

Department 628 - Branch Research Centers  
House Bill No. 1020

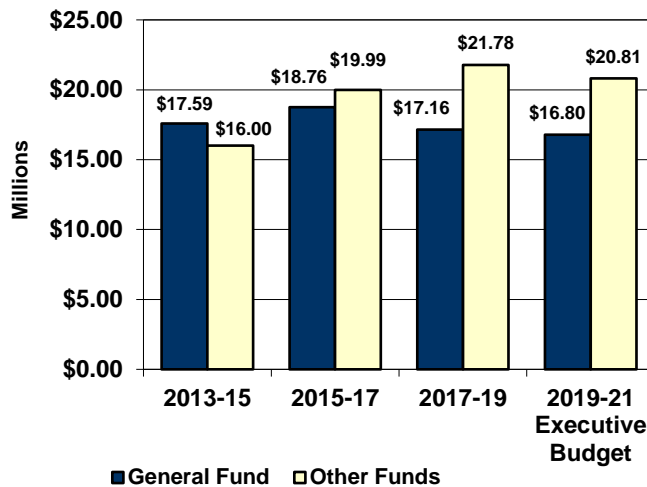
**Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 Executive Budget	109.81	\$16,795,558	\$20,807,242	\$37,602,800
2017-19 Legislative Appropriations	110.29	17,155,257	21,781,691	38,936,948
Increase (Decrease)	(0.48)	(\$359,699)	(\$974,449)	(\$1,334,148)

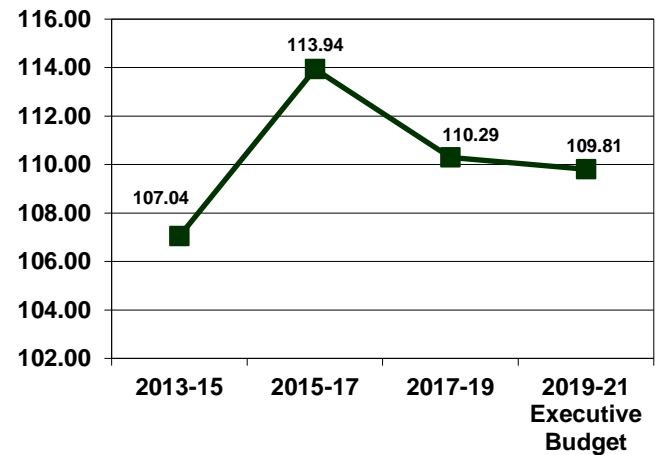
**Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations**

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2019-21 Executive Budget	\$16,795,558	\$0	\$16,795,558
2017-19 Legislative Appropriations	17,155,257	0	17,155,257
Increase (Decrease)	(\$359,699)	\$0	(\$359,699)

**Agency Funding**



**FTE Positions**



**Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 Executive Budget	\$16,795,558	\$20,807,242	\$37,602,800
2019-21 Base Level	17,155,257	20,281,691	37,436,948
Increase (Decrease)	(\$359,699)	\$525,551	\$165,852

**First House Action**

Attached is a comparison worksheet detailing first house changes to base level funding and the executive budget.

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

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$756,222 is for salary increases, \$398,092 is for health insurance increases, and \$35,189 is for retirement contribution increases. <b>The House added funding for salary adjustments of 2 percent per year and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,241 to \$1,427 per month. The House did not add funding for retirement contribution increases.</b>	\$863,952	\$325,551	\$1,189,503
<b>Dickinson Research Center</b>			
2. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$263,386)	\$0	(\$263,386)
<b>Central Grasslands Research Center</b>			
3. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$130,969)	\$0	(\$130,969)

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4. Adjusts funding for capital bond payments	(\$8,782)	\$0	(\$8,782)
<b>Hettinger Research Center</b>			
5. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$141,750)	\$0	(\$141,750)
<b>Langdon Research Center</b>			
6. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$93,451)	\$0	(\$93,451)
<b>North Central Research Center</b>			
7. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$103,316)	\$0	(\$103,316)
8. Adjusts funding for capital bond payments	(\$14,309)	\$0	(\$14,309)
<b>Williston Research Center</b>			
9. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$198,731)	\$0	(\$198,731)
<b>Carrington Research Center</b>			
10. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$268,957)	\$0	(\$268,957)
11. Adds funding for the Oakes irrigation site	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000

### **Other Sections in House Bill No. 1020**

**Additional income appropriation** - Section 3 provides that in addition to the amount appropriated as other funds, any other income from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the branch research centers, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2019-21 biennium.

**Dickinson Research Extension Center mineral rights income** - Section 5 authorizes the Dickinson Research Extension Center to spend up to \$755,000 of revenue received during the 2019-21 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for one-time expenditures for the 2019-21 biennium.

**Williston Research Extension Center mineral rights income** - Section 6 directs the Williston Research Extension Center to report to the 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or easements in the 2017-19 biennium and the 2019-21 biennium.

**Transfer authority** - Section 7 authorizes the transfer of appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, NDSU Extension Service, and Northern Crops Institute and provides that any transfers be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.

**FTE position adjustments** - Section 8 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the branch research centers and provides that any adjustments be reported to the Office of Management and Budget and Budget Section.

**Unexpended general fund - Excess income** - Section 9 authorizes the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation authority and excess income received by the branch research centers into the 2021-23 biennium.

**Exemption - Williston seed cleaning plant** - Section 10 provides the \$1.5 million of special funds appropriation authority for the Williston seed cleaning plant for the 2017-19 biennium is not subject to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and expended during the 2019-21 biennium.

### **Continuing Appropriations**

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

At this time, there are no significant audit findings for this agency.

### **Major Related Legislation**

**Senate Bill No. 2055** - Repeals authority approved by the 2013 Legislative Assembly to convey research center land in Ward County and Williams County.

**Branch Research Centers - Budget No. 628**

**House Bill No. 1020**

**Base Level Funding Changes**

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Position	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2019-21 Biennium Base Level</b>	110.29	\$17,155,257	\$20,281,691	\$37,436,948	110.29	\$17,155,257	\$20,281,691	\$37,436,948
<b>2019-21 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>								
Base payroll changes	(0.48)			\$0	(0.48)			\$0
Salary increase		\$550,257	\$205,965	756,222		\$342,408	\$110,751	453,159
Health insurance increase		288,089	110,003	398,092		321,448	148,587	470,035
Retirement contribution increase		25,606	9,583	35,189				0
Reduce funding for travel, miscellaneous supplies, repairs, and operating fees and services		(1,200,560)		(1,200,560)		(1,200,560)		(1,200,560)
Add funding for Oakes irrigation site			200,000	200,000			200,000	200,000
Reduce funding for capital bond payments		(23,091)		(23,091)		(23,091)		(23,091)
Total ongoing funding changes	(0.48)	(\$359,699)	\$525,551	\$165,852	(0.48)	(\$559,795)	\$459,338	(\$100,457)
<b>One-time funding items</b>								
No one-time funding items				\$0				\$0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	(0.48)	(\$359,699)	\$525,551	\$165,852	(0.48)	(\$559,795)	\$459,338	(\$100,457)
<b>2019-21 Total Funding</b>	109.81	\$16,795,558	\$20,807,242	\$37,602,800	109.81	\$16,595,462	\$20,741,029	\$37,336,491

**Other Sections for Branch Research Centers - Budget No. 628**

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Additional income appropriation	Section 3 would provide that in addition to the amount appropriated as other funds, any other income from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the branch research centers, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2019-21 biennium.	Section 3 provides that in addition to the amount appropriated as other funds, any other income from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the branch research centers, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2019-21 biennium.

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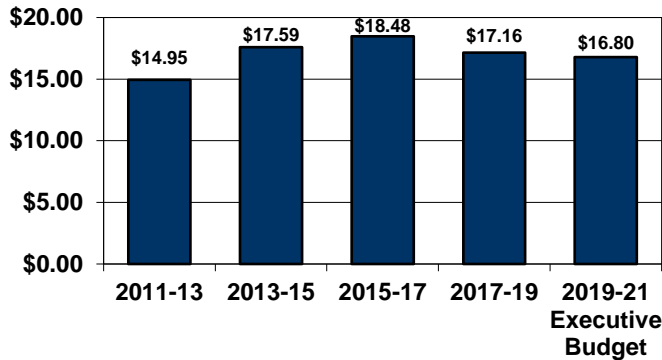
	<u>Executive Budget Recommendation</u>	<u>House Version</u>
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Transfer authority	Section 6 would authorize the transfer of appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, NDSU Extension Service, and Northern Crops Institute and provide that any transfers be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.	Section 7 authorizes the transfer of appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, NDSU Extension Service, and Northern Crops Institute and provides that any transfers be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.
FTE position adjustments	Section 7 would authorize the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the branch research centers and provide that any adjustments be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.	Section 8 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the branch research centers and provides that any adjustments be reported to the Office of Management and Budget and the Budget Section.
Unexpended general fund - Excess income	Section 8 would authorize the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the branch research centers into the 2021-23 biennium.	Section 9 authorizes the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation authority and excess income received by the branch research centers into the 2021-23 biennium.
Exemption - Williston seed cleaning plant		Section 10 provides the \$1.5 million of special funds appropriation authority for the Williston seed cleaning plant for the 2017-19 biennium is not subject to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued and expended during the 2019-21 biennium.

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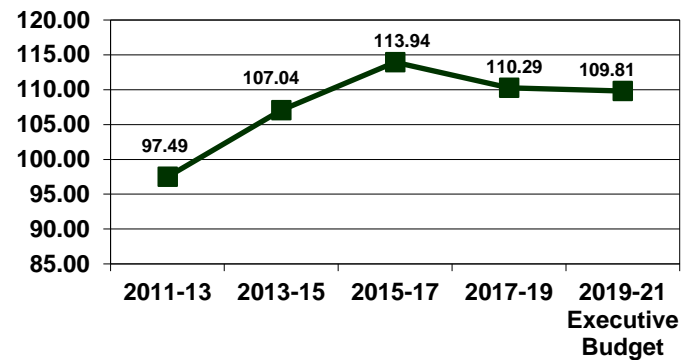
# Historical Appropriations Information

## Ongoing General Fund Appropriations Since 2011-13

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations (in Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing General Fund Appropriations					
	2011-13	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$14,945,208	\$17,585,702	\$18,483,636	\$17,155,257	\$16,795,558
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$2,640,494	\$897,934	(\$1,328,379)	(\$359,699)
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	17.7%	5.1%	(7.2%)	(2.1%)
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2011-13 biennium	N/A	17.7%	23.7%	14.8%	12.4%

### Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

#### 2013-15 Biennium

- Added funding for 4 new FTE positions, one each at the Central Grasslands Research Center, Hettinger Research Center, North Central Research Center, and Carrington Research Center \$650,000
- Increased funding for operating expenses (Enhancing Research Capacity Initiative) \$560,000
- Added funding for variety testing, crop pathology, and dryland crop improvement (Crop Initiative) \$360,000

#### 2015-17 Biennium

- Added funding for 1 FTE animal science technical support position for the Hettinger Research Center \$130,000
- Added funding for 2 FTE crop disease research positions at the Williston Research Center \$330,000
- Increased funding for operating expenses \$210,000
- Increased funding for equipment over \$5,000 \$550,000

#### 2017-19 Biennium

- Removed 3.65 FTE positions (\$642,408)
- Adjusted funding sources and made additional unspecified general fund reductions (\$1,086,573)

#### 2019-21 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- Reduces funding for travel, miscellaneous supplies, repairs, and operating fees and services (\$1,200,560)

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE  
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION  
SERVICE AS SUBMITTED BY THE  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Extension Service	\$51,188,489	\$1,935,763	\$53,124,252
Soil conservation committee	1,091,520	0	1,091,520
Total all funds	\$52,280,009	\$1,935,763	\$54,215,772
Less estimated income	26,646,689	1,240,295	27,886,984
Total general fund	\$25,633,320	\$695,468	\$26,328,788
Full-time equivalent positions	242.51	0.00	242.51

Subdivision 2.

NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Northern Crops Institute	\$3,642,721	\$160,899	\$3,803,620
Total all funds	\$3,642,721	\$160,899	\$3,803,620
Less estimated income	1,755,830	142,023	1,897,853
Total general fund	\$1,886,891	\$18,876	\$1,905,767
Full-time equivalent positions	12.80	0.00	12.80

Subdivision 3.

UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Upper great plains transportation institute	\$22,618,201	(\$196,779)	\$22,421,422
Total all funds	\$22,618,201	(\$196,779)	\$22,421,422
Less estimated income	18,717,068	240,154	18,957,222
Total general fund	\$3,901,133	(\$436,933)	\$3,464,200
Full-time equivalent positions	43.88	0.00	43.88

Subdivision 4.

MAIN RESEARCH CENTER

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Main Research Center	\$109,217,936	(\$2,185,887)	\$107,032,049
Total all funds	\$109,217,936	(\$2,185,887)	\$107,032,049
Less estimated income	59,084,828	(1,031,188)	58,053,640
Total general fund	\$50,133,108	(\$1,154,699)	\$48,978,409
Full-time equivalent positions	340.05	0.00	340.05

Subdivision 5.

RESEARCH CENTERS

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Dickinson Research Center	\$6,825,551	(\$118,534)	\$6,707,017
Central grasslands research center	3,423,624	(33,939)	3,389,685
Hettinger research center	4,975,133	9,565	4,984,698
Langdon research center	2,964,607	3,810	2,968,417
North central research center	4,953,652	35,851	4,989,503
Williston research center	5,118,890	(1,271)	5,117,619
Carrington research center	9,175,491	270,370	9,445,861
Total all funds	\$37,436,948	\$165,852	\$37,602,800
Less estimated income	20,281,691	525,551	20,807,242
Total general fund	\$17,155,257	(\$359,699)	\$16,795,558
Full-time equivalent positions	109.81	0.00	109.81

Subdivision 6.

AGRONOMY SEED FARM

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Agronomy Seed Farm	\$1,536,129	\$35,519	\$1,571,648
Total Special funds	\$1,536,129	\$35,519	\$1,571,648

Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00
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Subdivision 7.

**BILL TOTAL**

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Grant total general fund	\$98,709,709	(\$1,236,987)	\$97,472,722
Grant total other funds	128,022,235	1,152,354	129,174,589
Grand total all funds	\$226,731,944	(\$84,633)	\$226,647,311

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium and the 2019-21 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

One-Time Funding Description	2017-19	2019-21
Seed Cleaning Plants	\$1,500,000	\$0
Road and bridge asset management system	300,000	0
Junior master gardener program	15,000	0
Extension service web strategy & content re-imaging	0	345,000
Extraordinary repairs	0	1,440,465
Total all funds	\$1,815,000	\$1,785,465
Total other funds	1,700,000	1,440,465
Total general fund	\$115,000	\$345,000

The 2019-21 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2019-21 biennium. The extension service and main research center shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION.** In addition to the amount included in the grand total special funds appropriation line item in section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME.** The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues received during the 2019-21 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for one-time expenditures for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME.** The Williston research extension center shall report to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019 and the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.



**SECTION 6. TRANSFER AUTHORITY.** Upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch research center directors, the director of the main research center may transfer appropriation authority within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act. Any amounts transferred must be reported to the director of the office of management and budget.

**SECTION 7. FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS.** The board of higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this Act, subject to availability of funds. The board shall report any adjustments to the office of management and budget pursuant to this section.

**SECTION 8. UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME.** Any unexpended general fund appropriation authority to and any excess income received by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 9. EXEMPTION.** The amounts appropriated for the veterinary diagnostic laboratory and the seed cleaning plants contained in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2017 Sessions Laws, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or related revenues are available and may be expended during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.