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

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriations	**18.35**	**$2,982,119**	**$4,394,044**	**$7,376,163**
2025-27 base budget	18.15	2,183,655	3,541,116	5,724,771
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	0.20	$798,464	$852,928	$1,651,392

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2025-27 legislative appropriations	**$2,982,119**	**$0**	**$2,982,119**
2023-25 legislative appropriations	2,183,655	0	2,183,655
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	$798,464	$0	$798,464
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	36.6%	N/A	36.6%

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted FTE positions pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1020 (2023)	0.20			
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026		$76,883	$96,404	$173,287
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of $1,893 per month		43,015	71,085	114,100
Added funding to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool for vacant positions		58,637	60,680	119,317
Transferred $145,707 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the Northern Crops Institute line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to $101,995 resulting in the savings as shown		(18,871)	(24,841)	(43,712)
Added funding for operating expenses at the Peltier Complex, including $299,600 from local funds		638,800	299,600	938,400

Added **one-time funding** from local funds for a pilot-scale mill and air classification system to separate protein, starch, and fiber			350,000	350,000
Total	0.20	$798,464	$852,928	$1,651,392

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 18.35 FTE positions for the Northern Crops Institute for the 2025-27 biennium, an increase of 0.2 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium authorized level of 18.15 FTE positions. The 0.2 FTE positions were added pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1020 (2023), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at entities under its control. Section 9 of Senate Bill No. 2020 (2025) continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at entities under its control during the 2025-27 biennium.

One-Time Funding

In Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2020, the Legislative Assembly identified $350,000 from local funds for a protein extraction and air classification system.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2020

New and vacant FTE pool - Section 3 provides for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

Additional income appropriation - Section 6 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 Northern Crops Institute, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2025-27 biennium.

Transfer authority - Section 8 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 9 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the Northern Crops Institute and provides that any adjustments be reported to the Office of Management and Budget and the Budget Section.

Unexpended general fund - Excess income - Section 10 authorizes the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the Northern Crops Institute into the 2027-29 biennium.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2003 - Exemption - Section 41 of this bill provides an exemption to continue 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the Northern Crops Institute feed production center facility upgrade and pellet mill into the 2025-27 biennium.