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**Honey Fund  
Summary of Activities  
2019-2021**

The honey fund is appropriated to the agriculture commissioner on a continuing basis. The commissioner may expend funds for purposes set forth in section 4.1-08-06 after consulting with the North Dakota Beekeepers Association board of directors. The Board consists of eleven members that include a President, a Vice- President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director-at-Large (Past President), and the six remaining members represent different geographic areas of the state.

The mission of the honey fund is “Market Development,” which is defined in state law as “research, including efforts that focus on honey bee health; education programs; and market development efforts, as well as promotional efforts such as the North Dakota honey queen program.”

The honey fund is funded by a ten cent per colony assessment on all bee colonies that are required by law to be registered with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. Assessments are refundable after receipt of a written request from a contributing beekeeper.

Research projects chosen for funding typically are seeking solutions for better control of varroa mites and honey bee nutrition. This biennium there are four research projects funded out of the honey fund. The grants were awarded to the University of Minnesota and Bee Informed Partnership for enhancing the Tech Transfer Team for the commercial beekeeping industry; to Project Apis m. for measuring Varroa resistant honey bee stock performance in ND; to Texas A & M for the evaluation of a predatory mite for biological control of Varroa mites; and to Purdue University for Using genomics to predict quality: which genes produce the best drones for ND.

One main focus area of our promotion activities includes participation in the “Living Ag Classroom”, an educational program that teaches fourth grade students where their food comes from. Students from the Fargo, Bismarck, and Minot areas rotate through about 15 booths learning about a variety of commodities produced in North Dakota.

Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Brunner, State Apiary Inspector, North Dakota  
Department of Agriculture.

**NORTH DAKOTA HONEY FUND**

Bismarck, North Dakota

**STATEMENT OF PROJECTED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

For the Current and Next Biennium

2019-2021 and 2021-2023

**(UNAUDITED)**

Prepared by North Dakota Department of Agriculture

	2019-2021 <u>Biennium</u>	2021-2023 <u>Biennium</u>
Beginning Balance	198,325	208,265
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Honey Promotion Fees	\$ 131,000	\$ 131,000
Less:		
Refunds Paid to Beekeepers	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>
Net Assessment Revenue	129,300	129,300
Interest Income	<u>650</u>	<u>650</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 129,950</u>	<u>\$ 129,950</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Postage	10	10
Grants to Associations	<u>120,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 120,010</u>	<u>\$ 180,010</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 9,940	\$ (50,060)
Ending Balance	\$ 208,265	\$ 158,205