Agronomy Seed Farm
Budget No. 649
Senate Bill No. 2020

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 executive budget (bills as introduced)	3.00	$0	$1,474,961	$1,474,961
2013-15 legislative appropriations	**3.00**	**$0**	**1,471,759**	**1,471,759**
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	$0	($3,202)	($3,202)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriations	0.00	$0	$36,591	$36,591

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Agronomy Seed Farm is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. Consistent with the guidelines, a portion of salaries and wages funding from other funds ($5,741) for permanent employees' compensation and benefits is reallocated to an accrued leave payments line item for paying accrued annual leave and sick leave for eligible employees.

Major Items

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The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for state employee salaries and benefits consistent with the legislative compensation package guidelines included in House Bill No. 1015.			($3,202)	($3,202)
Total	0.00	$0	($3,202)	($3,202)

FTE Changes

The number of 2011-13 authorized FTE positions is based on 3 FTE positions authorized by the Legislative Assembly in 2011. Section 6 of House Bill No. 1020 (2011) authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. No positions were added or removed pursuant to this section and reported to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a total of 3 FTE positions. The 2013-15 biennium appropriation includes funding for 3 FTE positions, same as the executive recommendation and the 2011-13 biennium.

Other Sections in Bill

Additional income appropriation - Section 3 provides that, in addition to the amount appropriated as other funds, any other income received from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Agronomy Seed Farm, and Agricultural Experiment Station, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2013-15 biennium.

Transfer authority - Section 6 authorizes the transfer of appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, NDSU Extension Service, Agronomy Seed Farm, and Northern Crops Institute and provides that any transfers be reported to OMB.

FTE position adjustments - Section 8 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Agronomy Seed Farm, and Agricultural Experiment Station and report any adjustments to OMB.

Unexpended general fund authority - Excess income - Section 9 authorizes the continuation of any unspent general fund appropriation authority and excess income received by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Agronomy Seed Farm, and Agricultural Experiment Station into the 2013-15 biennium.

State Board of Agricultural Research and Education - Section 12 amends subsection 6 of Section 4-05.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code for the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education to develop a biennial budget request based on its prioritized needs and submit that request to the President of the State Board of Higher Education. Without modification, the President of the State Board of Higher Education shall forward the prioritized needs list to OMB and the Appropriations Committees of the Legislative Assembly.