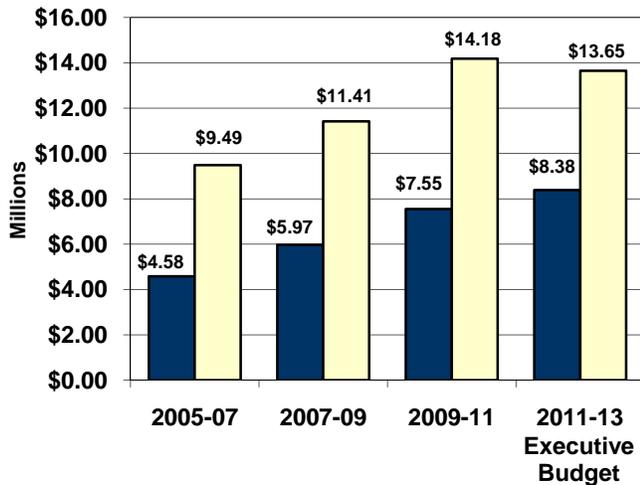


**Department 602 - Agriculture Commissioner**  
**Senate Bill No. 2009**

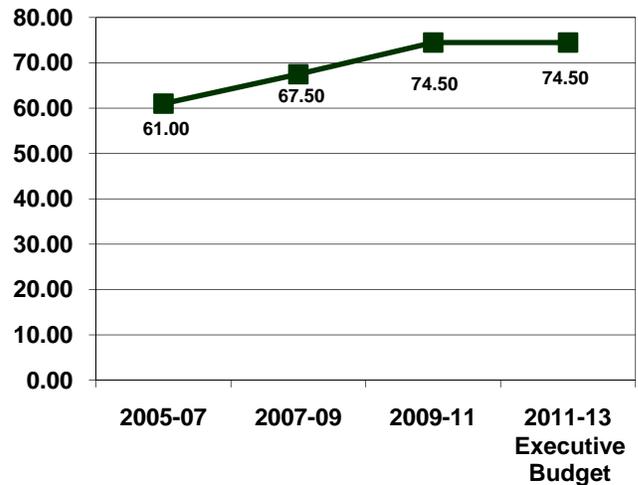
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 Executive Budget	74.50	\$8,384,734	\$13,645,923	\$22,030,657
2009-11 Legislative Appropriations	74.50	7,547,383	14,181,466	21,728,849 <sup>1</sup>
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$837,351	(\$535,543)	\$301,808

<sup>1</sup>The 2009-11 appropriation amounts include \$167,000, \$80,000 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for executive branch employees.

**Agency Funding**



**FTE Positions**



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

**Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations**

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2011-13 Executive Budget	\$8,384,734	\$0	\$8,384,734
2009-11 Legislative Appropriations	7,547,383	0	7,547,383
Increase (Decrease)	\$837,351	\$0	\$837,351

**Executive Budget Highlights**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 1 FTE position (\$120,350) and related operating expenses (\$174,538) to support the sustainable agriculture program	\$294,888		\$294,888
2. Removes 1 FTE pesticide registration specialist position and related operating expenses authorized by the 2009 Legislative Assembly for the 2009-11 biennium only	(\$140,000)		(\$140,000)
3. Adjusts funding for the Ag in the Classroom grant program to reflect estimated 2011-13 biennium total grant awards of \$130,000		(\$150,600)	(\$150,600)
4. Increases the estimated federal funding to be received for the specialty crop grant program to provide total grant funding of \$990,554		\$615,554	\$615,554
5. Adds funding for research regarding the transportation needs affecting the state's agriculture industry	\$50,000		\$50,000
6. Adds funding from the general fund to maintain the reserve corps veterinarian program due to a reduction in federal funding for the program	\$64,996		\$64,996
7. Removes funding provided in the 2009-11 biennium for the Johne's disease program	(\$275,500)		(\$275,500)

### Other Sections in Bill

**Game and fish funding** - Section 5 provides \$968,261 from the game and fish operating fund for the State Board of Animal Health (\$199,461) and Wildlife Services (\$768,800) for the 2011-13 biennium. The 2009-11 legislative appropriations from the game and fish fund for these programs were \$968,800.

**Agriculture Commissioner's salary** - Section 6 includes the statutory changes necessary to increase the commissioner's salary as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the 2009 Legislative Assembly:

July 1, 2009	\$85,830
July 1, 2010	\$90,122

Proposed annual salary recommended in the 2011-13 executive budget:

July 1, 2011	\$92,826
July 1, 2012	\$95,610

The executive recommendation provides funding for elected officials' salary increases equal to 3 percent of salaries effective July 1, 2011, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2012.

### Continuing Appropriations

**Turkey fund** - North Dakota Century Code Chapter 4.1-12 - Commodity checkoff for market development for turkeys and turkey products.

**Honey promotion fund** - Chapter 4.1-08 - Commodity checkoff for market development for honey.

**Minor use pesticide fund** - Sections 4-35-06.2 and 4-35-06.3 - For studies, investigations, and evaluations regarding registration and use of pesticides.

### Major Related Legislation

**Senate Bill No. 2085** - This bill allows the Agriculture Commissioner to assess a civil penalty to a person distributing or selling noxious weeds and allows the Agriculture Commissioner to use up to \$50,000 of the Agriculture Department appropriation from the environment and rangeland protection fund for invasive weed control for the 2011-13 biennium.