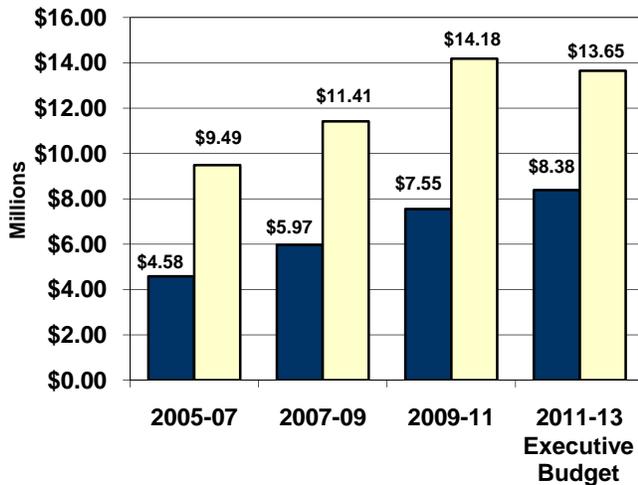


**Department 602 - Agriculture Commissioner
 Senate Bill No. 2009**

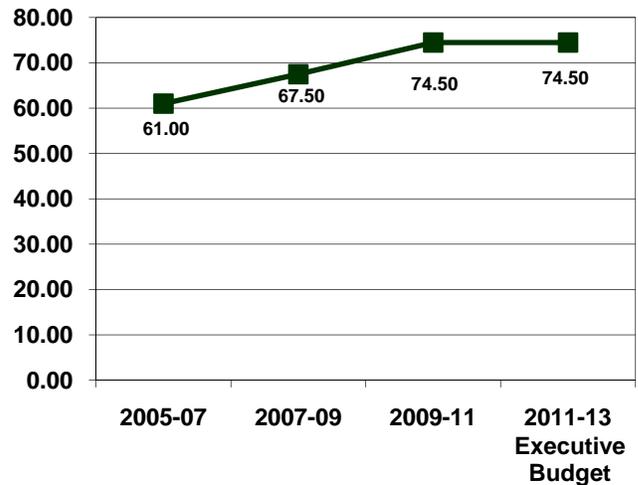
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 Executive Budget	74.50	\$8,384,734	\$13,645,923	\$22,030,657
2009-11 Legislative Appropriations	74.50	7,547,383	14,181,466	21,728,849 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$837,351	(\$535,543)	\$301,808

¹The 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

First House Action

Attached is a summary of first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes in Bold)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 1 FTE position (\$120,350) and related operating expenses (\$174,538) to support the sustainable agriculture program. The Senate removed this FTE position and related funding.	\$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. The Senate removed this funding.	\$50,000		\$50,000

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| 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. The Senate added \$200,000 from the general fund for Johne's disease control. | (\$275,500) | (\$275,500) |

Other Sections in Bill

2009-11 Wildlife Services funding - Section 3 provides \$200,000 from the game and fish fund for additional funding for Wildlife Services during the 2009-11 biennium.

Game and fish funding - Section 6 provides \$1,068,261 from the game and fish operating fund for the State Board of Animal Health (\$199,461) and Wildlife Services (\$868,800) 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 7 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.

Sustainable agriculture program - Section 8 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 4-01-23 regarding the sustainable agriculture program.

Wine and spirits promotion - Sections 9 and 10 provide statutory changes to allow special events permits to be issued for wine and spirits promotion in the state.

Fertilizer distribution registration, licensing, and inspection fees - Sections 11, 12, and 13 provide statutory changes to deposit fertilizer distribution registration, licensing, and inspection fees in the environment and rangeland protection fund rather than the general fund. This is estimated to reduce general fund revenues by \$785,000 for the 2011-13 biennium.

Continuing Appropriations

Turkey fund - 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

House Bill No. 1321 - Transfers anhydrous ammonia inspection duties from the Insurance Commissioner to the Agriculture Commissioner, eliminates the anhydrous ammonia storage facility inspection fund, and deposits anhydrous ammonia inspection fees in the environment and rangeland protection fund rather than the general fund.

Senate Bill No. 2085 - 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 Department of Agriculture appropriation from the environment and rangeland protection fund for invasive weed control for the 2011-13 biennium.

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