Northern Crops Institute
Budget No. 638
Senate Bill No. 2020

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriation	13.55	$1,987,142	$1,922,618	$3,909,760
2019-21 legislative appropriation	12.80	1,943,810	2,011,803	3,955,613
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	0.75	$43,332	($89,185)	($45,853)

Item Description	Status/Result
FTE changes - The Legislative Assembly authorized 13.55 FTE positions for the Northern Crops Institute for the 2021-23 biennium, an increase of 0.75 FTE position from the 2019-21 biennium. The 0.75 FTE position was added pursuant to Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020 (2019), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at entities under its control. Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2020 continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at entities under its control during the 2021-23 biennium.	Through April 2022, the Northern Crops Institute has added 1.3 FTE positions pursuant to Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2020, including 1 FTE communications and marketing specialist position and 0.3 FTE agriculture education position.
Transfer authority - In Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2020, 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.	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 2021-23 biennium.
Capital project - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2297 (2019), authorized the Northern Crops Institute to begin fundraising efforts and to develop a proposal for a new building project to be presented to the 67th Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Assembly, in House Bill No. 1431 (2021) provided $50 million of bonding authority to North Dakota State University for the agriculture products development center project, including a Northern Crops Institute project. In Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2003 (2021), the Legislative Assembly identified a total authorization for the project of $85 million, including $50 million from bond proceeds, $20 million from a 2017-19 biennium general fund appropriation, and $15 million from gifts, grants, donations, and the institution's capital building fund.	North Dakota State University reported the project is in the planning stages, with estimated construction of the agriculture products utilization center, named the Peltier Complex, co-located with new space for the Northern Crops Institute to begin in spring 2022, with a budget of $85 million and an estimated completion date of fall 2024. North Dakota State University reported project expenditures of $1.5 million through March 31, 2022. The university does not intend to use its capital building fund allocation for the Peltier Complex project. North Dakota State University and its foundation are administering all fundraising efforts for the project.