

**Branch Research Centers  
Budget No. 628  
House Bill No. 1020**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2019-21 legislative appropriation	109.81	\$18,201,026	\$20,600,388	\$38,801,414
2017-19 legislative appropriation	<u>110.29</u>	<u>17,155,257</u>	<u>21,781,691</u>	<u>38,936,948</u>
2019-21 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriation	(0.48)	\$1,045,769	(\$1,181,303)	(\$135,534)

**Item Description**

**FTE changes** - The Legislative Assembly authorized 109.81 FTE positions for the branch research centers for the 2019-21 biennium, a decrease of 0.48 FTE positions from the 2017-19 biennium. The 0.48 FTE position was removed pursuant to Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2020 (2017), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at entities under its control. Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020 continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at entities under its control during the 2019-21 biennium.

**Transfer authority** - In Section 7 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly authorized the director of the Main Research Center, with approval from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, and appropriate branch research center directors, to transfer appropriation authority within the Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center. Any amounts transferred must be reported to OMB.

**Oakes irrigation site** - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$200,000 of ongoing funding from the general fund for the Oakes irrigation site at the Carrington Research Center.

**Seed cleaning plants** - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$750,000 to the NDSU Main Research Center for a seed cleaning plant at the Williston Research Center. In Sections 10 and 11 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly authorized the branch research centers and Main Research Center to continue up to \$6 million, including \$1.5 million from the general fund and \$4.5 million from other funds, of unexpended appropriations from the 2015-17 and 2017-19 bienniums for seed cleaning plants at the Carrington Research Center, North Central Research Center, and Williston Research Center.

**Williston Research Center greenhouse** - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$500,000 from other funds to the Main Research Center to construct a greenhouse at the Williston Research Center. Section 12 of the bill provides legislative intent that any

**Status/Result**

Through April 2020, the branch research centers have not adjusted FTE positions pursuant to Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020.

To date there have been no transfers of appropriation authority within the Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center, and the agency does not anticipate making any transfers during the remainder of the 2019-21 biennium.

The Carrington Research Center is using the funds to support research conducted at the Oakes irrigation site, including travel, supplies, labor, and other operating expenses.

Through April 2020, the Carrington Research Center has spent \$1,523,641, the North Central Research Center has spent \$1,365,469, and the Williston Research Center has spent \$35,761 in total on new seed cleaning plants. The Carrington Research Center estimates completion of its seed cleaning plant in September 2020 and the North Central Research Center and Williston Research Center estimate completion of their seed cleaning plants in June 2021.

The Williston Research Center is fundraising for the project and anticipates completing construction of the greenhouse in the spring of 2021.

future operations and maintenance expenses relating to the Williston Research Center greenhouse be paid from other funds.

**Mineral rights income** - In Section 5 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Dickinson Research Center to 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 2019-21 biennium.

In Section 6 of House Bill No. 1020, the Legislative Assembly directed the Williston Research 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.

The Dickinson Research Center has received \$69,846 from mineral rights through April 2020 and estimates it will receive \$100,000 in total in the 2019-21 biennium. The Dickinson Research Center is using the revenue to support operations at the branch research center.

The Williston Research Center has received \$9,173 from mineral rights through April 2020 and estimates it will receive \$20,000 in total in the 2019-21 biennium. The Williston Research Center is using the revenue to support operations at the branch research center.