Agronomy Seed Farm
Department No. 649
2025 Senate Bill No. 2020

EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Executive budget recommendation	3.00	$0	$1,688,521	$1,688,521
Base level	3.00	0	1,632,722	1,632,722
Increase (decrease)	0.00	$0	$55,799	$55,799
Percentage increase (decrease)	0.0%	N/A	3.4%	3.4%

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 $29,471 from other funds for salary increases of up to 4 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026
- Adds $18,016 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 $8,312 from other funds to replace the 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool

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.

Agronomy Seed Farm - Budget No. 649
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2020

	Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	**General Fund**	**Other Funds**	**Total**
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	3.00	$0	$1,632,722	$1,632,722
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Salary increase			$29,471	$29,471
Health insurance increase			18,016	18,016
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool			8,312	8,312
Total ongoing funding changes	**0.00**	**$0**	**$55,799**	**$55,799**
One-Time Funding Items				
No one-time funding items				$0
Total one-time funding changes	**0.00**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	**0.00**	**$0**	**$55,799**	**$55,799**
2025-27 Total Funding	**3.00**	**$0**	**$1,688,521**	**$1,688,521**
Federal funds included in other funds			*$0*	
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	*0.0%*	*N/A*	*3.4%*	*3.4%*
Total changes - Percentage of base level	*0.0%*	*N/A*	*3.4%*	*3.4%*

Other Sections in Agronomy Seed Farm - Budget No. 649

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 Agronomy Seed Farm, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2025-27 biennium.
FTE position adjustments	Section 7 would allow the Agronomy Seed Farm to increase or decrease authorized FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds.
Exemption	Section 8 would authorize the continuation of unexpended appropriation authority received by the Agronomy Seed Farm into the 2027-29 biennium.

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.