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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development  
See HF2446

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for county agricultural inspector grants.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR GRANTS.

1.5 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated  
1.6 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to counties to support  
1.7 county agricultural inspectors. The commissioner of agriculture may use up to three percent  
1.8 of the appropriation each year for administration.

1.9 (b) To be eligible for grants under this section, a county must employ a county agricultural  
1.10 inspector or a county-designated employee who:

1.11 (1) has attended training for new county agricultural inspectors offered by the  
1.12 commissioner of agriculture;

1.13 (2) coordinates with the commissioner of agriculture to review applicable laws and  
1.14 enforcement procedures;

1.15 (3) compiles and submits to the commissioner of agriculture local weed inspector annual  
1.16 report data;

1.17 (4) conducts an annual meeting and training for local weed inspectors; and

1.18 (5) assists the commissioner of agriculture with control programs and other agricultural  
1.19 programs when requested under Minnesota Statutes, section 18.81, subdivision 1b, as  
1.20 directed by the county board.

- 2.1 (c) County agricultural inspectors and county-designated employees must annually  
2.2 submit an application, on a form approved by the commissioner of agriculture, to be eligible  
2.3 for funding during a given year. The commissioner of agriculture must equally divide  
2.4 available grant money among eligible counties.