

# **North Dakota Department of Agriculture**



**Engrossed HB 1009  
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Agriculture Commissioner**

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## **Purpose**

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“Government is instituted for the protection, security, and benefit of the people,  
and they have a right to alter or reform the same  
whenever public good may require.”

-- North Dakota Constitution, Article 1, Section 2

## **Mission**

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Serve, advocate, protect and promote agriculture to benefit everyone.

## **Vision**

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We support agriculture by embracing diversity, innovation, research, and trade.

## **Core Values**

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Transparency, Respect, Integrity, Consistency.

# **Statutory Authority**

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North Dakota Century Code Chapters 4.1-01, 4.1-01.1, 4.1-02, 4.1-03, 4.1-04, 4.1-05, 4.1-06, 4.1-07, 4.1-08, 4.1-09, 4.1-10, 4.1-11, 4.1-12, 4.1-13, 4.1-14, 4.1-15, 4.1-16, 4.1-17, 4.1-18.1, 4.1-19, 4.1-22, 4.1-23, 4.1-25, 4.1-27, 4.1-28, 4.1-30, 4.1-31, 4.1-32, 4.1-33, 4.1-34, 4.1-35, 4.1-36, 4.1-37, 4.1-38, 4.1-39, 4.1-40, 4.1-41, 4.1-43, 4.1-44, 4.1-45, 4.1-47, 4.1-5, 4.1-54, 4.1-58, 4.1-59, 4.1-60, 4.1-61, 4.1-83, 6-09.10, 10.06.1, 36-01, 36-14, 36-14.1, 36-15, 36-21.1, 36-21.2, 36-25, 36-26, 61-02, and 61-31.

## **Major Statutory Responsibilities**

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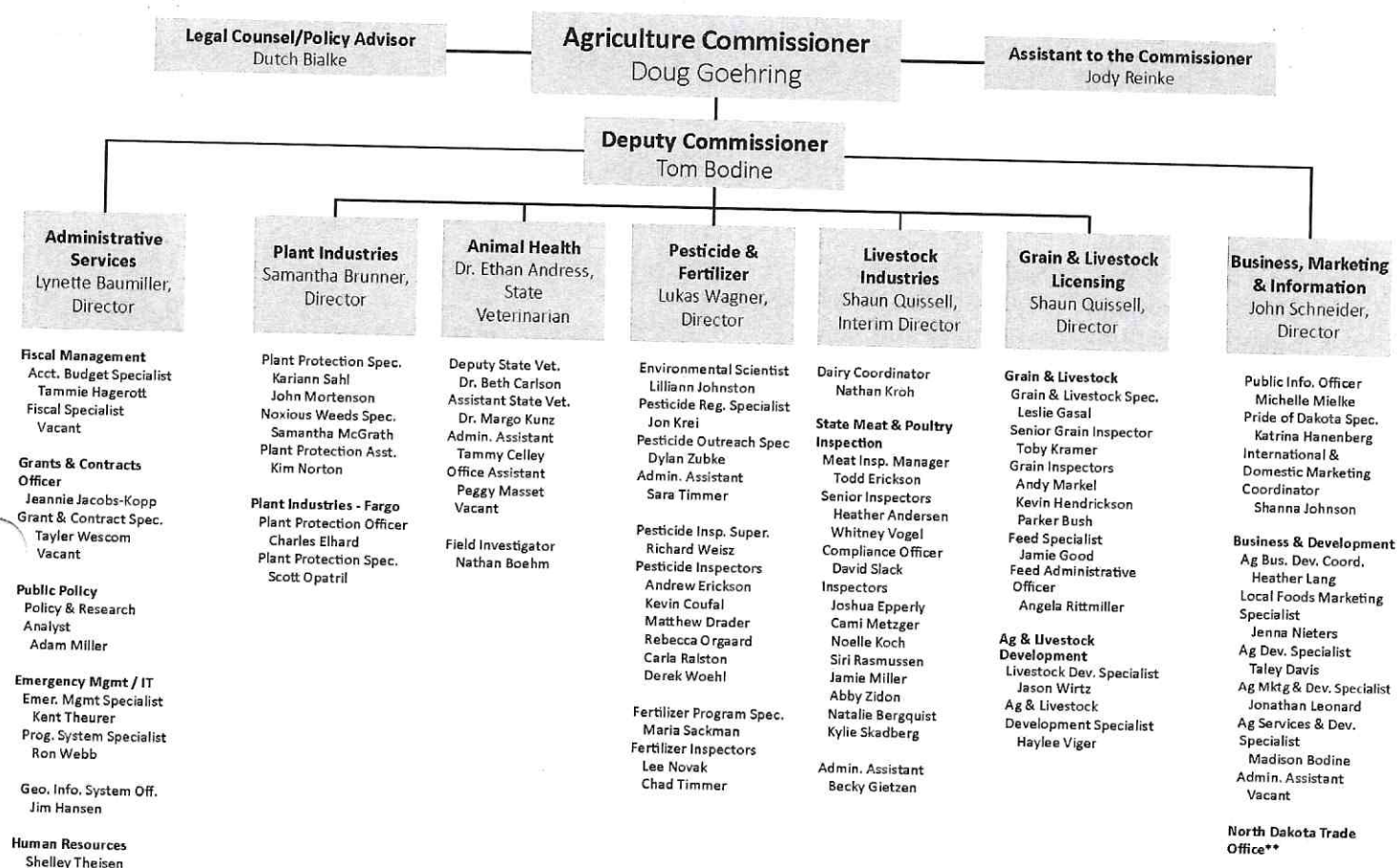
The agriculture commissioner is responsible for enforcing laws and regulations pertaining to pesticides, fertilizers, anhydrous ammonia, livestock development, dairy production, grain and livestock licensing, noxious weed control, hemp, nursery stock, plant export certification, petfood and feed, and beekeeping.

The agriculture commissioner is also responsible for the registration of pesticides, fertilizers, animal feeds, and veterinary medicines; the administration of mediation services to agriculture producers, creditors, and energy related issues; the collection and elimination of unusable pesticides; the state agriculture and energy mediation service; the management of the mitigation program regarding lands affected by energy transmission facilities; environmental mitigation of similar habitat from the construction or operation of energy facilities; the promotion and marketing of North Dakota agricultural products; and the administration of the state meat and poultry inspection program.

The agriculture commissioner leads in the formation and implementation of policies affecting the state's agriculture industry; the advocacy of the needs and concerns of farmers and ranchers on state and national levels; and the distribution of information concerning agricultural issues to the governor, legislature, and the public. The agriculture commissioner works collaboratively with the Board of Animal Health to protect the health of domestic animals and nontraditional livestock in the state.



# Organizational Chart



\* Wildlife Services, a division of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, operates in North Dakota under a cooperative agreement with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, and the North Dakota State Water Commission

\*\*The North Dakota Department of Agriculture partners with the North Dakota Trade Office to assist North Dakota businesses in expanding exports to international markets.

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# Lynette Baumiller, Director

## Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division includes fiscal management, human resources, risk management and emergency response, policy, and information technology. Pipeline, Wind Energy, and Royalty Oversight programs are also managed by this division. This division also oversees the cooperative agreement and funding for the USDA Wildlife Services Program.

### Fiscal Management

- Oversees the development and tracking of the Department's budget.
- Processes payroll.
- Pays all bills and deposits all revenues.
- Reviews and approves contracts and grants.
- Ensures compliance with state and federal laws relating to the department's finances; including expenditure tracking and filing of required reports to federal agencies.
- Responsible for procurement of the goods and services for the department.
- No audit findings on 2021-2023 Department Audit.

### Human Resources

- Responsible for human resource activities, including recruitment, onboarding, retention programs, training, and employee relations and benefits.

### Risk & Emergency Management

- Plans, implements, and evaluates strategic emergency management plans.
- Develops and conducts training and education on risk management, loss control, and general safety issues.
- Coordinates with Department of Emergency Services and other partners.

### Information Technology

- Coordinates desktop support contract with NDIT.
- Maintains Department websites, email and intranet.
- Conducts GIS mapping and works with local government agencies to provide GIS mapping technology and expertise.

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Salaries	\$4,245,106
New & Vacant FTE Pool	587,646
Operating	2,569,115
Grants	100,000
Capital Assets	11,100
Pipeline & Royalty Oversight	500,000
Wildlife Services	1,657,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,670,367</b>
General	\$7,095,166
Federal	327,995
Special	2,247,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,670,367</b>
FTEs	15

### Policy

- Researches and analyzes policies regarding agriculture, energy, water, infrastructure, and trade.
- Interacts with national associations.
- Administers Federal Environmental Law Impact Review Committee (FERLIC).
- Mitigation Program
- Facilitates and tracks legislation during biennial legislative session.

### Pipeline, Wind, and Royalty Ombudsman Programs

- Pipeline Program: 86 total cases; 5 active, 14 monitoring, and 67 closed.
- Royalty Program: Received 132 total cases; 57 active, 8 pending, 67 closed. Most complaints were for not receiving payment or inability to reach well operator.

### Wildlife Services

- Reduces wildlife depredation and damage to property (managed by USDA Wildlife Services in close cooperation with NDDA, State Water Commission and ND Game and Fish Dept.).



# Samantha Brunner, Director

## Plant Industries Division

The Plant Industries Division includes programs for apiary, hemp, plant protection, and noxious weeds.

### Apiary

- Licenses all beekeepers, 356 in 2023.
  - Registered colony numbers were 843,423 for 2023.
- Registers and maps apiary locations.
  - Currently 20,910 locations.
- Inspects bees and issues health certificates for migratory movement for over 75,000 colonies.
- Investigates and responds to bee complaints.
- Enforces statutory and regulatory compliance.
- Administers the Honey Fund for bee research.
- Oversees the pollinator plan to enhance communication and emphasizes best management practices for stakeholders.
- In 2023, collected and analyzed 586 samples for honey bee pests and pathogens.
- Inspected bee shipments to California, certifying 168,444 colonies.

### Plant Protection and Export Certification

- Conducts 9-10 plant pest surveys annually for:
  - Exotic pests such as moths, nematodes, emerald ash borer, and other wood borers that may threaten agriculture, forestry, and horticulture.
  - Pests that may harm agriculture or may export diseases, insects, and nematodes including Japanese beetle, Karnal bunt, dwarf bunt, cereal leaf beetle, soybean cyst nematode, and potato cyst nematodes.
- Licenses and inspects approximately 250 nursery dealers and growers each year.
- Provides export certification/phytosanitary services for export of agricultural products to 61 different countries. In 2023, issued 5,223 certificates.
- Reviews plant pest movement and biotechnology permits.
- Conducts plant pest outreach and awareness campaigns and events.

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Salaries	\$1,627,665
Operating	878,762
Grants	2,340,869
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,847,296</b>
General	\$1,018,781
Federal	1,023,079
Special	2,805,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,847,296</b>
FTEs	7

### Noxious Weeds

- Distributes state and federal funds for noxious weed control to 53 counties and six city weed boards.
- Manages federal funds for noxious and invasive weeds granting \$47,039 to counties for weed control projects.
- Coordinates statewide biological weed control and obtains and distributes biological weed agents to landowners.
- Assists county and city weed boards in nine field days for biocontrol agent collection.
- Assists the public with weed identification and noxious weed control.
- Trains and assists county and city weed boards with GPS/GIS mapping technology.
- Administers the weed seed free forage program certifying over 10,800 acres.
- Administers the Unmanned Aerial Systems Grant Program for identification and control of noxious weeds, prioritizing *Palmer Amaranth* in high-risk counties.

### Hemp Program

- Licenses and inspects all hemp growers and processors.
  - In 2023, licensed 11 processors and 22 growers with a total of 511 acres.
- Inspects and samples hemp fields to ensure compliance with state and federal law.

# Shaun Quissell, Director

## Livestock Industries Division

The Livestock Industries Division includes dairy/poultry, meat inspection, and poultry inspection.

### Dairy/Poultry

- Inspects 22 dairy farms for equipment, facilities, sanitation, water purity, and proper drug usage and storage.
- Inspects three dairy processing plants and milk transfer stations for equipment, facilities, and sanitation.
- Monitors financial creditworthiness and stability of milk buyers.
- Conducts Grade A surveywork.
- Collects dairy products samples.
- Inspects manufacturing grade plants under agreement with USDA.
- Inspects distribution facilities, milk bulk trucks, and samplers/haulers.
- Inspects 28 licensed commercial egg producers.
- Dairy Program passed FDA audit with a significant compliance rating.

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Salaries	\$3,333,168
Operating	736,194
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,069,362</b>
General	\$2,331,112
Federal	1,738,250
Special	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,069,362</b>
FTEs	16

### State Meat & Poultry Inspection

- Inspects 74 custom-exempt meat processing plants.
- Inspects 11 slaughter and 2 processing state plants.
- Inspects six Cooperative Interstate Shipment plants.
- Trains, certifies, and inspects meat processing facilities.
- Inspects retail outlets for country-of-origin labeling.
- Inspects seven Selected Establishments that operate under the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program.
- Enforces meat and poultry processing regulations.
- Provides consultation with and education to the meat and poultry industry.
- Ensures proper label use by industry.
- Currently assisting two new establishments planning to be state slaughter establishments.
- Provides beef grading at any official federal or state slaughter plant at a reduced cost.



Shaun Quissell, Director

## Grain & Livestock Licensing Division

The Grain and Livestock Licensing Division manages grain licensing, livestock licensing, livestock pollution prevention, and feed.

### Grain Licensing

- Oversees licensing and bonding of all grain warehouses, grain processors, roving grain buyers, and grain brokers.
- Administers the Credit-Sale Contract Indemnity Fund.
- Monitors financial condition of all warehouses and grain buyers.
  - 301 warehouse licenses
  - 38 grain processors
  - 121 roving grain buyers
  - 1 grain broker

### Livestock Licensing

- Licenses and establishes bonds for livestock dealers and auction markets.
- Monitors financial conditions of dealers and auction markets.
- Contracts market reporters at auction markets to collect market data for the USDA.
  - 10 auction market licenses
  - 114 livestock dealers
  - 10 internet auction market representatives

### Livestock Pollution Prevention

- Cost-share funding assistance for livestock producers to install manure containment systems.
- Advises producers on nutrient management, project planning, regulations, and manure containment.
- Conducts age and source verification.
- Reviews livestock zoning ordinances.

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Salaries	\$1,764,670
Operating	335,722
Grants	1,050,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,150,392</b>
General	\$1,450,745
Federal	1,192,668
Special	506,979
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,150,392</b>
FTEs	10

### Pet Food & Feed

- Registers all pet food sold in the state.
- Maintains a label file of commercial feeds sold in the state.
- Licenses commercial feed manufacturers and retailers.
- Samples feed products to ensure that nutritional content matches the label claims.
- Inspects medicated feed plants.
- Verifies manufacturer and producer compliance with federal requirements to Food Safety Modernization Act.
- Provides producer outreach for the Veterinarian Feed Directive.
  - 372 licensed manufacturers
  - 263 feed retailers
  - 14,901 registered pet food products
  - 3,732 registered commercial feed products.

# **Grain & Livestock Licensing Division (cont.)**

## **Livestock Development**

- Assists producers and processors in expanding and promoting the state's livestock industry.

## **Regional Livestock Planning Grant Program.**

- Provides \$12,000 per county and \$500 per township. Grant develops county wide site analysis to show areas that would be suited for livestock production or value-added agriculture.
- Agreements entered into with seven regional councils for work on behalf of 37 counties.

## **Livestock Friendly Counties**

- Livestock Friendly Counties designation assists in developing animal agriculture.
- Currently developing criteria for counties to reach to receive designation.
- Program is waiting on completion of regional livestock planning grant by counties to be eligible.

## **Model Zoning Task Force**

- Model Zoning task force assists counties, townships and various agriculture groups to develop the standard zoning model for animal agriculture.

# Dr. Ethan Andress, State Veterinarian

## Animal Health Division

The Animal Health Division protects the health of domestic animals and non-traditional livestock; and administers all rules and orders of the State Board of Animal Health.

### Animal Disease Traceability

- Traces animal movements as part of disease investigations.
- Monitors and regulates animal imports and exports.
- Maintains the state's animal health and disease related traceability database (USAHERDS).
- Monitors and reports diseases on state and national levels.
- Distributed 473,930 official identification tags. Maintains records of official USDA tags and official state certificates of veterinary inspection.
- Reviewed 23,758 export CVIs and 10,475 import CVIs.

### Disease Control and Eradication

- Conducts case investigations on suspected cases of transboundary/foreign animal diseases, emerging diseases, and other zoonotic diseases.
- Administers the National Brucellosis Eradication Program and Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program.
- Administers the voluntary Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Herd Certification program.
- Administers John's disease control program.
- Acts as the Official State Agency (OSA) for the National Poultry Improvement Plan.
- Conducts avian influenza testing through USDA Avian Health Co-op Agreement.
- Acts as the OSA for US Swine Health Improvement Plan.
- Monitors for novel swine enteric coronavirus diseases, such as porcine epidemic diarrhea virus and emerging diseases.
- Administers the National Scrapie Eradication program.
- Oversees the Brucella ovis Free-Flock status program.

### Engrossed HB 1009

Salaries	\$1,916,566
Board of Animal Health	857,361
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,773,927</b>
General	\$2,289,320
Federal	193,036
Special	291,571
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,773,927</b>
FTEs	7

### Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Trains and coordinates a Reserve Veterinary Corps to assist in emergency situations and assist with disease investigations.
- Participates in animal emergency preparedness and response on state, regional and national levels.
- Provides oversight on proper carcass disposal following disease outbreaks and disasters.
- Coordinates pet sheltering and livestock relocation during disasters.
- 2021-2023 biennium, completed 62 Foreign Animal Disease investigations.
- 2021-2023 biennium, investigated and responded to 25 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks during the spring and fall migrations including six commercial and 19 backyard flocks.

### Education and Outreach

- Provides inspection services at the ND State Fair.
- Communicates with other state and federal animal health officials regionally and nationally to guide animal health policy.
- Provides education and outreach for practicing veterinarians and the livestock industry.



# **Animal Health Division (cont.)**

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## **Regulatory Oversight**

- Enforces non-traditional livestock and farmed elk regulations, evaluates importation risk assessments, and conducts facility inspections.
- Supports investigations of inhumane treatment complaints by local authorities.
- Coordinates feral swine investigations with partner agencies.
- Collaborates with ND Department of Health and Human Services on zoonotic and anthroozoonotic disease issues.
- Registered 633 veterinary medicines for sale in the state and approves the use of autogenous vaccines.
- Registers and inspects restricted feedlots.
- Licenses and inspects rendering facilities.
- Completed 39 inspections of livestock auction markets; ensured regulatory compliance.
- Licensed 79 modified live vaccine facilities, provided annual education to 193 employees of these businesses, and did 155 facility inspections.
- Approved 42 farmed elk facilities, issued 64 non-traditional livestock licenses.
- Issued 191 Permits to Possess, Propagate and Domesticate on behalf of ND Game and Fish.

# Lukas Wagner, Director

## Pesticide & Fertilizer Division

The Pesticide and Fertilizer Division oversees and regulates pesticides, fertilizers, and anhydrous ammonia to protect human health and the environment.

### Pesticides

- Conducts inspections of pesticide dealers, users and repackaging facilities to ensure compliance with state and federal laws.
- Administers North Dakota Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board. Oversee Minor Use grant fund. Review crop protection product labeling needs and pursue opportunities to make more crop protection product options available to agriculture producers.
- Provided outreach at nearly 200 events during '23 and '24 to inform the public of state and federal pesticide requirements.
- Prepares and submits emergency and special local needs exemption requests to ensure producers have access to necessary pest management tools including Section 18 and 24 (c) requests.
- Registers all pesticides including herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, insecticides, avicides, and disinfectants that are sold in ND and approves product labeling.
- Coordinates Project Safe Send; an annual, statewide collection of unusable pesticides. 552,220 total pounds collected in '23 and '24.
- Works with EPA on national pesticide regulatory and policy issues.
- Conducts risk assessments, receives public input, and offers data and recommendations to EPA to mitigate risk of pesticides to threatened and endangered species as part of the ND Endangered Species Protection Plan.
- Investigates and responds to pesticide contamination of groundwater and surface water resources.
- Investigates complaints of pesticide misuse and other violations.
- Administers and enforces the federal Worker Protection Standard to protect workers who handle and use pesticides.
- Works with producers and local ag groups to prepare comments for proposed EPA regulation.

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Salaries	\$2,972,990
Operating	2,036,095
Crop Harmonization Board	75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,084,085</b>
General	\$0
Federal	1,299,759
Special	3,784,326
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,084,085</b>
FTEs	15

### Fertilizer and Anhydrous Ammonia

- Sampled 375 fertilizer products to ensure claims match labels.
- Licenses fertilizer distributors.
- Registers fertilizer products and approves product labeling.
- Samples fertilizer products to ensure claims match labels.
- Licensed 272 anhydrous ammonia storage facilities.
- Conducts inspections of anhydrous ammonia storage facilities and nurse tanks to ensure compliance with federal regulations.
- Administers the Risk Management Program for agricultural anhydrous ammonia facilities and inspects facilities to ensure compliance with federal regulations.
- Provides outreach and compliance assistance to the fertilizer industry and anhydrous ammonia users.
- Audits fertilizer distributors to ensure compliance with fertilizer tonnage reporting.
- Administers the state waterbank program.



# John Schneider, Director

## Business, Marketing & Information Division

The Business, Marketing, and Information Division provides information, education, promotion, and market enhancement to increase sales of agricultural commodities and value-added agricultural products in international, domestic, and local markets.

### Agricultural Products Utilization Commission

- Creates new wealth and employment opportunities through the development of new and expanded uses of agricultural products. In 2023-24, 42 projects were funded.

### Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program

- Grants awarded to political subdivisions for roadway and bridge improvements; and to political subdivisions or entities for utility improvements necessary to accommodate value-added agriculture businesses.

### Agriculture Diversification and Development Fund

- Supports new or expanding value-added agriculture businesses that demonstrate financial feasibility, enhance profitability for farmers and ranchers, create jobs and grow North Dakota's economy. In 2023-24, 29 projects were funded.

### North Dakota Mediation Service

- Mediation services provided to farmers, ranchers, creditors and others to help resolve disputes.
- Credit counseling assists with agricultural credit issues.
- Address energy development related issues and deer depredation issues.
- Offers farm and ranch stress assistance.

### Bioscience Innovation Grant Program

- Supports biotechnology innovation and commercialization in areas including crop genetics, biofuels, biomaterials, biosensors, and biotechnology in relation to food, nutrition, animals, human, equipment, medical, and health products and services, medical diagnostics, medical therapeutics, and farm-based pharmaceuticals. In 2023-24, 37 projects were funded.

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Salaries	\$2,116,371
Operating	1,666,972
Grants	12,724,400
APUC	5,110,417
ND Trade Office	2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,618,160</b>
General	\$6,953,073
Federal	10,523,169
Special	6,141,918
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,618,160</b>
FTEs	10

### Agriculture in the Classroom

- Helps K-12 teachers integrate agriculture information into science, math, social studies, and language curricula.
- Provides hands-on lessons to help students better understand the relationships between the world's environment, agriculture, and people.
- Attended 34 agriculture education events, impacting 28,000 people, such as KMOT Ag Expo, KFYR Agri International Ag Expo, Fargo Living Ag Classroom and Morton County Ag Day.
- Publishes the Ag Mag three times a year for third, fourth, and fifth-graders.
- Underwrites organizations such as ND FFA Foundation, ND Farm Bureau, and the ND Genotyping Center with mini-grants for agriculture-related projects, units, and lessons used by school-age children. Awarded eight mini-grants.



# **Business, Marketing & Information Division (cont.)**

## **Local Foods**

- Supports ND produce growers by providing them education on produce safety through the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule. A large part of our support includes providing annual training.
- Provides technical assistance, business development opportunities, education and help facilitate an annual Local Foods conference.
- Market local foods and statewide farmers markets to the consumer through targeted educational pieces to promote ND Specialty Crops and the Fresh from North Dakota brand.
- Administered the Local Foods Purchase program procuring local foods for ND food pantries.

## **Farm to School Program**

- A program administered by both NDDA and NDDPI that supports local foods in schools, school gardens and education. It includes farm to school activities, local food purchasing, hands-on, garden-based learning, farm field trips, cooking demos and integration of food-related information into classroom curriculum.
- Creates new financial opportunities for producers as well as introduce more local food to students.

## **Grasslands Grazing Cost Share Program**

- Provides grants to organizations representing cooperative grazing organizations for 228 projects for water development, fencing, conservation initiatives, compliance with federal permitting requirements, enhance wildlife habitat, capture carbon, and increase overall health of the grassland.

## **Specialty Crop Block & Organic Grants**

- Administers specialty crop grants.
- FY23 funded 21 projects; FY24 funded 21 projects.
- Administers organic certification and transition reimbursement grants.

## **Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Grant**

- Received \$4,690,280 from USDA-AMS, for this program, which supports the development of the middle-of-the-supply-chain for food and farm businesses.

## **International & Domestic Marketing**

- Coordinates int'l and domestic trade shows. Last biennium, participated and coordinated seven domestic and five international trade shows.
- Coordinates trade missions; most recently to Vietnam.
- Supports & coordinates with commodity groups.
- Supports agriculture companies to diversify and coordinate trade shows.
- Administers Specialty Crop subgrants.
- Supports and coordinates with Commerce, NDTO, and the Food Export Midwest Association.
- Issued 182 certificates of free sale agreements and health certificates.

## **North Dakota Trade Office**

- Administers contract with ND Trade Office to expand state businesses with expertise & resources to grow businesses through national and international trade.

## **Pride of Dakota**

- Administers Pride of Dakota (POD), including holiday showcases, annual meetings, and other events. The 2023 showcases had 42,103 attendees and the 2024 showcases had 43,846 attendees.
- Provides trade show assistance to ND companies.
- Maintains membership of over 500 POD Companies.

## **Public Information**

- Writes and edits Department publications, including news releases, brochures, and annual/biannual reports.
- Monitors and updates the Department website and social media account.
- Issues Centennial Farm certificates.

# Notable Legislation

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Sponsored By</u>
<b>HB 1143: Food Distribution Facility Grant Program</b> Providing a food distribution facility grant program. (APPROPRIATION: \$5,000,000 SIIF)	Legislature
<b>HB 1332: Value Added Agriculture Facility</b> Post completion grant program (APPROPRIATION: \$30,000,000 Line of Credit Bank of ND)	Legislature
<b>HB 1526: Pet Food</b> Updates labeling requirements and registration fee on pet food labels.	Legislature
<b>HB 1551: Bio-Stimulants</b> Relates to fertilizer and soil conditioners. Removes the phrases "Soil amendments" and "Plant amendments" from the code.	Legislature
<b>HB 1591: County Fair Grants</b> Relates to a county fair resiliency grant program. (APPROPRIATION: \$3,000,000 GF)	Legislature
<b>SB 2274: Career &amp; Technical Education - Farm Management Program</b> Moves Farm Management Program from "Career and Technical Education" to the Department of Ag. (APPROPRIATION: \$1,900,000 GF)	Legislature
<b>SB 2327: ADD (Agriculture Diversification &amp; Development)</b> (APPROPRIATION: \$15,000,000 GF)	Legislature
<b>SB 2333: Low Carbon Fuel Program</b> Provide reimbursement to ethanol production facilities for capital improvements projects that increase the efficiency of a facility and lower the carbon intensity score of the product produced. (TRANSFER ~ \$6,000,000 from Ethanol Production Incentive Fund)	Legislature
<b>SB 2342: Value Added Milk Processing</b> (APPROPRIATION: \$10,000,000 Line of Credit Bank of ND)	Legislature
<b>SB 2368: Grassland Grazing Grants</b> (APPROPRIATION: \$3,000,000 SIIF)	Legislature

# Optional Budget Requests

<u>Priorities</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
<b>1. Plant Protection FTE</b> Salary and operating for field employee	<b>214,688 SF</b>
<b>2. Environmental FTE</b> Salary and operating for wind/transmission mitigation program	<b>221,278 GF</b>
<b>3. Wildlife Services Request and Additional Section</b> Increased aerial costs for predator control.  Also, add additional section to define that the agriculture commissioner may not use funding appropriated for the program to pay indirect costs as part of the United States department of agriculture animal and plant health inspection service wildlife services program.	<b>150,000 GF</b>
<b>4. Mitigation Fund Transfer and Additional Section</b> Transfer – Environment and Rangeland Protection Fund to Environmental Impact Mitigation Fund – Mitigation of Agricultural Land. The agriculture commissioner shall transfer \$250,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the environmental impact mitigation fund for the purpose of mitigation of agricultural land under section 4.1-01-21.1 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.	
<b>5. Grassland Grazing Carry-Over Authority</b> ESTIMATED INCOME – STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND – GRASSLANDS GRAZING GRANTS - CARRYOVER AUTHORITY. Any unexpended funds from these appropriations may be continued into the 2025-27 biennium. Any funds continued may be expended only for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated.	



# FTE Requests

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## FTE Requests for 2025-2027 biennium:

The Department currently has 80 FTE's. Two FTE's were requested in the 2025-27 biennium budget.

1. Plant Protection FTE - a field employee to assist in many plant industries programs to alleviate some of the growth and workload that has greatly increased over the past ten years. The demand for phytosanitary certificates (required for many overseas shipments of plants and plant products such as grain), apiary inspections and hemp retail inspections have increased. Many of these inspections and duties are required by various statutory authority.

Total requested = \$214,688 (Salary=\$173,292; Operating=\$41,396)

**Was included in the Executive Recommendation**

2. Environmental FTE – an employee to assist with the development and implementation of the wind/transmission mitigation program. Under this mitigation program, wind energy companies may elect to contribute into the Mitigation Fund for environmental impact offsets. This employee will manage the program and have a strong technical background in natural resources management, agriculture, finance, and property easement agreements.

Total requested = \$221,278 (Salary=\$200,882; Operating=\$20,396)

**Was NOT included in the Executive Recommendation**

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## FTE History:

2009 - 74.5 FTE's

2024 - 80 FTE's (Increase of 5.5 FTE's over 15 years)

**Department Programs Added;** Anhydrous Ammonia, Grain Inspection, APUC, ADD, Bioscience, Grassland Grazing, Mitigation, FELIRC, Pipeline, Wind and Royalty Program.

## Department Administrative Overhead:

**Current biennium = 17.5%**

Salary & Wages line divided by Total budget (appropriated and unappropriated funds).

The department has committed 17.5% of our total budget this biennium to support the development and success of our programs. This investment ensures we have the resources needed to provide services and achieve key objectives as directed by the Legislature.

# Updates to Executive Budget / Summary

## Engrossed HB 1009 Version Comparison

### Engrossed House Bill No. 1009 Agriculture Commissioner

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Engrossed HB 1009	Commissioner's Budget Request
<b>Salaries and Wages</b>			
Salaries	18,973,212	17,976,536	17,976,536
Environmental FTE			200,882
Plant Protection FTE	173,292		173,292
<b>Salary and Wages</b>	<b>19,146,504</b>	<b>17,976,536</b>	<b>18,350,710</b>
<b>New &amp; Vacant FTE Pool</b>		<b>587,646</b>	<b>587,646</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Operating Expenses	8,522,860	8,222,860	8,222,860
Environmental FTE			20,396
Plant Protection FTE	41,396		41,396
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>8,564,256</b>	<b>8,222,860</b>	<b>8,284,652</b>
<b>Capital Assets</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>11,100</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>13,875,269</b>	<b>16,215,269</b>	<b>16,215,269</b>
COVID-19 Specialty Grants (ends 9/2025)	300,000		
Bioscience Innovation Grant Program	5,500,000		
Ag Products Utilization Commission	5,110,417	5,110,417	5,110,417
ND Trade Office	1,600,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Board of Animal Health	857,361	857,361	857,361
Wildlife Services	1,657,400	1,657,400	1,657,400
Increased Aerial Costs For Predator Control			150,000
<b>Wildlife Services</b>	<b>1,657,400</b>	<b>1,657,400</b>	<b>1,807,400</b>
<b>Pipeline Restoration &amp; Reclamation Oversight</b>	<b>200,000</b>		
<b>Pipeline &amp; Royalty Oversight Programs</b>		<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Crop Harmonization Board</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,897,307</b>	<b>53,213,589</b>	<b>53,799,555</b>
<b>Full Time Employees</b>	80	80	80
Changes	1		2
<b>Full Time Employees - Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>



# Conclusion

North Dakota has roughly 25,000 farms and ranches, comprising nearly 38.5 million acres, or approximately 90 percent of the total land area in North Dakota. North Dakota agriculture contributes considerably over 30 billion dollars in economic activity annually to the State.

As a prime exporter of agricultural products, North Dakota is often cited as the “breadbasket of the world.” North Dakota is the country’s 11th largest agricultural exporting State, shipping \$5.8 billion in domestic agricultural exports abroad in 2022.

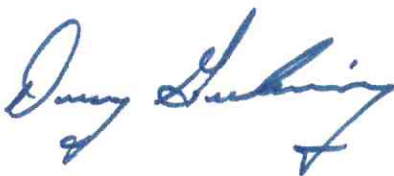
North Dakota produces over 50 different commodities. Soybeans, wheat, corn, cattle & calves, and canola are North Dakota’s top commodities in terms of cash receipts. North Dakota farmers lead the nation in the production of more than a dozen important commodities, among them spring and durum wheat, rye, food grains, assorted beans, barley, flaxseed, canola, honey, sunflowers, pulse crops and more. North Dakota is also a hotbed for emerging crops like hemp, hops, fava beans, and carinata.

Of North Dakota’s approximately 790,000 residents, only about three percent are farmers and ranchers. Nonetheless, agriculture broadly supports over 90,000 jobs and generates over thirteen billion dollars in cash receipts each year. Agriculture remains the leading industry in North Dakota, providing the entire world with enormous quantities of food, feed, fiber, and fuel.

Additionally, North Dakota agriculture extends well beyond crops and livestock. Agribusiness and food processing, agriculture equipment manufacturing and dealerships, innovative technology, local food and farmers markets, agritourism, and agricultural education all contribute to the state’s thriving industry.

The Department’s mission is to “serve, advocate, protect and promote agriculture to benefit everyone.” In furtherance of our mission, we promote agriculture to protect both the value and use of agricultural lands, protect agricultural capacity and output, and promote rural economic development and agricultural industries.

The work of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture is vital to our state’s most important industry. This budget presentation is respectfully provided to assist the Governor and Legislative Assembly in determining spending priorities for the 2025-2027 biennium.



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