



Agriculture Commissioner
Department No. 602
2025 House Bill No. 1009

REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum executive budget recommendation	81.00	\$22,141,317	\$34,755,990	\$56,897,307
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	0.00	(5,185,585)	5,440,479	254,894
Armstrong executive budget recommendation	81.00	\$16,955,732	\$40,196,469	\$57,152,201
Base level	80.00	14,820,933	27,117,306	41,938,239
Increase (decrease)	1.00	\$2,134,799	\$13,079,163	\$15,213,962
Percentage increase (decrease)	1.3%	14.4%	48.2%	36.3%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- **Adds \$649,720, of which \$383,276 is from the general fund and \$266,444 is from other funds, for salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026**
- Adds \$486,428, of which \$271,679 is from the general fund and \$214,749 is from other funds, for a health insurance premium increase of \$250 per month (15.2 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds \$877,000, of which \$608,727 is from the general fund and \$268,273 is from other funds, to replace the 2023-25 biennium new FTE pool (\$214,930) and 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool (\$662,070)
- Adds \$214,688, of which \$107,344 is from the general fund and \$107,344 is from the Agriculture Commissioner operating fund, for an FTE plant protection position
- Adds \$967,708, of which \$748,900 is from the general fund and \$218,808 is from other funds, for travel
- **Adds \$400,000 from the general fund for the North Dakota trade office**
- Reduces \$200,000 for the postproduction royalty oversight program, to provide a total of \$300,000 from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund
- Adds \$1,968,500 for the specialty crop block grant program, to provide a total of \$9,063,305 from federal funds
- Adds ongoing funding of \$3,000,000 from Bank of North Dakota profits for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission (APUC) program, to provide a total of \$5,110,417
- Adds one-time funding of \$5,500,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the bioscience innovation grant program
- Adds one-time funding of \$660,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund for the livestock planning program

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 23 fees. The agency recommended removing 2 fees, including the video livestock auction fee and the equine processing assessment fee.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1037 - This bill appropriates \$750,000 of one-time funding from the general fund to the Agriculture Commissioner for providing uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology grants to individuals and entities for the inspection, operation, maintenance, or construction of agriculture property or infrastructure during the 2025-27 biennium. The bill allows the Agriculture Commissioner to require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds for every \$4 provided by the state.

House Bill No. 1143 - This bill appropriates \$10 million of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the Agriculture Commissioner for providing a food distribution facility grant program during the 2025-27 biennium. The bill requires grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds for every \$1 provided by the state.

House Bill No. 1249 - This bill appropriates \$750,000 of one-time funding from the general fund to the Agriculture Commissioner for providing autonomous technology grants to individuals and entities for the inspection, operation, maintenance, or construction of agriculture property or infrastructure. The bill allows the Agriculture Commissioner to require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds for every \$4 provided by the state.

House Bill No. 1538 - This bill appropriates \$1 million from the environment and rangeland protection fund to create and administer a spy and neuter awareness grant program.

House Bill No. 1591 - This bill appropriates \$3 million from the general fund for grants to county agriculture fair associations for the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure projects.

Senate Bill No. 2274 - This bill appropriates \$1.9 million from the general fund to create and administer a farm management program.

Senate Bill No. 2327 - This bill provides for the Office of Management and Budget to transfer \$25 million from the general fund to the agriculture diversification and development fund and allows the agriculture diversification and development committee to use up to 5 percent of funds available for administrative expenses. Of the \$25 million, up to \$10 million is available for agriculture infrastructure grants to political subdivisions.

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



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Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1009

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	80.00	\$14,820,933	\$27,117,306	\$41,938,239
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes		\$203,651	(\$228,654)	(\$25,003)
Salary increase		383,276	266,444	649,720
Health insurance increase		271,679	214,749	486,428
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		214,930		214,930
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		393,797	268,273	662,070
Adjusts base level funding for temporary salaries		(203,625)	1,024	(202,601)
Adds funding for an FTE plant protection position	1.00	107,344	107,344	214,688
Adds funding for travel		748,900	218,808	967,708
Adjusts base level funding for operating expenses		(296,796)	625,775	328,979
Reduces funding for the postproduction royalty oversight program			(200,000)	(200,000)
Adjusts base level funding for capital assets			4,100	4,100
Adds funding for the specialty crop block grant program			1,968,500	1,968,500
Adds funding for the noxious weed program			366,900	366,900
Removes funding for the grape and wine grant program		(80,000)		(80,000)
Adjusts base level funding for grants			5,900	5,900
Adds funding for the APUC program			3,000,000	3,000,000
Adjusts base level funding for the board of animal health		(8,357)		(8,357)
Adds base level funding for COVID-19 specialty crop block grants			300,000	300,000
Adds funding for the North Dakota trade office		400,000		400,000
Total ongoing funding changes	1.00	\$2,134,799	\$6,919,163	\$9,053,962
One-Time Funding Items				
Bioscience innovation grant program			\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
Livestock planning program			660,000	660,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$6,160,000	\$6,160,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	1.00	\$2,134,799	\$13,079,163	\$15,213,962
2025-27 Total Funding	81.00	\$16,955,732	\$40,196,469	\$57,152,201

Federal funds included in other funds

\$17,965,927

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

1.3%

14.4%

25.5%

21.6%

Total changes - Percentage of base level

1.3%

14.4%

48.2%

36.3%