

**Mill and Elevator
Budget No. 475
Senate Bill No. 2014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	172.00	\$0	\$108,440,415 ¹	\$108,440,415
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>170.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>97,410,920¹</u>	<u>97,410,920</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	2.00	\$0	\$11,029,495	\$11,029,495

¹The entire amounts shown are ongoing funding from other funds.

Item Description

Full-time equivalent changes - The Legislative Assembly approved 172 FTE positions for the Mill and Elevator for the 2025-27 biennium, an increase of 2 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium authorized level of 170 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly approved 2 FTE railcar inspector positions.

New and vacant FTE pool - The Legislative Assembly transferred \$1,973,530 for the new and vacant FTE pool line item, of which \$323,827 is for new FTE positions and \$1,649,703 is for estimated savings from vacant positions.

Projects - During the 2025 legislative session, the Mill identified current and future projects, including modernization of the terminal elevator and adding a 9th floor to the A and B mills to increase milling capacity.

Transfer to Agricultural Products Utilization Fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 54-18-21, enacted in 2009, provides for the Industrial Commission to transfer 5 percent of the net income earned by the Mill each fiscal year to the Agricultural Products Utilization Fund. Money in the fund is available to the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission to provide grants to develop and expand the use of agricultural products.

Transfer to General Fund - Section 54-18-19, enacted in 2009, requires the Industrial Commission transfer 50 percent of the Mill's annual profits to the General Fund after any transfers to other state agricultural-related programs.

Status/Result

The 2 FTE railcar inspector positions were filled in July 2025.

Through January 2026, the agency had not transferred any funding for the 2 FTE railcar inspector positions and had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$495,879. The agency used \$307,017 of the savings for accrued leave payouts, temporary salary funding, and overtime funding. The number of vacancies ranged from 7 to 12 FTEs with an average monthly vacancy rate of 9.71 FTE positions.

The Mill is in the process of completing the following projects:

Project	Estimated Completion	Estimated Cost
Terminal elevator modernization	January 2027	\$7.9 million
9 th floor addition to the A and B mills	April 2027	\$8.5 million
E mill expansion	July 2027	\$20 million

The Mill had fiscal year 2025 profits of \$26,694,411 and transferred \$1,334,721 to the Agricultural Products Utilization Fund for the 2nd year of the 2023-25 biennium (fiscal year 2025). The total transferred for both years of the 2023-25 biennium was \$2,374,479. The estimated transfers to the Agricultural Products Utilization Fund during the 2025-27 biennium total \$2,105,000.

The Mill had fiscal year 2025 profits of \$26,694,411 and transferred \$12,679,845 to the General Fund for the 2nd year of the 2023-25 biennium (fiscal year 2025). The total transferred for both years of the 2023-25 biennium was \$22,557,550. The 2025 Legislative Assembly estimated the 2025-27 biennium transfers to the General Fund would total \$20,000,000.