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**Honey Fund
Summary of Activities
2023-2025**

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 9 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; this last project was migrated over to a new company-Honey Bee Vitality after the Bee Informed Partnership closed, Honey Bee Vitality conducted a second study also Evaluating the effectiveness of prophylactic Nosema treatments part II. To the National Agricultural Genotyping Center for Tracking Viral Titers in Colony Sub-Populations; to the USDA for a project looking at Which Queens Produce the Best Bees for North Dakota Beekeepers; to Auburn University for Developing and eDNA tool for monitoring the parasitic honey bee mite *Tropilaelaps mercedesae*; to the New York State Department of Agriculture for Efficacy of Aluen CAP in Northern Climates and to Project Apis m. for Funding Detection, Training and Action Plan for *Tropilaelaps* spp.(Laelapididae) in the United States.

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
2023-2025 and 2025-2027
(UNAUDITED)

Prepared by North Dakota Department of Agriculture

	2023-2025 <u>Biennium</u>	2025-2027 <u>Biennium</u>
Beginning Balance	362,014	250,504
Revenues:		
Honey Promotion Fees	\$ 165,000	\$ 170,000
Less:		
Refunds Paid to Beekeepers	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Net Assessment Revenue	163,500	168,500
Interest Income	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 179,500</u>	<u>\$ 184,500</u>
Expenditures:		
Postage	10	10
Grants to Associations	<u>291,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 291,010</u>	<u>\$ 250,010</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (111,510)	\$ (65,510)
Ending Balance	\$ 250,504	\$ 184,994