900			5,900	5,900				0
Adds funding for the APUC program			3,000,000	3,000,000				0			(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Adjusts base level funding for the board of animal health		(8,357)		(8,357)		(8,357)		(8,357)				0
Adds base level funding for COVID-19 specialty crop block grants			300,000	300,000				0			(300,000)	(300,000)
Adds funding for the North Dakota trade office		400,000		400,000				0		(400,000)		(400,000)
Transfers postproduction royalty oversight program and pipeline restoration and reclamation oversight program to a new line item				0				0				0
Total ongoing funding changes	1.00	\$2,134,799	\$6,919,163	\$9,053,962	0.00	\$805,529	\$3,182,113	\$3,987,642	(1.00)	(\$1,329,270)	(\$3,737,050)	(\$5,066,320)
One-Time Funding Items												
Bioscience innovation grant program			\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000				\$0			(\$5,500,000)	(\$5,500,000)
Livestock planning program			660,000	660,000				0			(660,000)	(660,000)
Grasslands grazing grants				0			\$3,000,000	3,000,000			3,000,000	3,000,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$6,160,000	\$6,160,000	0.00	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	0.00	\$0	(\$3,160,000)	(\$3,160,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	1.00	\$2,134,799	\$13,079,163	\$15,213,962	0.00	\$805,529	\$6,182,113	\$6,987,642	(1.00)	(\$1,329,270)	(\$6,897,050)	(\$8,226,320)
2025-27 Total Funding	81.00	\$16,955,732	\$40,196,469	\$57,152,201	80.00	\$15,626,462	\$33,299,419	\$48,925,881	(1.00)	(\$1,329,270)	(\$6,897,050)	(\$8,226,320)

Federal funds included in other funds

\$17,965,927

\$17,409,886

(\$566,041)

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

1.3%

14.4%

25.5%

21.6%

0.0%

5.4%

11.7%

9.5%

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Total changes - Percentage of base level

1.3%

14.4%

48.2%

36.3%

0.0%

5.4%

22.8%

16.7%

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Other Sections in Agriculture Commissioner - Budget No. 602											
Section Description			Armstrong Executive Budget			House Version					
New and vacant FTE pool line item						Section 3 provides for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.					
Transfer - Department of Water Resources to Agriculture Commissioner						Section 4 identifies \$125,000 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the Department of Water Resources, which the department shall transfer to the Agriculture Commissioner for the Wildlife Services program.					
Transfer - Environment and rangeland protection fund to minor use pesticide fund						Section 5 requires the Agriculture Commissioner to transfer \$325,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the minor use pesticide fund.					
Other funds - Environment and rangeland protection fund						Section 6 identifies \$7,835,424 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the environment and rangeland protection fund for various Department of Agriculture programs.					
Other funds - Game and Fish Department operating fund						Section 7 identifies \$671,918 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the Game and Fish Department operating fund for various Department of Agriculture programs.					
Other funds - Abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund						Section 8 identifies \$500,000 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund for the pipeline restoration and reclamation program (\$200,000) and the postproduction royalty oversight program (\$300,000).					
Other funds - Strategic investment and improvements fund - Matching funds requirement						Section 9 identifies \$3 million in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from the strategic investment and improvements fund for grasslands grazing grants. To be eligible for a grant under this program, an organization must provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 of grant funding. An organization that receives a grant under this program may distribute the funding to cooperative grazing associations for eligible infrastructure projects, which must be located on national grasslands within the state. Eligible infrastructure projects include water development; fencing; conservation initiatives; compliance with federal permitting requirements, including fees for professional services; and other projects to enhance wildlife habitat or capture carbon, or to increase the health of grasslands. Program participants shall develop and implement a grazing land plan in compliance with local soil conservation district guidance and the plan must be approved by the local soil conservation district. The Agriculture Commissioner shall establish additional guidelines for the program.					

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North Dakota Trade Office - Matching funds requirement		Section 10 identifies \$1.6 million of the funding appropriated in Section 1 is from the general fund for the North Dakota Trade Office. The Agriculture Commissioner may spend 60 percent of this amount without requiring any matching funds from the North Dakota Trade Office. Additional amounts may be spent only to the extent that the North Dakota Trade Office provides \$1 of matching funds from private or other public sources for every \$1 provided by the department. Matching funds may include money spent by businesses or organizations to pay salaries to export assistants, to provide training, and to buy computer equipment as part of the North Dakota Trade Office's export assistance program.	
Waterbank program - Matching funds		Section 11 identifies of the amount appropriated in the salary and wages line item, the Agriculture Commissioner may use up to \$50,000 from the general fund for matching funds for the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grant provided for the waterbank program.	
Agriculture Commissioner salary		Section 12 amends Section 4.1-01-02 to increase the salary of the agriculture commissioner from \$136,680 to \$140,780 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2025, and to \$145,003 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2026.	
Exemption - COVID-19 specialty crop block grant program		Subsection 1 of section 13 provides an exemption to authorize the Agriculture Commissioner to continue funding appropriated for the 2019-21 biennium and continued into the 2021-23 and 2023-25 bienniums for the COVID-19 specialty crop block grant program into the 2025-27 biennium. The 2021 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$5 million for the program. Of this amount, the Agriculture Commissioner anticipates approximately \$300,000 is needed to continue into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Livestock planning program		Subsection 2 of section 13 provides an exemption to continue \$660,000 in unexpended 2023-25 biennium funds for the regional livestock development and planning program into the 2025-27 biennium. A total of \$1.2 million was appropriated from the environment and rangeland protection fund for this purpose for the 2023-25 biennium	