

**Northern Crops Institute
Budget No. 638
Senate Bill No. 2020, House Bill No. 1050**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	7.62	\$812,844	\$950,741	\$1,763,585
2005-07 legislative appropriations	8.62	910,761	991,922	1,902,683
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	1.00	\$97,917	\$41,181	\$139,098
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	1.00 ¹	\$164,759	\$214,577	\$379,336

¹The 2003-05 appropriation was based on 8.17 FTE positions. Section 4 of House Bill No. 1021 (2003) authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. A .55 FTE position was reduced pursuant to this section.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Northern Crops Institute is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1050.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for state employee salary increases		\$2,885	\$2,075	\$4,960
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy		(499)	(499)	(998)
Added 1 FTE crop quality promotion specialist position	1.00	120,000	39,605	159,605
Removed funding for linking crops to North Dakota livestock development research costs		(24,469)		(24,469)
Total	1.00	\$97,917	\$41,181	\$139,098

FTE Changes

The 2003-05 appropriation was based on 8.17 FTE positions authorized by the 2003 Legislative Assembly. Section 4 of House Bill No. 1021 (2003) authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. A .55 FTE position was reduced pursuant to this section, decreasing the total authorized positions to 7.62 FTEs. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE crop quality promotion specialist position.

Other Sections in Bill

Additional income appropriation - Section 4 appropriates any additional funds, including federal funds, grants, gifts, and donations received by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Agricultural Experiment Station (branch research centers, Main Research Center, and Agronomy Seed Farm) for the purpose designated in the act, grant, or donation for the 2005-07 biennium.

Transfer authority - Section 5 authorizes the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education and appropriate branch research center directors to transfer appropriation authority within the NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center.

FTE adjustments - Section 6 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Agricultural Experiment Station during the 2005-07 biennium.

Carryover authority - Section 7 authorizes the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Agricultural Experiment Station to retain, beyond the close of the 2005-07 biennium, any unspent general fund money appropriated to or excess income received by the agency during the 2005-07 biennium.