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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

*For reference and coding, the first
page of the bill has been provided.*

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A bill for an act

relating to state government; establishing a budget for the Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health, the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, and the Office of Broadband Development; transferring money to the border-to-border broadband fund account; making policy and technical changes to agriculture provisions; modifying fees; creating accounts; requiring reports; providing civil penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 17.055, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 17.116, subdivision 3; 18B.01, subdivision 2b, by adding a subdivision; 18B.051; 18B.055; 18C.425, subdivision 6; 18H.02, by adding a subdivision; 18H.03, subdivision 6; 18H.05; 18H.07, by adding subdivisions; 18H.08, subdivision 2; 18H.09; 18H.13, subdivision 3; 18H.15; 25.39, subdivision 1; 28A.08, by adding a subdivision; 28A.082, subdivision 1; 28A.09, by adding a subdivision; 41A.12, subdivision 4; 41A.21, subdivision 6; 116J.395, subdivision 7; 223.16, by adding a subdivision; 223.17, subdivisions 7, 7a; 223.175; 223.19; 232.22, subdivision 5; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 17; 223; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 17.055, subdivision 2; 18H.02, subdivisions 21, 22, 23; 18H.07, subdivisions 2, 3; 35.156, subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

ARTICLE 1

APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.

"The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2024 **2025**

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation **\$** **85,720,000** **\$** **77,390,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>85,321,000</u>	<u>76,991,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Protection Services

Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>29,717,000</u>	<u>21,590,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>399,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>

(a) \$399,000 the first year and \$399,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for administrative funding for the voluntary cleanup program.

(b) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for the soil health financial assistance program. The commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs incurred to administer the program. This is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available in the second year.

Appropriations encumbered under contract on or before June 30, 2025, for soil health