

**NDSU Extension Service  
Budget 630  
House Bill No. 1020**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2011-13 legislative appropriation	256.75	\$24,885,644	\$23,128,810	\$48,014,454
2009-11 legislative appropriation	<u>255.75<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>22,000,412</u>	<u>25,928,877</u>	<u>47,929,289</u>
2011-13 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriation	1.00	\$2,885,232	(\$2,800,067)	\$85,165

<sup>1</sup>The number of 2009-11 authorized FTE positions is based on 268.63 FTE positions authorized by the Legislative Assembly in 2009. Section 8 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2020 authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. A total of 12.88 FTE positions were removed pursuant to this section and reported to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a total of 255.75 FTE positions.

**Item Description**

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) priorities -**  
The Legislative Assembly provided funding for SBARE priorities as follows:

Initiative	Priority Ranking	FTE	Appropriation
Infrastructure - Technical support in plant sciences, plant pathology, entomology, and nutrition	1	0.00	\$450,000
Soil health and land management	2a	1	690,000
Livestock stewardship	2b	1.00	250,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$1,390,000</b>
General fund		4.00	\$1,390,000

<sup>1</sup>The executive budget did not include an increase of 4 FTE positions associated with the SBARE priority of soil health and land management (3 FTE positions) and livestock stewardship (1 FTE position). However, the Legislative Assembly added the 1 FTE position relating to the SBARE livestock stewardship initiative.

**Status/Result**

The NDSU Extension Service used funding provided for the SBARE priority of infrastructure technical support for salary support of technicians that assist in applied research activities and effective program delivery, including a technician shared by plant sciences and plant pathology (\$150,000), an entomology technician (\$150,000), and a nutrition technician (\$150,000).

The NDSU Extension Service will use funding provided for the SBARE priority to study soil health and land management to add a salinity and sodicity specialist (\$210,000), two area specialists (\$360,000), and associated operating costs (\$120,000). As of March 2012, the NDSU Extension Service has hired two area specialist positions and is recruiting the salinity and sodicity specialist position.

The NDSU Extension Service will use funding provided for the SBARE priority to study livestock stewardship to add an animal sciences specialist. The NDSU Extension Service expects to fill the position by May 2012.

**Soil conservation districts** - In 2011 House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$987,800 from the general fund for soil conservation districts.

The NDSU Extension Service through the Soil Conservation Committee awarded grants to soil conservation districts for the 2011-13 biennium as follows:

Soil Conservation District	Award Amount	Soil Conservation District	Award Amount
Adams County	\$19,500	Mountrail County	19,500
Barnes County	19,500	Mouse River (Bottineau County)	\$19,500
Billings/Stark Counties	19,500	Nelson County	4,500
Bowman/Slope Counties	19,500	North Central (Benson County)	19,500
Burke County	19,500	North McHenry County	19,500
Burleigh County	14,025	Oliver County	19,500
Cass County	14,025	Pembina County	19,500
Cavalier County	14,500	Pierce County	19,500
Cedar Township (Adams County)	19,500	Ramsey County	19,500
Central Stark County	19,500	Ransom County	19,500
Divide County	19,500	Renville County	19,500
Dunn County	19,500	Richland County	14,750
Eddy County	19,500	Rolette County	19,500
Emmons County	14,750	Sheridan County	19,500
Foster County	19,500	Slope/Hettinger Counties	19,500
Golden Valley County	19,500	South McHenry County	19,500
Grand Forks County	14,500	South McLean County	19,500
Grant County	19,500	Steele County	19,500
Griggs County	19,500	Stutsman County	14,750
James River (Dickey County)	19,500	Towner County	19,500
Kidder County	19,500	Traill County	4,500
LaMoure County	19,500	Turtle Mountain (Bottineau County)	19,500
Logan County	19,500	Three Rivers (Walsh County)	19,500
McIntosh County	19,500	Wells County	19,500
McKenzie County	19,500	West McLean County	19,500
Mercer County	19,500	Wild Rice (Sargent County)	19,500
Morton County	19,500	Williams County	19,500
		Total	\$987,800

**Gearing Up for Kindergarten** - In 2011 Senate Bill No. 2150, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$625,000 from the general fund to the Department of Public Instruction to support the Gearing Up for Kindergarten program provided by the NDSU Extension Service. The NDSU Extension Service may use up to \$125,000 for administrative purposes.

The NDSU Extension Service plans to use \$500,000 for reimbursement grants to schools that offer the Gearing Up for Kindergarten program in school year 2011-12 (\$150,000 available) and school year 2012-13 (\$350,000 available) and to use the remaining \$125,000 for administrative purposes. The NDSU Extension Service expects to reimburse 35 schools for the school year 2011-12 based on the number of schools that signed agreements to deliver the program. As of March 2012, 45 schools have signed agreements to deliver the program for the 2012-13 school year. The NDSU Extension Service is continuing to market the program for the 2012-13 school year and expects more schools will sign up.

**Transfer authority** - In Section 5 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly authorized SBARE 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. Any amounts transferred must be reported to OMB.

To date there have been no transfers of appropriation authority within the NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center, and the agency does not anticipate the need to make any transfers during the remainder of the 2011-13 biennium.