

**Department 628 - Branch Research Centers
 Senate Bill Nos. 2020 and 2023**

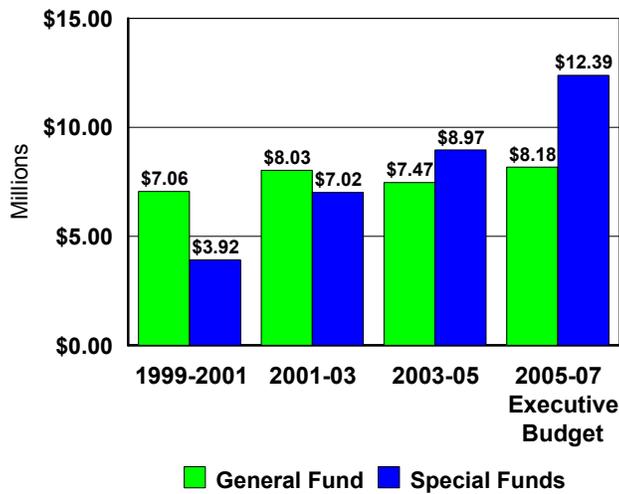
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 Executive Budget	77.41	\$8,175,257	\$12,392,534	\$20,567,791
2003-05 Legislative Appropriations	77.41 ¹	7,467,679 ²	8,967,403 ³	16,435,082
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$707,578	\$3,425,131	\$4,132,709

¹The 2003-05 appropriation is based on 73.65 FTE positions. Section 4 of House Bill No. 1021 (2003) authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. A total of 3.76 FTE positions were added pursuant to this section and reported to the Office of Management and Budget.

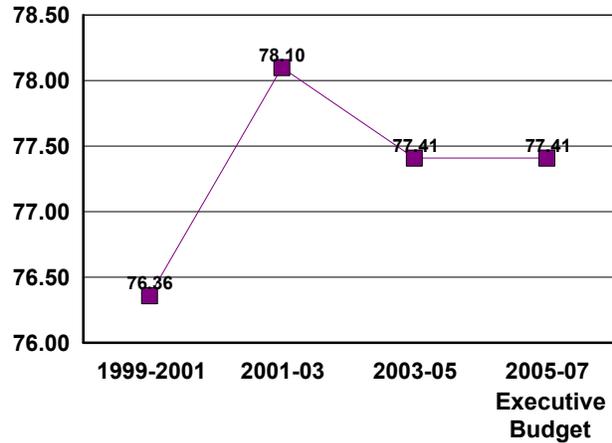
²The Main Research Center allocated \$237,408 of general fund appropriation to branch research centers for critical needs. Section 3 of House Bill No. 1021 (2003) authorizes that upon approval of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education and appropriate branch research directors, the director of the Main Research Center may transfer appropriation authority within the North Dakota State University Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Main Research Center, and branch research centers.

³The 2003-05 appropriation amounts do not include \$461,471 of 2001-03 carryover authority related to the Langdon Learning Center project.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



First House Action

Attached is a summary of the first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes Noted)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Dickinson Research Center			
1. Increases special funds spending authority from oil revenues for operating expenses (\$1,049,651) and equipment over \$5,000 (\$350,349) needed to convert the Manning Ranch from a conventional minimal tillage operation to no till, developing sustainable and integrated production strategies that match current conditions of western North Dakota, and grant-funded research activities		\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
2. Removes one-time 2003-05 biennium funding for the Dickinson Research Center headquarters office and multipurpose room building		(\$1,400,000)	(\$1,400,000)

3.	Adds funding for various farm equipment over \$5,000	\$88,333	\$350,318	\$438,651
4.	Increases special funds spending authority and the salary and wages line item (\$35,364) and operating line item (\$29,343) for the ethanol and malting barley initiative. The Senate authorized \$188,950 of general fund money to the Dickinson (\$62,845), Williston (\$118,105), and Hettinger (\$8,000) branch research centers for the western malting barley initiative.		\$64,707	\$64,707
Central Grasslands Research Center				
5.	Increases special funds spending authority from livestock trades and grants for increased cost of livestock and related operations		\$300,000	\$300,000
6.	Adds funding for various farm equipment over \$5,000. (The Senate authorized \$350,000 from bond proceeds in Senate Bill No. 2023 for an office addition at the Central Grasslands Research Center.)		\$101,000	\$101,000
Hettinger Research Center				
7.	Increases special funds spending authority from gifts, grants, and contracts for the "Southwest Feeders" project and multistate feeding initiatives		\$200,000	\$200,000
8.	Adds funding for various farm equipment over \$5,000		\$97,000	\$97,000
Langdon Research Center				
9.	Removes one-time funding for land and buildings due to completion of the Langdon Learning Center	(\$11,004)	(\$450,471)	(\$461,475)
10.	Adds funding for various farm equipment over \$5,000		\$66,000	\$66,000
North Central Research Center				
11.	Adds special funds spending authority for an agronomy laboratory and greenhouse. The funding source is from gifts, grants, and contracts (\$880,000) and bond proceeds (\$440,000) included in Senate Bill No. 2023. The Senate increased special funds spending authority for the project by \$370,000, from \$880,000 to \$1,250,000.		\$1,320,000	\$1,320,000
12.	Increases special funds spending authority from gifts, grants, and contracts for operations (\$138,210) and equipment over \$5,000 (\$235,681)		\$373,891	\$373,891
13.	Adds funding for various farm equipment over \$5,000		\$103,319	\$103,319
Williston Research Center				
14.	Increases special funds spending authority for operating costs to reflect anticipated increases in gifts, grants, contracts, and agricultural product sales		\$300,000	\$300,000
15.	Adds funding for various farm equipment over \$5,000	\$40,500	\$130,000	\$170,500
Carrington Research Center				
16.	Increases special funds spending authority from gifts, grants, and contracts for operations (\$247,333) and equipment over \$5,000 (\$152,667)		\$400,000	\$400,000
17.	Adds funding for various farm equipment over \$5,000	\$128,333	\$200,000	\$328,333

Other Sections in Bill

Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2020 provides that, in addition to the amount appropriated as special funds, any other income received from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the branch research centers is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2005-07 biennium.

Section 5 of Senate Bill No. 2020 authorizes the transfer of appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, NDSU Extension Service, and Northern Crops Institute.

Section 6 of Senate Bill No. 2020 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions for the branch research centers and report any adjustments to the Office of Management and Budget.

Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2020 authorizes the carryover of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the branch research centers.

Section 9 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2020 provides for a Legislative Council study of the branch research centers, including visiting each center.