Northern Crops Institute
Department No. 638
2025 Senate Bill No. 2020

EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Executive budget recommendation	18.35	$2,678,957	$4,629,606	$7,308,563
Base level	18.15	2,183,655	3,541,116	5,724,771
Increase (decrease)	0.20	$495,302	$1,088,490	$1,583,792
Percentage increase (decrease)	1.1%	22.7%	30.7%	27.7%

NOTE:
More detailed information on the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill reflecting the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix B.

Selected Highlights

- Adds $211,975, of which $94,050 is from the general fund and $117,925 is from special funds, for salary increases of up to 4 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026
- Adds $114,100, of which $43,015 is from the general fund and $71,085 is from special funds, for a health insurance premium increase of $250 per month (15.2 percent), from $1,643 to $1,893, per employee
- Adds $119,317, of which $58,637 is from the general fund and $60,680 is from special funds, to replace the 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool
- Adds $788,400, of which $299,600 is from the general fund and $488,800 is from other funds, for operating expenses
- Adds **one-time funding** of $350,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for a protein extraction and air classification system

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 did not have any fees.

Major Related Legislation

As of the date of this report, there is no major related legislation for this agency.

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.

Northern Crops Institute - Budget No. 638
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2020

	Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	**General Fund**	**Other Funds**	**Total**
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	18.15	$2,183,655	$3,541,116	$5,724,771
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Increases FTE positions pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1020 (2023)	0.20			$0
Salary increase		$94,050	$117,925	211,975
Health insurance increase		43,015	71,085	114,100
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		58,637	60,680	119,317
Adds funding for operating expenses		299,600	488,800	788,400
Total ongoing funding changes	**0.20**	**$495,302**	**$738,490**	**$1,233,792**
One-Time Funding Items				
Adds funding for a protein extraction and air classification system			$350,000	$350,000
Total one-time funding changes	**0.00**	**$0**	**$350,000**	**$350,000**
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	**0.20**	**$495,302**	**$1,088,490**	**$1,583,792**
2025-27 Total Funding	**18.35**	**$2,678,957**	**$4,629,606**	**$7,308,563**
Federal funds included in other funds			*$0*	
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	*1.1%*	*22.7%*	*20.9%*	*21.6%*
Total changes - Percentage of base level	*1.1%*	*22.7%*	*30.7%*	*27.7%*

Other Sections in Northern Crops Institute - Budget No. 638

Section Description	Executive Budget
Additional income appropriation	Section 3 would provide 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 6 would authorize the transfer of appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, NDSU Extension Service, and Northern Crops Institute and provide that any transfers be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.
FTE position adjustments	Section 7 would allow the Northern Crops Institute to increase or decrease authorized FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds.
Exemption	Sections 8 would authorize the continuation of unexpended appropriation authority received by the Northern Crops Institute into the 2027-29 biennium.
Exemption	Section 10 would authorize the continuation of unexpended other funds appropriation authority relating to the feed production center facility upgrade and pellet mill appropriated in Section 1 of Chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws into the 2025-27 biennium.
SIIF	Section 11 would identify $350,000 in the other funds line item in Section 1 is from SIIF for a protein extraction and air classification system.

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2020
(Governor's Recommendation)

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota state university extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Extension service	$59,478,945	$6,652,893	$66,131,838
Soil conservation committee	1,361,520	0	1,361,520
Total all funds	$60,840,465	$6,652,893	$67,493,358
Less estimated income	29,049,776	3,209,996	32,259,772
Total general fund	$31,790,689	$3,442,897	$35,233,586
Full-time equivalent positions	252.70	3.74	256.44

Subdivision 2.

NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Northern crops institute	$5,724,771	$1,583,792	$7,308,563
Total all funds	$5,724,771	$1,583,792	$7,308,563
Less estimated income	3,541,116	1,088,490	4,629,606
Total general fund	$2,183,655	$495,302	$2,678,957
Full-time equivalent positions	18.15	0.20	18.35

Subdivision 3.

UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Upper great plains transportation institute	$24,807,516	$1,956,504	$26,764,020
Total all funds	$24,807,516	$1,956,504	$26,764,020
Less estimated income	19,581,141	826,897	20,408,038
Total general fund	$5,226,375	$1,129,607	$6,355,982
Full-time equivalent positions	43.88	0.00	43.88

Subdivision 4.

MAIN RESEARCH CENTER

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Main research center	$116,148,130	$14,454,487	$130,602,617
Total all funds	$116,148,130	$14,454,487	$130,602,617
Less estimated income	58,022,465	8,465,758	66,488,223
Total general fund	$58,125,665	$5,988,729	$64,114,394
Full-time equivalent positions	358.47	12.06	370.53

Subdivision 5.

RESEARCH CENTERS

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Dickinson research center	$7,379,838	$619,653	$7,999,491
Central grasslands research center	3,618,270	234,215	3,852,485
Hettinger research center	5,381,248	399,454	5,780,702
Langdon research center	3,195,869	473,562	3,669,431
North central research center	5,355,217	356,028	5,711,245
Williston research center	5,527,125	495,984	6,023,109
Carrington research center	10,191,002	833,502	11,024,504
Total all funds	$40,648,569	$3,412,398	$44,060,967
Less estimated income	20,964,971	1,031,141	21,996,112
Total general fund	$19,683,598	$2,381,257	$22,064,855
Full-time equivalent positions	111.81	(4.65)	107.16

Subdivision 6.

AGRONOMY SEED FARM

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Agronomy seed farm	$1,632,722	$55,799	$1,688,521
Total special funds	$1,632,722	$55,799	$1,688,521
Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	0.00	3.00

Subdivision 7.

BILL TOTAL

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Grand total general fund	$117,009,982	$13,437,792	$130,447,774
Grand total other funds	132,792,191	14,678,081	147,470,272
Grand total all funds	$249,802,173	$28,115,873	$277,918,046

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly for the 2023-25 biennium and the 2025-27 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

One-Time Funding Description	2023-25	2025-27
Deferred maintenance	$500,000	$1,000,000
Storage sheds	1,900,000	0
Transportation data intelligence center	432,600	0
Northern crops institute feed production center facility upgrade	3,250,000	0
Pellet mill	650,000	0
Nesson Valley irrigation research site project	1,700,000	0
Hettinger research extension center land purchase	1,038,000	0
Branch research extension centers capital projects inflation	2,933,230	0
Waldron hall replacement project	97,000,000	0
Carbon dioxide transportation network study	0	408,100
Protein extraction/air classification system	0	350,000
Oakes irrigation research site building completion	0	620,000
Langdon research extension center seed conditioning plant	0	2,600,000
Total all funds	$109,403,830	$4,978,100
Total other funds	105,695,600	4,570,000
Total general fund	$3,708,230	$408,100

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amount included in the grand total special funds appropriation line item in section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME. The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to $755,000 of revenues received during the 2025-27 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 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME - REPORT. The Williston research extension center shall report to the seventieth legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch research center directors, the director of the main research center may transfer appropriation authority within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act. Any amounts

transferred must be reported to the director of the office of management and budget.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS. The state board of higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this Act, subject to availability of funds. The board shall report any adjustments to the office of management and budget pursuant to this section.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME. Any unexpended general fund appropriation authority available to and any excess income received by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTION - BRANCH RESEARCH CENTERS PROJECTS. The amounts appropriated from other funds for Williston research center capital projects in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2019 Session Laws, Carrington research center capital projects, central grasslands research center capital projects, and Langdon research center capital projects in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 48 of the 2021 Session Laws, and Williston research center capital projects and Waldron Hall replacement in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or related revenues are available and may be expended during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 10. EXEMPTION – NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE. The amounts appropriated from other funds for the northern crops institute feed production center facility upgrade and pellet mill in subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or related revenues are available and may be expended during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 11. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND – NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE - MAIN RESEARCH CENTER. The estimated income line in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $350,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the northern crops institute for a protein extraction/air classification system. The estimated income line in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $4,220,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the Langdon research extension center seed conditioning plant, the Oakes irrigation research site building completion and deferred maintenance.