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**Honey Fund
Summary of Activities
2021-2023**

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 seek solutions to common honey bee health problems. So far this biennium there are 5 research projects funded out of the honey fund. The grants were awarded to the Bee Informed Partnership for Uncovering the Transmission Risks of Honey Bee Viral Variants, and Evaluating effectiveness of prophylactic Nosema treatment for ND honey producers. To the University of Maryland for Creating a new bait trap for Varroa control; to the National Agricultural Genotyping Center for Tracking Viral Titers in Colony Sub-Populations; and to the USDA for a project looking at Which Queens Produce the Best Bees for North Dakota Beekeepers.

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.

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NORTH DAKOTA HONEY FUND

Bismarck, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF PROJECTED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

For the Current and Next Biennium

2021-2023 and 2023-2025

(UNAUDITED)

Prepared by North Dakota Department of Agriculture

	2021-2023 <u>Biennium</u>	2023-2025 <u>Biennium</u>
Beginning Balance	267,613	245,853
Revenues:		
Honey Promotion Fees	\$ 160,000	\$ 170,000
Less:		
Refunds Paid to Beekeepers	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>
Net Assessment Revenue	157,800	167,800
Interest Income	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 158,250</u>	<u>\$ 168,250</u>
Expenditures:		
Postage	10	10
Grants to Associations	<u>180,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 180,010</u>	<u>\$ 250,010</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (21,760)	\$ (81,760)
Ending Balance	\$ 245,853	\$ 164,093