

**NDSU Main Research Center
Budget 640
Senate Bill No. 2020**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 legislative appropriation	351.49	\$58,606,521 ¹	\$53,053,716	\$111,660,237
2011-13 legislative appropriation	349.01 ²	54,456,398	44,133,575	98,589,973
2013-15 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriation	2.48	\$4,150,123	\$8,920,141	\$13,070,264

¹This amount includes \$6,407,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$52,199,521.

²The number of FTE positions for the 2011-13 biennium has been adjusted by 15.75, from 333.26 to 349.01, pursuant to Section 6 of 2011 House Bill No. 1020 which authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed subject to the availability of funds for institutions and entities under its control.

Item Description

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

	Priority Ranking	FTE	Appropriation
Initiative			
Crop Initiative - Enhancing crop development and protection efforts	1	3.00	\$1,815,000
Enhancing research capabilities at research centers	2		1,210,000 ¹
Total		3.00	\$3,025,000

¹This funding is to be allocated to the branch research centers, Budget 628.

Status/Result

Activities relating to the SBARE priority to enhance crop development and protection efforts include:

- The North Dakota State University (NDSU) Main Research Center allocated \$1,160,000 for increased operating support for:

Main Station - Barley, corn, dry bean, pulse, soybean, hard red spring wheat, winter wheat, canola, cereal diseases, and dry bean and pulse diseases.

Carrington Research Extension Center - Crop pathology.

Langdon Research Extension Center - Variety testing.

Dickinson Research Extension Center - Dryland crop improvement.

- The NDSU Main Research Center hired 1 FTE nematologist. The NDSU Main Research Center anticipates hiring 1 FTE technician. Total cost of the 2 FTE positions is projected to be \$355,000.
- The NDSU Main Research Center is in the recruitment process for 1 FTE technical support staff, which will cost approximately \$120,000. The NDSU Main Research Center has increased the operations budget by \$80,000 and has allocated \$100,000 for software and hardware for the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network.

The NDSU Main Research Center plans to use the funding provided for the SBARE priority to enhance research capabilities at research extension centers as follows:

Research Extension Center	FTE	Position	Amount	FTE Status
Central Grasslands	1.00	Technical support staff	\$150,000	Filled
North Central	1.00	Technical support staff	150,000	Recruitment in process
Carrington	1.00	Technical support staff	150,000	Recruitment in process
Hettinger	1.00	Weed science	200,000	Recruitment in process
Total			\$650,000 ¹	

¹The remaining \$560,000 will be allocated among the seven research extension centers for operating support.

Accrued leave payments - In Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2020, the Legislative Assembly identified \$2,561,394, \$1,748,140 from the general fund and \$813,254 from other funds, for accrued leave payments.

One-time funding - In Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2020, the Legislative Assembly identified \$6,407,000 from the general fund as one-time funding for the NDSU Main Research Center. One-time funding items include:

One-Time Funding Initiatives	2013-15 Biennium Legislative Appropriation
Agronomy laboratories	\$5,925,000
Flooded lands study	82,000
Diagnostic equipment	400,000
Total	\$6,407,000

Transfer authority - In Section 6 of Senate Bill No. 2020, 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 the Office of Management and Budget.

The NDSU Main Research Center has not spent any funds from the accrued leave payments line item. The NDSU Main Research Center anticipates using all the funds from the accrued leave payments line item for salaries and wages this biennium.

The NDSU Main Research Center has selected an architect for the agronomy laboratories project for the Carrington Research Extension Center (\$2,500,000), Langdon Research Extension Center (\$1,225,000), and Hettinger Research Extension Center (\$1,800,000). The NDSU Main Research Center anticipates the projects will be complete in fall 2014. The Central Grasslands Research Extension Center agronomy laboratory project is on hold because a reasonable bid was not received. The NDSU Main Research Center anticipates it may request to continue approximately \$375,000 into the next biennium for this project.

The NDSU Main Research Center has allocated \$82,000 for the flooded lands study. The study began in January 2014.

The NDSU Main Research Center has spent \$400,000 for veterinary diagnostic laboratory equipment.

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 2013-15 biennium.