

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 5073 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION RESEARCH
1.6 INSTITUTE.

1.7 \$80,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the Agricultural
1.8 Utilization Research Institute for legal costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
1.9 until June 30, 2029.

1.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.11 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, as amended by Laws
1.12 2024, chapter 126, article 1, section 1, and Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 9, is
1.13 amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 4. **Agriculture, Bioenergy, and Bioproduct** 34,034,000 38,159,000
1.15 **Advancement**

1.16 (a) \$10,702,000 the first year and \$10,702,000
1.17 the second year are for the agriculture
1.18 research, education, extension, and technology
1.19 transfer program under Minnesota Statutes,
1.20 section 41A.14. Except as provided below,
1.21 the appropriation each year is for transfer to
1.22 the agriculture research, education, extension,
1.23 and technology transfer account under
1.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
1.25 subdivision 3, and the commissioner shall
1.26 transfer funds each year to the Board of
1.27 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
1.28 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
1.29 41A.14. To the extent practicable, money
1.30 expended under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.31 41A.14, subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2),
1.32 must supplement and not supplant existing
1.33 sources and levels of funding. The

2.1 commissioner may use up to one percent of
2.2 this appropriation for costs incurred to
2.3 administer the program.

2.4 Of the amount appropriated for the agriculture
2.5 research, education, extension, and technology
2.6 transfer grant program under Minnesota
2.7 Statutes, section 41A.14:

2.8 (1) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
2.9 second year are for the Minnesota Agricultural
2.10 Experiment Station's agriculture rapid
2.11 response fund under Minnesota Statutes,
2.12 section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2);

2.13 (2) up to \$1,000,000 the first year and up to
2.14 \$1,000,000 the second year are for research
2.15 on avian influenza, salmonella, and other
2.16 turkey-related diseases and disease prevention
2.17 measures;

2.18 (3) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
2.19 the second year are for grants to the Minnesota
2.20 Agricultural Education Leadership Council to
2.21 enhance agricultural education with priority
2.22 given to Farm Business Management
2.23 challenge grants;

2.24 (4) \$450,000 the first year is for the cultivated
2.25 wild rice breeding project at the North Central
2.26 Research and Outreach Center to include a
2.27 tenure track/research associate plant breeder;

2.28 (5) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
2.29 second year are for potato breeding;

2.30 (6) \$802,000 the first year and \$802,000 the
2.31 second year are to fund the Forever Green
2.32 Initiative and protect the state's natural
2.33 resources while increasing the efficiency,
2.34 profitability, and productivity of Minnesota

3.1 farmers by incorporating perennial and
3.2 winter-annual crops into existing agricultural
3.3 practices. The base for the allocation under
3.4 this clause is \$802,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
3.5 each year thereafter. By February 1 each year,
3.6 the dean of the College of Food, Agricultural
3.7 and Natural Resource Sciences must submit
3.8 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
3.9 members of the legislative committees with
3.10 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and policy
3.11 and higher education detailing uses of the
3.12 funds in this paragraph, including
3.13 administrative costs, and the achievements
3.14 these funds contributed to;

3.15 (7) \$350,000 each year is for farm-scale winter
3.16 greenhouse research and development
3.17 coordinated by University of Minnesota
3.18 Extension Regional Sustainable Development
3.19 Partnerships. The allocation in this clause is
3.20 onetime;

3.21 (8) \$200,000 the second year is for research
3.22 on natural stands of wild rice; and

3.23 (9) \$250,000 the second year is for the
3.24 cultivated wild rice forward selection project
3.25 at the North Central Research and Outreach
3.26 Center, including a tenure track or research
3.27 associate plant scientist.

3.28 (b) The base for the agriculture research,
3.29 education, extension, and technology transfer
3.30 program is \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2026
3.31 and \$10,352,000 in fiscal year 2027.

3.32 (c) \$23,332,000 the first year is for the
3.33 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
3.34 program under Minnesota Statutes, section

4.1 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
4.2 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
4.3 among the following areas: facilitating the
4.4 start-up, modernization, improvement, or
4.5 expansion of livestock operations, including
4.6 beginning and transitioning livestock
4.7 operations with preference given to robotic
4.8 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
4.9 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
4.10 or expand, to access new markets, or to
4.11 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
4.12 preference given to hemp fiber processing
4.13 equipment; facilitating the start-up,
4.14 modernization, or expansion of other
4.15 beginning and transitioning farms, including
4.16 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
4.17 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
4.18 on-farm research and demonstration; the
4.19 development or expansion of food hubs and
4.20 other alternative community-based food
4.21 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
4.22 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
4.23 including basic and applied turf seed research;
4.24 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
4.25 and good agricultural practices and good
4.26 handling practices certification assistance. The
4.27 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
4.28 this appropriation for costs incurred to
4.29 administer the program.

4.30 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
4.31 growth, research, and innovation program
4.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

4.33 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year is for distribution
4.34 in equal amounts to each of the state's county

5.1 fairs to preserve and promote Minnesota
5.2 agriculture;

5.3 (2) \$5,750,000 the first year is for incentive
5.4 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
5.5 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.
5.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
5.7 16A.28, the first year appropriation is
5.8 available until June 30, 2025. If this
5.9 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
5.10 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
5.11 year, the balance of the appropriation is
5.12 available for other purposes under this
5.13 paragraph;

5.14 (3) \$3,375,000 the first year is for grants that
5.15 enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage
5.16 tanks, and other equipment to dispense
5.17 biofuels to the public in accordance with the
5.18 biofuel replacement goals established under
5.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
5.20 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
5.21 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
5.22 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
5.23 under this clause if the retail petroleum
5.24 dispenser has no more than 10 retail petroleum
5.25 dispensing sites and each site is located in
5.26 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
5.27 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
5.28 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
5.29 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
5.30 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
5.31 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
5.32 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
5.33 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
5.34 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
5.35 with any economic or community development

6.1 financial institution and any other entity with
6.2 which the commissioner contracts, must
6.3 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
6.4 financial assistance program by January 15 of
6.5 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
6.6 members of the legislative committees and
6.7 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
6.8 policy and finance. The annual report must
6.9 include but not be limited to a summary of the
6.10 following metrics: (i) the number and types
6.11 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
6.12 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
6.13 geographic distribution of financed projects;
6.14 (iv) any market expansion associated with
6.15 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
6.16 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
6.17 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
6.18 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;

6.19 (4) \$1,250,000 the first year is for grants to
6.20 facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
6.21 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
6.22 processing facilities. A grant award under this
6.23 clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
6.24 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
6.25 year does not cancel until June 30, 2026, and
6.26 may be used for other purposes under this
6.27 paragraph;

6.28 (5) \$1,150,000 the first year is for providing
6.29 more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,
6.30 and dairy for children in school and early
6.31 childhood education settings, including, at the
6.32 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
6.33 to reimburse schools and early childhood
6.34 education and child care providers for
6.35 purchasing equipment and agricultural

7.1 products. Organizations must participate in
7.2 the National School Lunch Program or the
7.3 Child and Adult Care Food Program to be
7.4 eligible. Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000
7.5 is for a statewide coordinator of
7.6 farm-to-institution strategy and programming.
7.7 The coordinator must consult with relevant
7.8 stakeholders and provide technical assistance
7.9 and training for participating farmers and
7.10 eligible grant recipients;

7.11 (6) \$2,000,000 the first year is for urban youth
7.12 agricultural education or urban agriculture
7.13 community development;

7.14 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year is for the good
7.15 food access program under Minnesota
7.16 Statutes, section 17.1017; and

7.17 (8) \$225,000 the first year is to provide grants
7.18 to secondary career and technical education
7.19 programs for the purpose of offering
7.20 instruction in meat cutting and butchery.
7.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
7.22 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
7.23 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
7.24 administrative costs. This is a onetime
7.25 appropriation. Grants may be used for costs,
7.26 including but not limited to:

7.27 (i) equipment required for a meat cutting
7.28 program;

7.29 (ii) facility renovation to accommodate meat
7.30 cutting; and

7.31 (iii) training faculty to teach the fundamentals
7.32 of meat processing.

7.33 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of
7.34 up to \$75,000 and may use up to ten percent

8.1 of the grant for faculty training. Priority may
8.2 be given to applicants who are coordinating
8.3 with meat cutting and butchery programs at
8.4 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
8.5 institutions or with local industry partners.

8.6 By January 15, 2025, the commissioner must
8.7 report to the chairs and ranking minority
8.8 members of the legislative committees with
8.9 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
8.10 education finance by listing the grants made
8.11 under this paragraph by county and noting the
8.12 number and amount of grant requests not
8.13 fulfilled. The report may include additional
8.14 information as determined by the
8.15 commissioner, including but not limited to
8.16 information regarding the outcomes produced
8.17 by these grants. If additional grants are
8.18 awarded under this paragraph that were not
8.19 covered in the report due by January 15, 2025,
8.20 the commissioner must submit an additional
8.21 report to the chairs and ranking minority
8.22 members of the legislative committees with
8.23 jurisdiction over agriculture finance and
8.24 education finance regarding all grants issued
8.25 under this paragraph by November 1, 2025.

8.26 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
8.27 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
8.28 cancel at the end of the first year and is
8.29 available for the second year, and
8.30 appropriations encumbered under contract on
8.31 or before June 30, 2025, for agricultural
8.32 growth, research, and innovation grants are
8.33 available until June 30, 2028.

8.34 (d) \$27,457,000 the second year is for the
8.35 agricultural growth, research, and innovation

9.1 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.2 41A.12. Except as provided below, the
9.3 commissioner may allocate this appropriation
9.4 among the following areas: facilitating the
9.5 start-up, modernization, improvement, or
9.6 expansion of livestock operations, including
9.7 beginning and transitioning livestock
9.8 operations with preference given to robotic
9.9 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
9.10 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
9.11 or expand, to access new markets, or to
9.12 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
9.13 preference given to hemp fiber processing
9.14 equipment; facilitating the start-up,
9.15 modernization, or expansion of other
9.16 beginning and transitioning farms, including
9.17 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
9.18 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
9.19 on-farm research and demonstration; the
9.20 development or expansion of food hubs and
9.21 other alternative community-based food
9.22 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
9.23 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
9.24 including basic and applied turf seed research;
9.25 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
9.26 and good agricultural practices and good
9.27 handling practices certification assistance. The
9.28 commissioner may use up to 6.5 percent of
9.29 this appropriation for costs incurred to
9.30 administer the program.

9.31 Of the amount appropriated for the agricultural
9.32 growth, research, and innovation program
9.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12:

9.34 (1) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
9.35 distribution in equal amounts to each of the

10.1 state's county fairs to preserve and promote
10.2 Minnesota agriculture;

10.3 (2) \$5,750,000 the second year is for incentive
10.4 payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections
10.5 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20.
10.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
10.7 16A.28, this appropriation is available until
10.8 June 30, 2027. If this appropriation exceeds
10.9 the total amount for which all producers are
10.10 eligible in a fiscal year, the balance of the
10.11 appropriation is available for other purposes
10.12 under this paragraph. The base under this
10.13 clause is \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
10.14 each year thereafter;

10.15 (3) \$3,375,000 the second year is for grants
10.16 that enable retail petroleum dispensers, fuel
10.17 storage tanks, and other equipment to dispense
10.18 biofuels to the public in accordance with the
10.19 biofuel replacement goals established under
10.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
10.21 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
10.22 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
10.23 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
10.24 under this clause if the retail petroleum
10.25 dispenser has no more than ten retail
10.26 petroleum dispensing sites and each site is
10.27 located in Minnesota. The grant money must
10.28 be used to replace or upgrade equipment that
10.29 does not have the ability to be certified for
10.30 E25. A grant award must not exceed 65
10.31 percent of the cost of the appropriate
10.32 technology. A grant award must not exceed
10.33 \$200,000 per station. The commissioner must
10.34 cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the
10.35 implementation of the grant program. The

11.1 commissioner, in cooperation with any
11.2 economic or community development
11.3 financial institution and any other entity with
11.4 which the commissioner contracts, must
11.5 submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure
11.6 financial assistance program by January 15 of
11.7 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
11.8 members of the legislative committees and
11.9 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
11.10 policy and finance. The annual report must
11.11 include but not be limited to a summary of the
11.12 following metrics: (i) the number and types
11.13 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of money
11.14 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
11.15 geographic distribution of financed projects;
11.16 (iv) any market expansion associated with
11.17 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
11.18 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
11.19 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
11.20 minority-owned or female-owned businesses.
11.21 The base under this clause is \$3,000,000 for
11.22 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter;

11.23 (4) \$1,250,000 the second year is for grants
11.24 to facilitate the start-up, modernization, or
11.25 expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk
11.26 processing facilities. A grant award under this
11.27 clause must not exceed \$200,000. Any
11.28 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
11.29 year does not cancel until June 30, 2027, and
11.30 may be used for other purposes under this
11.31 paragraph. The base under this clause is
11.32 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
11.33 thereafter;

11.34 (5) \$1,275,000 the second year is for providing
11.35 more fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain,

12.1 and dairy for children in school and early
12.2 childhood education settings, including, at the
12.3 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
12.4 to reimburse schools and early childhood
12.5 education and child care providers for
12.6 purchasing equipment and agricultural
12.7 products. Organizations must participate in
12.8 the National School Lunch Program or the
12.9 Child and Adult Care Food Program to be
12.10 eligible. Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000
12.11 is for a statewide coordinator of
12.12 farm-to-institution strategy and programming.
12.13 The coordinator must consult with relevant
12.14 stakeholders and provide technical assistance
12.15 and training for participating farmers and
12.16 eligible grant recipients. The base under this
12.17 clause is \$1,294,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
12.18 each year thereafter;

12.19 (6) \$4,000,000 the second year is for Dairy
12.20 Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative
12.21 (DAIRI) grants and other forms of financial
12.22 assistance to Minnesota dairy farms that enroll
12.23 in coverage under a federal dairy risk
12.24 protection program and produced no more
12.25 than 16,000,000 pounds of milk in 2022. New
12.26 dairy farms that did not market milk during
12.27 2022 or for only a portion of 2022 are eligible.
12.28 The commissioner must make DAIRI
12.29 payments based on the amount of milk
12.30 produced in 2022, up to 5,000,000 pounds per
12.31 participating farm, at a rate determined by the
12.32 commissioner within the limits of available
12.33 funding. For new dairy farms that did not
12.34 market milk during 2022 or for only a portion
12.35 of 2022, the commissioner must make DAIRI
12.36 payments based on the farm's production

13.1 history as established in its dairy risk
13.2 protection program enrollment. Any
13.3 unencumbered balance ~~on~~ after June 30, 2026,
13.4 may be used for other purposes under this
13.5 paragraph. The allocation in this clause is
13.6 onetime;

13.7 (7) \$2,000,000 the second year is for urban
13.8 youth agricultural education or urban
13.9 agriculture community development;

13.10 (8) \$1,000,000 the second year is for the good
13.11 food access program under Minnesota
13.12 Statutes, section 17.1017; and

13.13 (9) \$225,000 the second year is for the
13.14 protecting livestock grant program for
13.15 producers to support the installation of
13.16 measures to prevent the transmission of avian
13.17 influenza. For the appropriation in this
13.18 paragraph, a grant applicant must document
13.19 a cost-share of 20 percent. An applicant's
13.20 cost-share amount may be reduced up to
13.21 \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs.

13.22 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
13.23 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
13.24 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
13.25 administrative costs. This appropriation is
13.26 available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime
13.27 appropriation.

13.28 (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
13.29 section 16A.28, the appropriation in paragraph
13.30 (d) does not cancel at the end of the second
13.31 year and is available until June 30, 2027.

13.32 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
13.33 or before June 30, 2027, for agricultural
13.34 growth, research, and innovation grants are
13.35 available until June 30, 2030.

14.1 (f) The base for the agricultural growth,
 14.2 research, and innovation program is
 14.3 \$17,582,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
 14.4 thereafter and includes \$200,000 each year for
 14.5 cooperative development grants.

14.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

14.7 Sec. 3. Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

14.8 **Subd. 2. Protection Services**

14.9	Appropriations by Fund		
14.10			21,207,000
14.11	General	20,828,000	<u>21,457,000</u>
14.12	Remediation	399,000	399,000

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

14.17 (b) \$639,000 the first year and \$639,000 the
 14.18 second year are for the soil health financial
 14.19 assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.20 section 17.134. The commissioner may award
 14.21 no more than \$50,000 of the appropriation
 14.22 each year to a single recipient.

14.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 14.24 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
 14.25 use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for
 14.26 costs incurred to administer the program. Any
 14.27 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
 14.28 end of the first year and is available in the
 14.29 second year. Appropriations encumbered
 14.30 under contract on or before June 30, 2027, for
 14.31 soil health financial assistance grants are
 14.32 available until June 30, 2029.

14.33 (c) \$275,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 14.34 second year are for compensation for livestock

15.1 destroyed or crippled by a wolf under
15.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. The first
15.3 year appropriation may be spent to compensate
15.4 for livestock that were destroyed or crippled
15.5 during fiscal year 2025. If the amount in the
15.6 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
15.7 second year is available in the first year. The
15.8 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 each year
15.9 to reimburse expenses incurred by university
15.10 extension educators to provide fair market
15.11 values of destroyed or crippled livestock. If
15.12 the commissioner receives federal money to
15.13 pay claims for destroyed or crippled livestock,
15.14 an equivalent amount of this appropriation
15.15 may be used to reimburse nonlethal prevention
15.16 methods performed by federal wildlife services
15.17 staff. The base for this appropriation is
15.18 \$175,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
15.19 thereafter.

15.20 (d) \$255,000 the first year and \$230,000 the
15.21 second year are for compensation for crop or
15.22 fence damage caused by elk under Minnesota
15.23 Statutes, section 3.7371. If the amount in the
15.24 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
15.25 second year is available in the first year. The
15.26 commissioner may use up to \$10,000 of the
15.27 appropriation each year to reimburse expenses
15.28 incurred by the commissioner or the
15.29 commissioner's approved agent to investigate
15.30 and resolve claims, as well as for costs
15.31 associated with training for approved agents.
15.32 The commissioner may use up to \$40,000 of
15.33 the appropriation each year for grants to
15.34 producers for measures to protect stored crops
15.35 from elk damage. If the commissioner
15.36 determines that claims made under Minnesota

16.1 Statutes, section 3.737 or 3.7371, are
16.2 unusually high, amounts appropriated for
16.3 either program may be transferred to the
16.4 appropriation for the other program. The base
16.5 for this appropriation is \$155,000 in fiscal year
16.6 2028 and each year thereafter.

16.7 (e) \$825,000 the first year and \$825,000 the
16.8 second year are to replace capital equipment
16.9 in the Department of Agriculture's analytical
16.10 laboratory.

16.11 (f) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
16.12 second year are for additional meat and poultry
16.13 inspection services. The commissioner is
16.14 encouraged to seek inspection waivers, match
16.15 federal money, and offer more online
16.16 inspections for the purposes of this paragraph.
16.17 This is a onetime appropriation.

16.18 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
16.19 second year are for grants to counties to
16.20 support county agricultural inspectors. The
16.21 commissioner may use up to three percent of
16.22 the appropriation each year for administration.
16.23 This is a onetime appropriation. County
16.24 agricultural inspectors and county-designated
16.25 employees must annually submit an
16.26 application, on a form approved by the
16.27 commissioner, to be eligible for funding
16.28 during a given year. The commissioner must
16.29 equally divide available grant money among
16.30 eligible counties. To be eligible for grants
16.31 under this section, a county must employ a
16.32 county agricultural inspector or a
16.33 county-designated employee who:

- 17.1 (1) has attended training for new county
17.2 agricultural inspectors offered by the
17.3 commissioner;
- 17.4 (2) coordinates with the commissioner to
17.5 review applicable laws and enforcement
17.6 procedures;
- 17.7 (3) compiles and submits to the commissioner
17.8 local weed inspector annual report data;
- 17.9 (4) conducts an annual meeting and training
17.10 for local weed inspectors; and
- 17.11 (5) assists the commissioner with control
17.12 programs and other agricultural programs
17.13 when requested under Minnesota Statutes,
17.14 section 18.81, subdivision 1b, as directed by
17.15 the county board.
- 17.16 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
17.17 second year are appropriated to establish and
17.18 administer the biofertilizer innovation and
17.19 efficiency program ~~under Minnesota Statutes,~~
17.20 ~~section 18C.113.~~ The commissioner may use
17.21 up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs
17.22 incurred to administer the program.
- 17.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
17.24 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
17.25 of fiscal year 2026 does not cancel and is
17.26 available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime
17.27 appropriation.
- 17.28 ~~(j)~~ (i) \$75,000 the first year is to conduct an
17.29 evaluation of the practice performance and
17.30 economic performance of the Olmsted County
17.31 groundwater protection and soil health
17.32 initiative, including the cover crop program,
17.33 alternative crops program, and haying,
17.34 grazing, and pasture enhancement program.

18.1 The evaluation must look at environmental
 18.2 outcomes, include a cost-benefit analysis, and
 18.3 be submitted to the chairs and ranking
 18.4 minority members of the legislative
 18.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 18.6 over agriculture policy and finance by June 1,
 18.7 2027. The commissioner may contract with
 18.8 an independent third party to conduct the
 18.9 evaluation.

18.10 ~~(k)~~ (j) \$420,000 the first year and \$924,000
 18.11 the second year are to support current services.

18.12 Sec. 4. Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws
 18.13 2025, First Special Session chapter 11, section 11, is amended to read:

18.14	Subd. 3. Agricultural Marketing and		<u>23,301,000</u>
18.15	Development	23,551,000	<u>24,301,000</u>

18.16 (a) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
 18.17 second year are for the continuation of the
 18.18 dairy development and profitability
 18.19 enhancement program, including dairy
 18.20 profitability teams and dairy business planning
 18.21 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 18.22 32D.30.

18.23 (b) The commissioner may use funds
 18.24 appropriated in this subdivision for annual
 18.25 cost-share payments to resident farmers or
 18.26 entities that sell, process, or package
 18.27 agricultural products in this state for the costs
 18.28 of organic certification. The commissioner
 18.29 may allocate these funds for assistance to
 18.30 persons transitioning from conventional to
 18.31 organic agriculture.

18.32 (c) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 18.33 second year are for mental health outreach and
 18.34 support to farmers, ranchers, farm workers

19.1 and employees, and others in the agricultural
19.2 community and profession and for farm and
19.3 farm worker safety grant and outreach
19.4 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section
19.5 17.1195. Mental health outreach and support
19.6 may include a 24-hour hotline, stigma
19.7 reduction, and education. Notwithstanding
19.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any
19.9 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
19.10 end of the first year and is available in the
19.11 second year. The base for this appropriation
19.12 is \$50,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
19.13 thereafter.

19.14 (d) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
19.15 second year are for the local food purchasing
19.16 assistance grant program under article 3,
19.17 section 35. Notwithstanding Minnesota
19.18 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
19.19 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
19.20 year and is available in the second year.

19.21 (e) \$1,000,000 the second year is to expand
19.22 the Emerging Farmers Office and provide
19.23 services to beginning and emerging farmers
19.24 to increase connections between farmers and
19.25 market opportunities throughout the state. This
19.26 appropriation may be used for grants,
19.27 translation services, training programs, or
19.28 other purposes in line with the
19.29 recommendations of the emerging farmer
19.30 working group established under Minnesota
19.31 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1.

19.32 ~~(e)~~ (f) \$18,257,000 the first year and
19.33 \$18,007,000 the second year are for the
19.34 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
19.35 program under Minnesota Statutes, section

20.1 41A.12. The base for this appropriation is
20.2 \$17,449,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
20.3 thereafter.

20.4 ~~(f)~~ (g) Except as provided in paragraph ~~(g)~~ (h),
20.5 the commissioner may allocate the
20.6 appropriation in paragraph ~~(e)~~ (f) each year
20.7 among the following areas: facilitating the
20.8 startup, modernization, improvement, or
20.9 expansion of livestock operations, including
20.10 beginning and transitioning livestock
20.11 operations with preference given to robotic
20.12 dairy-milking equipment; assisting
20.13 value-added agricultural businesses to begin
20.14 or expand, to access new markets, or to
20.15 diversify, including aquaponics systems, with
20.16 preference given to hemp fiber processing
20.17 equipment; facilitating the startup,
20.18 modernization, or expansion of other
20.19 beginning and transitioning farms, including
20.20 by providing loans under Minnesota Statutes,
20.21 section 41B.056; sustainable agriculture
20.22 on-farm research and demonstration; the
20.23 development or expansion of food hubs and
20.24 other alternative community-based food
20.25 distribution systems; enhancing renewable
20.26 energy infrastructure and use; crop research,
20.27 including basic and applied turf seed research;
20.28 Farm Business Management tuition assistance;
20.29 supporting the commercialization of an
20.30 innovative material additive utilizing
20.31 agricultural coproducts or waste streams to
20.32 produce fiber-based barrier packaging to
20.33 reduce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
20.34 substances (PFAS) and plastics in packaging
20.35 products; and good agricultural practices and
20.36 good handling practices certification

21.1 assistance. Notwithstanding Minnesota
21.2 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the
21.3 commissioner may use up to 7.5 percent of
21.4 the appropriation in paragraph ~~(e)~~ (f) for costs
21.5 incurred to administer the program.

21.6 ~~(g)~~ (h) Of the amount appropriated for the
21.7 agricultural growth, research, and innovation
21.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
21.9 41A.12:

21.10 (1) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
21.11 the second year are for distribution in equal
21.12 amounts to each of the state's county fairs to
21.13 preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture;

21.14 (2) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
21.15 the second year are for incentive payments
21.16 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.16,
21.17 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20. If this
21.18 appropriation exceeds the total amount for
21.19 which all producers are eligible in a fiscal
21.20 year, the balance of the appropriation is
21.21 available for other purposes under this
21.22 paragraph;

21.23 (3) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
21.24 the second year are for grants that enable retail
21.25 petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and
21.26 other equipment to dispense biofuels to the
21.27 public in accordance with the biofuel
21.28 replacement goals established under
21.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail
21.30 petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use
21.31 in spark ignition engines for vehicle model
21.32 years after 2000 is eligible for grant money
21.33 under this clause if the retail petroleum
21.34 dispenser has no more than 20 retail petroleum
21.35 dispensing sites and each site is located in

22.1 Minnesota. The grant money must be used to
22.2 replace or upgrade equipment that does not
22.3 have the ability to be certified for E25. A grant
22.4 award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost
22.5 of the appropriate technology. A grant award
22.6 must not exceed \$200,000 per station. The
22.7 commissioner must cooperate with biofuel
22.8 stakeholders in the implementation of the grant
22.9 program. The commissioner, in cooperation
22.10 with any economic or community development
22.11 financial institution and any other entity with
22.12 which the commissioner contracts, must
22.13 submit a the report on under Minnesota
22.14 Statutes, section 41A.12, subdivision 3, that
22.15 includes metrics of the biofuels infrastructure
22.16 financial assistance program by January 15
22.17 each year to the chairs and ranking minority
22.18 members of the legislative committees and
22.19 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
22.20 policy and finance. The annual report must
22.21 include but not be limited to a summary of the
22.22 following metrics: (i) the number and types
22.23 of projects financed; (ii) the amount of dollars
22.24 leveraged or matched per project; (iii) the
22.25 geographic distribution of financed projects;
22.26 (iv) any market expansion associated with
22.27 upgraded infrastructure; (v) the demographics
22.28 of the areas served; (vi) the costs of the
22.29 program; and (vii) the number of grants to
22.30 minority-owned or female-owned businesses;
22.31 (4) \$350,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
22.32 second year are for grants to facilitate the
22.33 startup, modernization, or expansion of meat,
22.34 poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities. A
22.35 grant award under this clause must not exceed
22.36 \$200,000;

23.1 (5) \$1,594,000 the first year and \$1,544,000
23.2 the second year are for providing more fruits,
23.3 vegetables, meat, poultry, grain, and dairy for
23.4 children in school and early childhood
23.5 education settings, including, at the
23.6 commissioner's discretion, providing grants
23.7 to reimburse schools and early childhood
23.8 education and child care providers for
23.9 purchasing equipment and agricultural
23.10 products. Of the amount appropriated,
23.11 \$150,000 each year is for a statewide
23.12 coordinator of farm-to-institution strategy and
23.13 programming. The coordinator must consult
23.14 with relevant stakeholders and provide
23.15 technical assistance and training for
23.16 participating farmers and eligible grant
23.17 recipients. The base for this appropriation is
23.18 \$1,636,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
23.19 thereafter. At the commissioner's discretion,
23.20 for state administration of federal cooperative
23.21 agreements for purchasing Minnesota grown
23.22 and raised foods for schools, child care
23.23 providers, food banks, and other institutions,
23.24 the commissioner may use an amount of state
23.25 funds equal to no more than 7.5 percent of the
23.26 total federal funds awarded to the state. The
23.27 commissioner shall expend any available
23.28 federal administrative funds awarded for this
23.29 purpose before using state funds;

23.30 (6) up to \$1,750,000 the first year and up to
23.31 \$1,750,000 the second year are for grants to
23.32 facilitate the development of urban agriculture,
23.33 including projects related to youth education,
23.34 community and economic development,
23.35 value-added processing, and vocational
23.36 training;

24.1 (7) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
24.2 the second year are for the food retail
24.3 improvement and development program under
24.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.1017;

24.5 (8) up to \$200,000 the first year and up to
24.6 \$200,000 the second year are for cooperative
24.7 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
24.8 section 17.1016;

24.9 (9) \$250,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
24.10 second year are for the protecting livestock
24.11 grant program for producers to support the
24.12 installation of measures to prevent the
24.13 transmission of avian influenza. For the
24.14 appropriation in this clause, a grant applicant
24.15 must document a cost-share of 20 percent. An
24.16 applicant's cost-share amount may be reduced
24.17 up to \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs.
24.18 This is a onetime appropriation; and

24.19 (10) up to \$525,000 the first year and up to
24.20 \$525,000 the second year are to award AGRI
24.21 Works grants to institutions and organizations
24.22 to provide regional and statewide services.
24.23 Preference shall be given to legislatively
24.24 created entities and organizations that enhance
24.25 agricultural, horticultural, or rural community
24.26 and economic development, marketing, and
24.27 promotion, and research and education. A
24.28 grant award under this clause must not exceed
24.29 \$200,000. Grants made under this paragraph
24.30 are subject to the requirements in Minnesota
24.31 Statutes, sections 16B.98 and 16B.981. This
24.32 is a onetime appropriation.

24.33 ~~(h)~~ (i) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
24.34 section 16A.28, the appropriation in paragraph
24.35 ~~(e)~~ (f) does not cancel at the end of the second

25.1 year and is available until June 30, 2029.
 25.2 Appropriations encumbered under contract on
 25.3 or before June 30, 2029, for agricultural
 25.4 growth, research, and innovation grants are
 25.5 available until June 30, 2032. At the end of
 25.6 fiscal year 2027, the commissioner must
 25.7 prioritize any money resulting from canceled
 25.8 contracts to be used for AGRI Works grants
 25.9 under paragraph ~~(g)~~ (h), clause (10).

25.10 Sec. 5. Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, as amended by Laws
 25.11 2025, First Special Session chapter 11, section 12, is amended to read:

25.12	Subd. 4. Administration and Financial		11,145,000
25.13	Assistance	14,179,000	<u>9,895,000</u>

25.14 (a) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
 25.15 second year are for payments to county and
 25.16 district agricultural societies and associations
 25.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02,
 25.18 subdivision 1. Aid payments to county and
 25.19 district agricultural societies and associations
 25.20 must be disbursed no later than July 15 each
 25.21 year. These payments are the amount of aid
 25.22 from the state for an annual fair held in the
 25.23 previous calendar year.

25.24 (b) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 25.25 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
 25.26 Agricultural Education and Leadership
 25.27 Council for programs of the council under
 25.28 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41D. The base for
 25.29 this appropriation is \$250,000 in fiscal year
 25.30 2028 and each year thereafter.

25.31 (c) \$1,250,000 the first year ~~and \$1,250,000~~
 25.32 ~~the second year are~~ is to award and administer
 25.33 farm down payment assistance grants under
 25.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.133, with

26.1 priority given to eligible applicants with no
26.2 more than \$100,000 in annual gross farm
26.3 product sales and eligible applicants who are
26.4 producers of industrial hemp, cannabis, or one
26.5 or more of the following specialty crops as
26.6 defined by the United States Department of
26.7 Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop
26.8 block grant program: fruits and vegetables,
26.9 tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants,
26.10 culinary herbs and spices, horticulture crops,
26.11 floriculture crops, and nursery crops.

26.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
26.13 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
26.14 of the first year does not cancel and is
26.15 available in the second year ~~and appropriations~~
26.16 ~~encumbered under contract by June 30, 2027,~~
26.17 ~~are available~~ and any unencumbered balance
26.18 at the end of the second year does not cancel
26.19 and is available until June 30, 2029. ~~The base~~
26.20 ~~for this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal~~
26.21 ~~year 2028 and each year thereafter.~~

26.22 (d) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
26.23 the second year are for the purchase of milk
26.24 for distribution to Minnesota's food shelves
26.25 and other charitable organizations that are
26.26 eligible to receive food from the food banks.
26.27 Milk purchased with grant money must be
26.28 acquired from Minnesota milk processors and
26.29 based on low-cost bids. The milk must be
26.30 allocated to each Feeding America food bank
26.31 serving Minnesota according to the formula
26.32 used in the distribution of United States
26.33 Department of Agriculture commodities under
26.34 The Emergency Food Assistance Program.
26.35 The commissioner may enter into contracts or
26.36 agreements with food banks for shared funding

27.1 or reimbursement of the direct purchase of
27.2 milk. Each food bank that receives funding
27.3 under this paragraph may use up to two
27.4 percent for administrative expenses.
27.5 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
27.6 16A.28, any unencumbered balance the first
27.7 year does not cancel and is available the
27.8 second year.
27.9 (e) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the
27.10 second year are for a pass-through grant to
27.11 Region Five Development Commission to
27.12 provide, in collaboration with Farm Business
27.13 Management, statewide mental health
27.14 counseling support to Minnesota farm
27.15 operators, families, and employees, and
27.16 individuals who work with Minnesota farmers
27.17 in a professional capacity. Region Five
27.18 Development Commission may use up to 7.5
27.19 percent of the grant awarded under this
27.20 paragraph for administration.
27.21 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year ~~and \$1,000,000~~
27.22 ~~the second year are~~ is to expand the Emerging
27.23 Farmers Office and provide services to
27.24 beginning and emerging farmers to increase
27.25 connections between farmers and market
27.26 opportunities throughout the state. This
27.27 appropriation may be used for grants,
27.28 translation services, training programs, or
27.29 other purposes in line with the
27.30 recommendations of the emerging farmer
27.31 working group established under Minnesota
27.32 Statutes, section 17.055, subdivision 1.
27.33 (g) \$137,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
27.34 second year are to support current services.

28.1 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$337,000 the
28.2 second year are for farm advocate services.
28.3 Of these amounts, \$50,000 the first year and
28.4 \$50,000 the second year are for the
28.5 continuation of the farmland transition
28.6 programs and may be used for grants to
28.7 farmland access teams to provide technical
28.8 assistance to potential beginning farmers.
28.9 Farmland access teams must assist existing
28.10 farmers and beginning farmers with
28.11 transitioning farm ownership and farm
28.12 operation. Services provided by teams may
28.13 include but are not limited to mediation
28.14 assistance, designing contracts, financial
28.15 planning, tax preparation, estate planning, and
28.16 housing assistance.

28.17 (i) \$3,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
28.18 the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to
28.19 First District Association to acquire land for
28.20 and to design, engineer, construct, equip, and
28.21 furnish a wastewater treatment project. This
28.22 appropriation is in addition to the
28.23 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 71, article
28.24 1, section 15, subdivision 7. This appropriation
28.25 is available until the project is completed or
28.26 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
28.27 section 16A.642.

28.28 ~~(k)~~ (j) \$50,000 the first year is to be awarded
28.29 as a grant in a competitive bid process to an
28.30 entity that is not a for-profit entity to conduct
28.31 a study of market and workforce factors that
28.32 may contribute to the incorrect marking for
28.33 the installation of underground
28.34 telecommunications infrastructure that is
28.35 located within ten feet of existing underground

29.1 utilities or that crosses the existing
29.2 underground utilities. The study must include
29.3 recommendations to the legislature and be
29.4 submitted to the chairs and ranking minority
29.5 members of the legislative committees and
29.6 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
29.7 policy and finance by June 1, 2027.

29.8 ~~(j)~~ (k) \$50,000 the first year is to conduct a
29.9 study and develop recommendations for
29.10 establishing an incentive-based program to
29.11 support and encourage agricultural retailers
29.12 in promoting 4R nutrient management
29.13 practices. The 4R nutrient management
29.14 practices include: the right source of nutrients,
29.15 at the right rate and right time, in the right
29.16 place.

29.17 (1) As part of the study, the department must
29.18 evaluate strategies for leveraging cost-share
29.19 programs, including the feasibility of
29.20 coordinating with the Agricultural Water
29.21 Quality Certification Program and other efforts
29.22 related to the state's Nutrient Reduction
29.23 Strategy.

29.24 (2) The commissioner must submit a report
29.25 detailing its findings, including potential
29.26 funding sources and proposal outlines for
29.27 funding requests where appropriate. The
29.28 commissioner must submit the report to the
29.29 chairs and ranking minority members of the
29.30 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
29.31 agriculture and environment by March 15,
29.32 2026.

29.33 (l) \$1,250,000 the second year is to award and
29.34 administer farm down payment assistance
29.35 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section

30.1 17.133, with priority given to eligible
 30.2 applicants with annual gross farm product
 30.3 sales between \$1,000 and \$100,000. Of this
 30.4 appropriation, up to 50 percent may be
 30.5 awarded by lottery to priority applicants who
 30.6 possess a purchase agreement as of June 30,
 30.7 2026. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 30.8 section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance
 30.9 at the end of the second year does not cancel
 30.10 and is available until June 30, 2030. The base
 30.11 for this appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal
 30.12 year 2028 and each year thereafter.

30.13 ~~(s)~~ (m) The commissioner shall continue to
 30.14 increase connections with ethnic minority and
 30.15 immigrant farmers to farming opportunities
 30.16 and farming programs throughout the state.

30.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

30.18 **ARTICLE 2**
 30.19 **AGRICULTURE POLICY**

30.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 17.1017, subdivision 9, is amended
 30.21 to read:

30.22 Subd. 9. **Legislative report.** The commissioner, in cooperation with any economic or
 30.23 community development financial institution and any other entity with which it contracts,
 30.24 shall submit ~~an annual~~ the report on under section 41A.12, subdivision 3, that includes
 30.25 metrics of the food retail improvement and development program by January 15 of each
 30.26 year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
 30.27 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. The ~~annual~~
 30.28 report shall include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ a summary of the following metrics:

- 30.29 (1) the number and types of projects financed;
- 30.30 (2) the amount of dollars leveraged or matched per project;
- 30.31 (3) the geographic distribution of financed projects;
- 30.32 (4) the number and types of technical assistance recipients;

- 31.1 (5) the demographics of the areas served;
- 31.2 (6) the costs of the program;
- 31.3 (7) the number of SNAP dollars spent;
- 31.4 (8) any increase in retail square footage;
- 31.5 (9) the number of loans or grants to businesses owned by women and Black, Indigenous,
- 31.6 or Persons of Color; and
- 31.7 (10) measurable economic and health outcomes, including, but not limited to, increases
- 31.8 in sales and consumption of locally sourced and other fresh fruits and vegetables, the number
- 31.9 of construction and retail jobs retained or created, and any health initiatives associated with
- 31.10 the program.

31.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 17.133, subdivision 1, is amended

31.12 to read:

31.13 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have

31.14 the meanings given.

31.15 (b) "Eligible farmer" means an individual who at the time that the grant is awarded:

31.16 (1) is a resident of Minnesota who intends to acquire farmland located within the state

31.17 and provide the majority of the day-to-day physical labor and management of the farm;

31.18 (2) grosses no more than \$250,000 per year from the sale of farm products;

31.19 (3) has earned at least \$1,000 in farm income or has evidence of farming experience;

31.20 (4) has a net worth that does not exceed the limit under section 41B.03, subdivision 3,

31.21 paragraph (a), clause (2);

31.22 ~~(3)~~ (5) has not, and whose spouse has not, at any time had a direct or indirect ownership

31.23 interest in farmland; and

31.24 ~~(4)~~ (6) is not, and whose spouse is not, a family member of the owner of the farmland

31.25 that the individual intends to acquire. "Family member" has the meaning given in section

31.26 267(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

31.27 (c) "Evidence of farming experience" means that an individual has:

31.28 (1) completed an approved farm business management program;

31.29 (2) a four-year degree in an agriculture-related field; or

31.30 (3) at least three years of experience managing a comparable farm.

32.1 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Farm down payment" means an initial, partial payment required by a lender or
32.2 seller to purchase farmland.

32.3 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Incubator farm" means a farm where:

32.4 (1) individuals are given temporary, exclusive, and affordable access to small parcels
32.5 of land, infrastructure, and often training, for the purpose of honing skills and launching a
32.6 farm business; and

32.7 (2) a majority of the individuals farming the small parcels of land grow industrial hemp,
32.8 cannabis, or one or more of the following specialty crops as defined by the United States
32.9 Department of Agriculture for purposes of the specialty crop block grant program: fruits
32.10 and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, medicinal plants, culinary herbs and spices, horticulture
32.11 crops, floriculture crops, and nursery crops.

32.12 ~~(e)~~ (f) "Limited land access" means farming without ownership of land and:

32.13 (1) the individual or the individual's child rents or leases the land, with the term of each
32.14 rental or lease agreement not exceeding three years in duration, from a person who is not
32.15 related to the individual or the individual's spouse by blood or marriage; or

32.16 (2) the individual rents the land from an incubator farm.

32.17 ~~(f)~~ (g) "Limited market access" means the individual has gross sales of no more than
32.18 \$100,000 per year from the sale of farm products.

32.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

32.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 17.133, subdivision 2, is amended
32.21 to read:

32.22 Subd. 2. **Grants.** The commissioner may award farm down payment assistance grants
32.23 of up to 30 percent of the purchase price of a farm, with a maximum grant of \$20,000 per
32.24 eligible farmer. Each award must be matched with at least \$8,000 of other funding. Grants
32.25 under this subdivision may be awarded by a randomized selection process after applications
32.26 are collected over a period of no less than 30 calendar days. An eligible farmer must commit
32.27 to own and farm the land purchased with assistance provided under this section for at least
32.28 five years. For the first five years, each recipient must verify gross farm income of at least
32.29 \$1,000 or demonstrate investment of at least \$1,000 in farm business infrastructure,
32.30 equipment, perennial crops, or livestock. For each year that a grant recipient does not own
32.31 and farm the land during the five-year period, the grant recipient must pay a penalty to the
32.32 commissioner equal to 20 percent of the grant amount.

33.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

33.2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.458, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

33.3 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Agroforestry" means the intentional integration of trees and
33.4 shrubs into crop and animal farming systems to create a more sustainable, diverse, and
33.5 productive land-use system. Agroforestry includes the cultivation of short-rotation woody
33.6 crops using agricultural practices to produce timber or forest products.

33.7 Sec. 5. **[18B.117] SALE OR USE OF PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE.**

33.8 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited sale.** Beginning January 1, 2028, a person may not sell, offer
33.9 for sale, or distribute a pesticide containing paraquat dichloride, unless the commissioner
33.10 has authorized emergency registration under subdivision 4.

33.11 Subd. 2. **Prohibited use.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2029, a person may not use a pesticide
33.12 containing paraquat dichloride, unless the commissioner has authorized emergency
33.13 registration under subdivision 4v, unless the commissioner determines that paragraph (b)
33.14 applies.

33.15 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if the commissioner, by written order, determines that:

33.16 (1) a valid environmental emergency exists;

33.17 (2) paraquat would effectively address the environmental emergency; and

33.18 (3) no less harmful pesticide would be effective in addressing the environmental
33.19 emergency.

33.20 (c) An order must include the basis for the commissioner's determination and specify
33.21 the approved time period, the geographic area where paraquat may be used, and the purpose
33.22 of the permitted use of paraquat.

33.23 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, "environmental emergency" means a significant:

33.24 (1) pest outbreak;

33.25 (2) risk to public health;

33.26 (3) risk of adverse effects on the environment; or

33.27 (4) risk of economic loss.

33.28 Subd. 3. **Collection and disposal.** The commissioner must collect and dispose of
33.29 pesticides prohibited for sale and use in this section pursuant to section 18B.065.

34.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.01, is amended to read:

34.2 **18J.01 DEFINITIONS.**

34.3 (a) The definitions in this section; chapters 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, and 232; and
34.4 sections ~~18G.02, 18H.02, 18K.02, 27.01, 223.16, 231.01, and 232.21~~ 21.111 to 21.125 and
34.5 21.80 to 21.92 apply to this chapter.

34.6 (b) For purposes of this chapter, "associated rules" means rules adopted under this
34.7 chapter, chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232, or sections 21.111 to 21.125 and
34.8 21.80 to 21.92.

34.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.02, is amended to read:

34.10 **18J.02 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.**

34.11 The commissioner shall administer and enforce this chapter, chapters 18G, 18H, 18K,
34.12 27, 223, 231, and 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125, and 21.80 to 21.92; and associated rules.

34.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.03, is amended to read:

34.14 **18J.03 CIVIL LIABILITY.**

34.15 A person regulated by this chapter, chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232, or
34.16 sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92, is civilly liable for any violation of one of those
34.17 statutes or associated rules by the person's employee or agent.

34.18 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

34.19 Subdivision 1. **Access and entry.** The commissioner, upon presentation of official
34.20 department credentials, must be granted immediate access at reasonable times to sites where
34.21 a person manufactures, distributes, uses, handles, disposes of, stores, or transports seeds,
34.22 plants, grain, household goods, general merchandise, produce, or other living or nonliving
34.23 products or other objects regulated under chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232;
34.24 sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules.

34.25 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

34.26 Subd. 2. **Purpose of entry.** (a) The commissioner may enter sites for:

34.27 (1) inspection of inventory and equipment for the manufacture, storage, handling,
34.28 distribution, disposal, or any other process regulated under chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223,
34.29 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules;

35.1 (2) sampling of sites, seeds, plants, products, grain, household goods, general
35.2 merchandise, produce, or other living or nonliving objects that are manufactured, stored,
35.3 distributed, handled, or disposed of at those sites and regulated under chapter 18G, 18H,
35.4 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules;

35.5 (3) inspection of records related to the manufacture, distribution, storage, handling, or
35.6 disposal of seeds, plants, products, grain, household goods, general merchandise, produce,
35.7 or other living or nonliving objects regulated under chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231,
35.8 or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules;

35.9 (4) investigating compliance with chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections
35.10 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules; or

35.11 (5) other purposes necessary to implement chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232;
35.12 sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules.

35.13 (b) The commissioner may enter any public or private premises during or after regular
35.14 business hours without notice of inspection when a suspected violation of chapter 18G,
35.15 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated
35.16 rules may threaten public health or the environment.

35.17 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

35.18 Subd. 3. **Notice of inspection samples and analyses.** (a) The commissioner shall provide
35.19 the owner, operator, or agent in charge with a receipt describing any samples obtained. If
35.20 requested, the commissioner shall split any samples obtained and provide them to the owner,
35.21 operator, or agent in charge. If an analysis is made of the samples, a copy of the results of
35.22 the analysis must be furnished to the owner, operator, or agent in charge within 30 days
35.23 after an analysis has been performed. If an analysis is not performed, the commissioner
35.24 must notify the owner, operator, or agent in charge within 30 days of the decision not to
35.25 perform the analysis.

35.26 (b) The sampling and analysis must be done according to methods provided for under
35.27 applicable provisions of chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to
35.28 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules. In cases not covered by those sections and
35.29 methods or in cases where methods are available in which improved applicability has been
35.30 demonstrated the commissioner may adopt appropriate methods from other sources.

36.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

36.2 Subd. 4. **Inspection requests by others.** (a) A person who believes that a violation of
36.3 chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92;
36.4 or associated rules has occurred may request an inspection by giving notice to the
36.5 commissioner of the violation. The notice must be in writing, state with reasonable
36.6 particularity the grounds for the notice, and be signed by the person making the request.

36.7 (b) If after receiving a notice of violation the commissioner reasonably believes that a
36.8 violation has occurred, the commissioner shall make a special inspection in accordance with
36.9 the provisions of this section as soon as practicable, to determine if a violation has occurred.

36.10 (c) An inspection conducted pursuant to a notice under this subdivision may cover an
36.11 entire site and is not limited to the portion of the site specified in the notice. If the
36.12 commissioner determines that reasonable grounds to believe that a violation occurred do
36.13 not exist, the commissioner must notify the person making the request in writing of the
36.14 determination.

36.15 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

36.16 Subdivision 1. **Enforcement required.** (a) A violation of chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27,
36.17 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or an associated rule is a
36.18 violation of this chapter.

36.19 (b) Upon the request of the commissioner, county attorneys, sheriffs, and other officers
36.20 having authority in the enforcement of the general criminal laws must take action to the
36.21 extent of their authority necessary or proper for the enforcement of chapter 18G, 18H, 18K,
36.22 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules or
36.23 valid orders, standards, stipulations, and agreements of the commissioner.

36.24 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

36.25 Subd. 2. **Commissioner's discretion.** If minor violations of chapter 18G, 18H, 18K,
36.26 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules occur
36.27 or the commissioner believes the public interest will be best served by a suitable notice of
36.28 warning in writing, this section does not require the commissioner to:

36.29 (1) report the violation for prosecution;

36.30 (2) institute seizure proceedings; or

36.31 (3) issue a withdrawal from distribution, stop-sale, or other order.

37.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.05, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

37.2 Subd. 6. **Agent for service of process.** All persons licensed, permitted, registered, or
37.3 certified under chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or
37.4 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules must appoint the commissioner as the agent upon whom
37.5 all legal process may be served and service upon the commissioner is deemed to be service
37.6 on the licensee, permittee, registrant, or certified person.

37.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.06, is amended to read:

37.8 **18J.06 FALSE STATEMENT OR RECORD.**

37.9 A person must not knowingly make or offer a false statement, record, or other information
37.10 as part of:

37.11 (1) an application for registration, license, certification, or permit under chapter 18G,
37.12 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated
37.13 rules;

37.14 (2) records or reports required under chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232;
37.15 sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules; or

37.16 (3) an investigation of a violation of chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232;
37.17 sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules.

37.18 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

37.19 Subd. 3. **Cancellation of registration, permit, license, certification.** The commissioner
37.20 may cancel or revoke a registration, permit, license, or certification provided for under
37.21 chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92;
37.22 or associated rules or refuse to register, permit, license, or certify under provisions of chapter
37.23 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or
37.24 associated rules if the registrant, permittee, licensee, or certified person has used fraudulent
37.25 or deceptive practices in the evasion or attempted evasion of a provision of chapter 18G,
37.26 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated
37.27 rules.

37.28 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

37.29 Subd. 4. **Service of order or notice.** (a) If a person is not available for service of an
37.30 order, the commissioner may attach the order to the facility, site, seed or seed container,
37.31 plant or other living or nonliving object regulated under chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223,

38.1 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules and notify the
38.2 owner, custodian, other responsible party, or registrant.

38.3 (b) The seed, seed container, plant, or other living or nonliving object regulated under
38.4 chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232; sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92;
38.5 or associated rules may not be sold, used, tampered with, or removed until released under
38.6 conditions specified by the commissioner, by an administrative law judge, or by a court.

38.7 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.07, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

38.8 Subd. 5. **Unsatisfied judgments.** (a) An applicant for a license, permit, registration, or
38.9 certification under provisions of this chapter, chapter 18G, 18H, 18K, 27, 223, 231, or 232;
38.10 sections 21.111 to 21.125 or 21.80 to 21.92; or associated rules may not allow a final
38.11 judgment against the applicant for damages arising from a violation of those statutes or
38.12 rules to remain unsatisfied for a period of more than 30 days.

38.13 (b) Failure to satisfy, within 30 days, a final judgment resulting from a violation of this
38.14 chapter results in automatic suspension of the license, permit, registration, or certification.

38.15 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18J.09, is amended to read:

38.16 **18J.09 CREDITING OF PENALTIES, FEES, AND COSTS.**

38.17 Penalties, cost reimbursements, fees, and other money collected under this chapter must
38.18 be deposited into the state treasury and credited to the appropriate nursery and phytosanitary
38.19 account under section 18H.17, industrial hemp account under section 18K.07, ~~or~~ seed potato
38.20 inspection account under section 21.115, seed inspection account under section 21.92, or
38.21 grain buyers and storage account under sections 223.17 and 232.22.

38.22 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18K.02, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

38.23 Subd. 5. **Processing.** "Processing" means rendering by refinement hemp plants or hemp
38.24 plant parts from their natural or original state after harvest. Processing includes but is not
38.25 limited to decortication, devitalization, chopping, crushing, extraction of plant substances
38.26 other than cannabinoids, and packaging pressing. Processing does not include typical farm
38.27 operations such as sorting, grading, baling, and harvesting. Processing does not include
38.28 extraction of cannabinoids or the production of artificially derived cannabinoids as defined
38.29 in section 342.01, subdivision 6.

39.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18K.02, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

39.2 Subd. 6. **Processing location.** "Processing location" means any area, building, plant, or
39.3 facility registered with and approved by the commissioner in which a licensee converts raw
39.4 industrial hemp into a marketable product.

39.5 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18K.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

39.6 Subdivision 1. **Requirement; issuance; presumption.** (a) A person must obtain a license
39.7 from the commissioner before (1) growing industrial hemp, (2) processing industrial hemp,
39.8 or (3) researching industrial hemp.

39.9 (b) To obtain a license under paragraph (a), a person must apply to the commissioner
39.10 in the form prescribed by the commissioner and must pay the annual registration and
39.11 inspection fee established by the commissioner in accordance with section 16A.1285,
39.12 subdivision 2.

39.13 (c) For a license to grow or process industrial hemp, the license application must include
39.14 the name and address of the applicant and the legal description of the land area or areas
39.15 where industrial hemp will be grown or processed by the applicant and any other information
39.16 required under Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, part 990.

39.17 ~~(d) For a license to process industrial hemp, the license application must include the~~
39.18 ~~name and address of the applicant, the legal description of the processing location, and any~~
39.19 ~~other information required by the commissioner.~~

39.20 ~~(e)~~ (d) A licensee is responsible for compliance with the license requirements irrespective
39.21 of the acts or omissions of an authorized representative acting on behalf of the licensee.

39.22 ~~(f)~~ (e) When an applicant has paid the fee and completed the application process to the
39.23 satisfaction of the commissioner, the commissioner must issue a license which is valid until
39.24 December 31 of the year of application.

39.25 ~~(g)~~ (f) A person licensed under paragraph (a) to grow industrial hemp is presumed to be
39.26 growing industrial hemp for commercial or research purposes.

39.27 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.111, is amended to read:

39.28 **21.111 DEFINITIONS.**

39.29 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** When used in sections 21.111 to ~~21.122~~ 21.125 the terms defined
39.30 in this section shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

40.1 ~~Subd. 2. **Inspected.** "Inspected" means that the potato plants are examined in the field~~
 40.2 ~~and that the harvested potatoes produced by the potato plants are examined by or under the~~
 40.3 ~~authority of the commissioner. For seed potatoes produced in a lab, inspected means that~~
 40.4 ~~the lab's records, including records related to the lab's procedures and protocols, as well as~~
 40.5 ~~the seed potatoes, have been examined under the authority of the commissioner.~~

40.6 Subd. 3. **Certified.** "Certified" means that the potatoes ~~were~~ have been inspected while
 40.7 growing in the field and, when possible, again after being harvested, and ~~were thereafter~~
 40.8 duly certified by or under the authority of the commissioner, as provided the potatoes meet
 40.9 the requirements in sections 21.111 to 21.122, and as provided by rules adopted and published
 40.10 by the commissioner 21.125. For seed potatoes produced in a lab an indoor facility or
 40.11 greenhouse, certified means that:

40.12 ~~(1) the seed potato lab facilities, and the lab's procedures, and protocols have been~~
 40.13 ~~examined under the authority of the commissioner; and.~~

40.14 ~~(2) the seed potatoes have been inspected after they have been harvested, removed, or~~
 40.15 ~~released from the lab, and were duly certified by or under the authority of the commissioner,~~
 40.16 ~~as provided in sections 21.111 to 21.122.~~

40.17 Subd. 3a. **Interstate cooperation.** ~~In order to best use state resources, the commissioner~~
 40.18 ~~may enter into agreements with other seed potato certification entities to carry out the~~
 40.19 ~~purposes of sections 21.111 to 21.122. Any agreement may provide for field inspections,~~
 40.20 ~~shipping point inspections, winter tests, and other certification functions to be carried out~~
 40.21 ~~by personnel employed by either entity according to methods determined by the certification~~
 40.22 ~~entities of the respective areas. The commissioner may extend seed potato certification~~
 40.23 ~~services to states where growers wish to grow certified seed potatoes and the state does not~~
 40.24 ~~have a seed potato certification program. Any agreement must be reported to the chairs of~~
 40.25 ~~the legislative committees responsible for the budget or policy of the seed potato inspection~~
 40.26 ~~program and to the commissioner of management and budget.~~

40.27 Subd. 3b. **Certified seed potatoes.** "Certified seed potatoes" means potatoes that have
 40.28 been produced, graded, sacked or placed in bulk, inspected, and certified in accordance with
 40.29 this chapter.

40.30 Subd. 3c. **Class.** "Class" means the seed quality level related to compliance with
 40.31 tolerances for diseases and varietal purity.

40.32 Subd. 3d. **Clone.** "Clone" means a unit of seed potatoes that is the progeny of one plant,
 40.33 which has been tested to become eligible to produce Generation 1 class seed potatoes.

41.1 Subd. 3e. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture or
41.2 the commissioner's designee.

41.3 Subd. 3f. **Crop.** "Crop" means all lots produced on a farm in one year.

41.4 Subd. 3g. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Agriculture.

41.5 Subd. 3h. **Explant.** "Explant" means an in vitro potato plant or a plantlet that is produced
41.6 by rooting an excised tip of a tuber sprout or an axillary bud from a growing plant and that
41.7 serves as a parent for a whole clone or accession of micropropagated plants or plantlets.

41.8 Subd. 3i. **Farm.** "Farm" means a potato-growing enterprise. Farm includes all land,
41.9 equipment, storage facilities, and laborers used to produce potatoes.

41.10 Subd. 3j. **Field.** "Field" means a plot of land on a farm where potatoes are grown.

41.11 Subd. 3k. **Inspected.** (a) For plants growing in a field, "inspected" means that the
41.12 commissioner has examined the plants in the field where the plants are grown and has
41.13 visually assessed the plants for disease and factors impacting quality.

41.14 (b) For harvested potatoes, inspected means that the commissioner has observed the
41.15 tubers and, when requested, the commissioner has evaluated the tubers for quality and
41.16 conditions described in section 21.125.

41.17 (c) For seed potatoes produced in a facility or greenhouse, inspected means that the
41.18 commissioner has examined the seed potatoes and the facility's records, including records
41.19 related to the facility's procedures and protocols.

41.20 Subd. 3l. **Lot.** "Lot" means a group of seed potatoes of one variety, planted in one
41.21 continuous plot, grown on the same farm, and physically separated from other lots while
41.22 being grown and stored.

41.23 Subd. 3m. **Material in maintenance.** "Material in maintenance" means propagative
41.24 material, plantlets, or tubers that are maintained, not multiplied, under controlled laboratory
41.25 conditions.

41.26 Subd. 3n. **Roguing.** "Roguing" is the process of removing infected plants from a field
41.27 of certified seed potatoes.

41.28 Subd. 3o. **Stand.** "Stand" is the live plant population in a certified seed potato lot.

41.29 Subd. 5. **Seed potatoes.** "Seed potatoes" means potatoes used, sold, offered or exposed
41.30 for sale, or held with intent to sell or as a sample representing any lot or stock of potatoes
41.31 offered or exposed for sale or held with intent to sell within this state, for the purpose of
41.32 planting.

42.1 Subd. 6. **Person.** "Person" includes an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a company,
42.2 a society, an association, and firms a firm.

42.3 Subd. 7. **Physically separated.** "Physically separated" means separated by at least the
42.4 width of one row and markings such as flags at every corner of the lot.

42.5 Subd. 8. **Rejected.** "Rejected" means that a field or lot fails to meet the certification
42.6 standards in this chapter.

42.7 Subd. 9. **Tuber units.** "Tuber units" means the separate pieces of one tuber that are
42.8 planted consecutively in two or more hills in a row.

42.9 Subd. 10. **Winter testing.** "Winter testing" means growing out and visually inspecting
42.10 a representative sample of tubers from each seed lot for stand, vigor, varietal purity, and
42.11 disease.

42.12 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.112, is amended by adding a subdivision to
42.13 read:

42.14 Subd. 1a. **Interstate cooperation.** In order to best use state resources, the commissioner
42.15 may enter into agreements with other seed potato certification entities to carry out the
42.16 purposes of sections 21.111 to 21.125. An agreement under this subdivision may provide
42.17 for field inspections, shipping point inspections, winter testing, and other certification
42.18 functions to be carried out by personnel employed by either the commissioner or other seed
42.19 potato certification entities according to methods determined by the seed potato certification
42.20 entities. The commissioner may extend seed potato certification services to a state where
42.21 growers wish to grow certified seed potatoes and where the state does not have a seed potato
42.22 certification program. Any agreement under this subdivision must be reported to the chairs
42.23 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees responsible for the budget or
42.24 policy of the seed potato inspection program and to the commissioner of management and
42.25 budget.

42.26 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.113, is amended to read:

42.27 **21.113 SHIPPING POINT CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION; CERTIFICATES**
42.28 **OF ORIGIN; AND BULK CERTIFICATES.**

42.29 Subdivision 1. **Shipping point inspections.** (a) The commissioner shall issue shipping
42.30 point certificates of inspection only when seed potatoes have been inspected while growing
42.31 in the field and again after being harvested.

43.1 ~~(b) For seed potatoes produced in a lab, the commissioner shall issue certificates of~~
 43.2 ~~inspection only after:~~

43.3 ~~(1) the seed potato lab facility and the lab's records have been inspected; and~~

43.4 ~~(2) the seed potatoes have been inspected after they have been harvested, removed, or~~
 43.5 ~~released from the lab.~~

43.6 ~~(e)~~ (b) Certificates of inspection under this section shall show the varietal purity and the
 43.7 freedom from disease and physical injury of such potatoes and any other information as
 43.8 may be prescribed by ~~rules adopted and published under~~ sections 21.111 to ~~21.122~~ 21.125.

43.9 Subd. 2. Other certificates. (a) The use of a certificate of origin requires the approval
 43.10 of the seller and the purchaser and must only be used for intrastate shipments between
 43.11 certified seed potato producers. The certificate of origin must contain information considered
 43.12 necessary by the commissioner and must at a minimum identify the producer, receiver,
 43.13 variety, classification, quantity, date of shipment, and lot of the seed potatoes. The limitation
 43.14 of warranty as described in paragraph (c) must not include any representation of the condition
 43.15 of the potatoes at the time of shipment. A certificate of origin must only be used for intrastate
 43.16 shipment if a shipping point inspection is not available. Use of a certificate of origin must
 43.17 be approved by the commissioner prior to shipment.

43.18 (b) A bulk certificate must include the date of issuance, class, grade, lot number, and
 43.19 approximate weight of the load.

43.20 (c) A certification does not represent a warranty of any kind, express or implied, including
 43.21 merchantability, as to the quality of the crop produced from the certified seed potatoes. A
 43.22 certification must only represent that the seed potatoes were produced, graded, sacked or
 43.23 placed in bulk, and inspected in accordance with this chapter. A certification under this
 43.24 subdivision must not include any representation of the condition of the potatoes at the time
 43.25 of shipment.

43.26 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.115, is amended to read:

43.27 **21.115 FEES; SEED POTATO INSPECTION ACCOUNT.**

43.28 The commissioner shall fix the fees for all inspections and certifications in such amounts
 43.29 as from time to time may be found necessary to pay the expenses of carrying out and
 43.30 enforcing the purposes of sections 21.111 to ~~21.122~~ 21.125, with a reasonable reserve, and
 43.31 shall require the same to be paid before such inspections or certifications are made. All
 43.32 moneys collected as fees or as penalties for violations of any of the provisions of such
 43.33 sections shall be paid into the agricultural fund and credited to the seed potato inspection

44.1 account of the commissioner, which account is hereby created and appropriated for carrying
44.2 out the purposes of sections 21.111 to ~~21.122~~ 21.125. Interest, if any, received on deposits
44.3 of these moneys shall be credited to the account, and there shall be paid into this fund any
44.4 sum provided by the legislature for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of such
44.5 sections.

44.6 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.117, is amended to read:

44.7 **21.117 APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTIONS; WITHDRAWALS;**
44.8 **AMENDMENTS.**

44.9 (a) Any person may make application to the commissioner for inspection or certification
44.10 of seed potatoes growing or to be grown. Upon receiving such application and the required
44.11 fee and such other information as may be required, the commissioner shall cause such
44.12 potatoes to be inspected or certified in accordance with the provisions of sections 21.111
44.13 to ~~21.122~~ and the rules adopted and published thereunder 21.125.

44.14 (b) If a grower wishes to withdraw ~~a field or lab~~ an application after having made a
44.15 timely application for inspection and such withdrawal is requested before the field or ~~lab~~
44.16 facility inspection has been made, the fee paid shall be refunded to said grower. A grower
44.17 must submit a withdrawal request in writing and include a reason for withdrawal. A grower
44.18 must remove withdrawn acres from production before the first field inspection.

44.19 (c) If a grower wishes to amend an application after submitting a timely application for
44.20 inspection, the grower must submit the request in writing, including a reason for the
44.21 amendment.

44.22 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.119, is amended to read:

44.23 **21.119 USE OF CERTAIN TERMS FORBIDDEN; EXCEPTIONS.**

44.24 It shall be unlawful to use or employ the term "certified" or the term "inspected," or any
44.25 term or terms conveying a meaning substantially equivalent to the meaning of either of
44.26 these terms, either orally or in writing, printing, marking, or otherwise in reference to or in
44.27 connection with, or in advertising or characterizing or labeling seed potatoes or the containers
44.28 thereof, unless such potatoes shall have been duly inspected and certified pursuant to the
44.29 provisions of sections 21.111 to ~~21.122~~ 21.125.

45.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.1195, is amended to read:

45.2 **21.1195 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PLANTING.**

45.3 (a) Seed potatoes may not be planted in the state in lots of totaling ten or more acres
45.4 unless the seed meets the minimum disease standards prescribed by the commissioner. Seed
45.5 potatoes may meet the standards by being certified in accordance with this chapter and rules
45.6 adopted by the commissioner, or under the certification program of another state or province
45.7 which, in the judgment of the commissioner, provides equivalent assurances of seed potato
45.8 quality. Seed potatoes may be planted without certification if they have had at least field
45.9 inspection as required for certified seed potatoes, have passed the field inspection standards
45.10 of disease tolerance, and are free from ring rot. ~~A person that plants seed potatoes in violation~~
45.11 ~~of this section is subject to a civil penalty of \$20 per acre for each acre or part of an acre~~
45.12 ~~planted in violation of this section.~~ Failure to maintain complete and accurate records in
45.13 accordance with this section ~~or rules adopted by the commissioner is an additional violation~~
45.14 ~~resulting in a separate civil penalty of \$200 for each failure~~ is a violation and subject to
45.15 enforcement under chapter 18J.

45.16 (b) If there is not available to be planted in this state, in any year, a sufficient volume
45.17 of potato seed meeting certified seed potato disease standards, in any or all varieties, the
45.18 commissioner may, upon application by one or more growers, permit seed that does not
45.19 comply with this section to be planted for that growing season if the seed does not pose a
45.20 serious disease threat.

45.21 (c) Each grower shall keep records of each lot of seed potatoes planted. For each growing
45.22 season, the records must include, by field, the variety, planting location, number of acres
45.23 planted, and source of the seed potatoes. Each grower shall register fields and file records
45.24 as prescribed by the commissioner. All records must be made available for inspection by
45.25 the commissioner or the commissioner's agents during normal business hours.

45.26 (d) In addition to the enforcement powers and penalties in this section, the commissioner
45.27 may issue a subpoena to a grower in order to compel delivery of records which are required
45.28 under this section. These subpoenas are enforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction.

45.29 Sec. 31. **[21.123] SEED POTATO CERTIFICATION.**

45.30 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** In order to produce certified seed potatoes, a grower must
45.31 comply with the following requirements:

45.32 (1) a grower must ensure that potatoes meet the tolerances prescribed by this chapter
45.33 and the potatoes have been inspected by the commissioner while growing in a field;

46.1 (2) a grower must ensure that all potatoes planted on the grower's farm have been entered
46.2 for certification by the commissioner;

46.3 (3) a grower must ensure that each lot is grown while physically separated from other
46.4 lots. Markers must be visible to a person from any position in the field;

46.5 (4) a grower must submit an application for certification before June 16 each year on
46.6 forms provided by the commissioner. The commissioner must charge a ten percent late
46.7 registration fee to a grower who submitted an application postmarked after June 15 and
46.8 before July 1. The commissioner may extend the deadline due to special circumstances,
46.9 such as a natural disaster, that make it impractical or impossible for planting to be completed
46.10 by the deadline and that affect an area or large number of growers. A grower must make a
46.11 request for an extension in writing before June 16;

46.12 (5) an application for certification must include a North American Health Certificate
46.13 and a shipping point certificate, bulk seed certificate, or certificate of origin. The
46.14 commissioner may accept an incomplete application for certification;

46.15 (6) an application for certification must demonstrate that the seed potatoes being entered
46.16 for certification originated from a class system in Minnesota or another state or province
46.17 under the supervision of another certifying agency; and

46.18 (7) a grower must comply with sections 21.111 to 21.125. A grower's violation of sections
46.19 21.111 to 21.125 is cause for the commissioner to reject the grower's field or lot. A grower
46.20 must not sell or label potatoes as certified seed potatoes when the potatoes were grown in
46.21 a rejected field or lot.

46.22 Subd. 2. **Certification process.** (a) As part of the certification process, the commissioner
46.23 must visually inspect sample plants from each field and lot belonging to the grower, except
46.24 that the commissioner is not required to visually inspect sample plants and tubers when
46.25 certifying prenuclear class potatoes.

46.26 (b) For seed potato varieties that do not exhibit visible symptoms of a specific pathogen,
46.27 the commissioner must subject the seed potatoes to laboratory tests to determine the level
46.28 of a pathogen in a seed lot. Testing under this paragraph may occur during the growing
46.29 season, the storage season, or winter testing.

46.30 (c) The commissioner may not accept an application for certification from a grower in
46.31 a community or county without sufficient acreage for total inspection fee charges to cover
46.32 the cost of wages and expenses of the commissioner to complete an inspection. The

47.1 commissioner may make a determination of sufficient acreage under this paragraph before
47.2 conducting an inspection as part of the certification process.

47.3 (d) The commissioner must not inspect a field for certification unless both the planted
47.4 seed potato variety and the particular planted lot have been authorized by the commissioner.
47.5 When considering the authorization of a particular seed potato variety for planting as certified
47.6 seed potatoes, the commissioner must consider scientific evidence and the expert opinions
47.7 of inspectors.

47.8 (e) The following classes of seed potatoes are eligible for planting as certified seed
47.9 potatoes: Prenuclear (PN), Generation 1 (G1), Generation 2 (G2), Generation 3 (G3),
47.10 Generation 4 (G4), Generation 5 (G5), and experimental class seed potatoes. The
47.11 commissioner may authorize the planting of Certified (C) class or Generation 6 (G6) class
47.12 seed potatoes if the commissioner determines that the seeds do not pose a serious threat of
47.13 disease to the public.

47.14 Subd. 3. **Bacterial ring rot or potato spindle tuber viroid.** If the commissioner finds
47.15 the presence of bacterial ring rot or potato spindle tuber viroid in a field or lot, the
47.16 commissioner must reject the entire field or lot. If the commissioner discovers a single plant
47.17 in a field or a tuber in storage that is infected with bacterial ring rot or potato spindle tuber
47.18 viroid, the commissioner must reject the entire field or lot where the plant was grown. If
47.19 the commissioner has not found bacterial ring rot or potato spindle tuber viroid in a field
47.20 or lot, the field or lot is not necessarily free from either disease.

47.21 Subd. 4. **Winter testing.** (a) In order to detect certain virus diseases, the commissioner
47.22 must conduct winter testing of a sample from each class seeking eligibility for recertification,
47.23 except PN and experimental classes. The commissioner must grow out and visually inspect
47.24 a representative sample of tubers from each seed lot for stand, vigor, varietal purity, and
47.25 disease. If, during a visual inspection, a plant shows signs of potato virus Y or potato leafroll
47.26 virus, or if the plant is of a variety that does not express visual symptoms of infection, the
47.27 commissioner must ensure that a sample of the plant is lab tested for potato virus Y and
47.28 potato leafroll virus. The commissioner must determine whether a field or lot contains the
47.29 threshold amount of disease permitted under section 21.124, subdivision 9. The commissioner
47.30 must include any lot that passes winter testing in the approved list of certified seed lots
47.31 eligible for recertification.

47.32 (b) If the commissioner determines that a winter test of a lot or field has a serious
47.33 malfunction, the commissioner must base classification of the lot or field on summer field
47.34 readings from the previous year or lab testing.

48.1 (c) Instead of winter testing a sample, the commissioner may accept comprehensive lab
48.2 testing if the commissioner determines that special circumstances exist, such as a natural
48.3 disaster, that would make submission of samples for inclusion in winter testing impractical
48.4 or impossible.

48.5 (d) The commissioner must reject a field or lot if the commissioner determines that a
48.6 large number of plants are missing from the field or lot due to disease.

48.7 (e) The commissioner must reject a field or lot if the commissioner determines that the
48.8 field or lot contains a large number of weak plants.

48.9 (f) The commissioner may reject a field or lot if the field or lot contains a large number
48.10 of plants that have a mixture of variety.

48.11 Subd. 5. **Seed potato certification classes.** Seed potato certification classes must be
48.12 differentiated by the potatoes' compliance with disease tolerances, varietal purity, and seed
48.13 origin. Seed potato certification classes are: Prenuclear (PN), Generation 1 (G1), Generation
48.14 2 (G2), Generation 3 (G3), Generation 4 (G4), Generation 5 (G5), Generation 6 (G6), and
48.15 Certified (C).

48.16 Subd. 6. **Experimental status.** (a) Lots from a breeder's seed that have not been tested
48.17 and have not been determined to be virus-free are considered experimental. The commissioner
48.18 must designate seedlings or numbered selections in experimental status as a class and
48.19 determine requirements of that class.

48.20 (b) To obtain experimental status under this subdivision, an applicant must submit a
48.21 written statement from the seedlings' or numbered selections' breeder, originator, or
48.22 originator's designee verifying that the applicant has full and unrestricted rights to introduce
48.23 the seedlings or numbered selections into the commercial market and that the applicant may
48.24 apply to enter the seedlings or numbered selections into the certification system. The written
48.25 statement must accompany the certification application submitted by the applicant.

48.26 (c) After reviewing the applicant's written statement and certification application, the
48.27 commissioner may designate seedlings or numbered selections described in the application
48.28 as having experimental status.

48.29 (d) After an applicant is notified by the commissioner that the seedlings or numbered
48.30 selections have experimental status, the applicant must ensure that the seedlings or numbered
48.31 selections are tagged with the word "EXPERIMENTAL."

48.32 Subd. 7. **Protected varieties.** If an applicant seeks to enter a seed potato variety protected
48.33 under the Plant Variety Protection Act Amendments of 1994 into the certification system,

49.1 the applicant must submit a written statement from the breeder, originator, or originator's
49.2 designee that the applicant has full and unrestricted rights to introduce the protected variety
49.3 into the certification system. The applicant must ensure that the written statement
49.4 accompanies the certification application for any protected seed potato variety.

49.5 Subd. 8. **Certification factors; field inspection.** (a) The commissioner must consider
49.6 the following factors when conducting a field inspection pursuant to a certification
49.7 application:

49.8 (1) the commissioner must reject a field or lot if a large number of plants are missing
49.9 due to disease;

49.10 (2) the commissioner must reject a field or lot if the field or lot contains a large number
49.11 of weak plants;

49.12 (3) the commissioner must inspect a field or lot for bacterial ring rot. The commissioner
49.13 must reject a field or lot if the commissioner finds the presence of bacterial ring rot. If
49.14 bacterial ring rot is present in a field or lot, the remaining crop is not eligible for certification
49.15 planting;

49.16 (4) the commissioner must reject a field or lot if the field or lot contains potatoes with
49.17 a level of disease higher than the acceptable tolerance for the disease for the potatoes' seed
49.18 potato certification class according to section 21.124, subdivision 9;

49.19 (5) the commissioner must reject a field or lot if the field or lot contains a percentage
49.20 of diseased plants that exceeds the acceptable percentage of disease listed in section 21.124
49.21 for the seed potato certification class;

49.22 (6) the commissioner must reject a field or lot if any of the following are present in the
49.23 field or lot to such an extent that the commissioner is unable to complete a satisfactory
49.24 inspection for diseases: early or late blight, blackleg or wilt of any kind, weeds, plant injury
49.25 from insects, or chemical damage; and

49.26 (7) the commissioner must reject a field or lot if any other conditions are present to such
49.27 an extent that the commissioner is unable to make a satisfactory inspection for diseases.

49.28 (b) The commissioner must determine that a field is ineligible for certification if cull
49.29 piles are in such close vicinity to the field that it is likely that the field is contaminated.

49.30 (c) The commissioner must make at least two field inspections of a field during the
49.31 growing season. The commissioner must conduct a final inspection of a field for bacterial
49.32 ring rot during the time of year that symptoms of bacterial ring rot are most likely to be
49.33 observed. If the commissioner is unable to conduct a final inspection under this paragraph

50.1 due to management practices of the grower or for a reason that is out of the grower's control,
50.2 such as a natural disaster, the grower must ensure that laboratory testing is conducted to
50.3 maintain eligibility for certification. An additional inspection or additional laboratory testing
50.4 may be necessary to meet phytosanitary requirements in established markets in another state
50.5 or in a Canadian province.

50.6 Subd. 9. **Roguing.** If any of the diseases listed in section 21.124, subdivision 1, are
50.7 present in a field in amounts greater than the maximum disease tolerance level, the grower
50.8 must rogue the field and remove the infected plants before the final inspection by the
50.9 commissioner. If a grower has completed roguing a field after tubers have formed, the
50.10 grower must remove and destroy all tubers from rogued plants.

50.11 Subd. 10. **Storage.** (a) A grower must ensure that a lot is stored under conditions that
50.12 prevent disease contamination. A grower must not store a lot in any warehouse where other
50.13 potatoes are stored, unless the grower labels the lot according to paragraph (b).

50.14 (b) If more than one grower stores lots in the same warehouse, each grower must identify
50.15 the grower's lots by labeling the bin containing the lot with the grower's name, the grower's
50.16 address, the variety of potatoes in the bin, and the number of potatoes in the bin.

50.17 (c) If a grower plans to store a lot in a public warehouse or storage unit that is not directly
50.18 under the grower's control, the grower must send a complete record of storage to the
50.19 commissioner prior to storing the lot. The record must include the address and location of
50.20 the public warehouse or storage unit, the variety of potatoes in each bin, and the number of
50.21 potatoes in each bin. If a warehouse receipt for the lot is available, the grower must submit
50.22 a copy of the warehouse receipt to the commissioner. If more than one grower stores lots
50.23 in the same public warehouse or storage unit, the grower must label each lot according to
50.24 paragraph (b).

50.25 (d) A grower must not use the same equipment for grading and handling lots of certified
50.26 seed potatoes and other potatoes. If a grower has used the same equipment for grading and
50.27 handling certified seed potatoes and other potatoes, the commissioner must reject the grower's
50.28 lots.

50.29 (e) A firm that handles lots under contract must label each bin containing a lot with the
50.30 name of the grower whose lots are being stored. A firm handling lots under contract must
50.31 properly label and handle bins containing lots. A certification tag or bulk certificate must
50.32 not be issued unless all bins are properly labeled according to this paragraph.

50.33 (f) By November 1 of each crop year, a grower must submit to the commissioner a
50.34 completed storage and yield report for each lot on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

51.1 The commissioner may extend the deadline after November 1 due to special circumstances,
51.2 such as a natural disaster, that would make it impractical or impossible for a grower to
51.3 complete harvesting and storage by November 1 and that affect an area or a large number
51.4 of growers. A grower must submit a written request for an extension to the commissioner
51.5 before November 1 of the crop year for which the extension is sought.

51.6 Subd. 11. **Tags; bulk certificates.** (a) Once the commissioner has informed a grower
51.7 that the grower's potatoes meet the certification requirements in sections 21.111 to 21.125,
51.8 a grower may tag the potatoes using an approved tag indicating the grade of potatoes as
51.9 blue-tag-certified seed potato grade, yellow-tag-certified seed potato grade, or
51.10 white-tag-certified seed potato grade. A grower's name, the city where the farm is located,
51.11 the potato variety, and the crop year must be printed on a tag under this subdivision.

51.12 (b) When fastening a tag to a potato sack, a grower must fasten the tag to the sack to
51.13 form a seal at the time that the lot or shipment is prepared.

51.14 (c) A bulk certificate must include the date that the certificate was issued, class, grade,
51.15 lot number, shipping point certificate number, and approximate weight of the lot.

51.16 (d) Only the person who grew the potatoes may order or print tags for the potatoes once
51.17 the commissioner has informed the person that the potatoes meet certification requirements
51.18 under sections 21.111 to 21.125.

51.19 (e) A grower may print a tag for potatoes if the grower has provided proof of each lot
51.20 to the commissioner for review before using the tag. A tag printed by a grower must contain
51.21 the following statement: "The quality and condition of each lot is only confirmed through
51.22 a shipping point inspection certificate. This tag, without an accompanying shipping point
51.23 inspection certificate, is not proof that the potatoes contained within have been duly
51.24 inspected."

51.25 Subd. 12. **Certified seed potato grades.** Certified seed potatoes must be classified by
51.26 certified seed potato grades based on the number of physical defects of tubers. A grower
51.27 must only use a certified seed potato grade for potatoes after a shipping point inspection of
51.28 the potatoes has been completed. The following three grades of certified seed potatoes must
51.29 be used for Minnesota-certified seed potatoes:

51.30 (1) the blue-tag-certified seed potato grade is the first grade of certified seed potatoes.
51.31 The blue-tag-certified seed potato grade is stricter than other grades. The blue-tag-certified
51.32 seed potato grade does not allow as many physical defects of tubers as other grades. A
51.33 grower may use the blue-tag-certified seed potato grade for intrastate and interstate shipments
51.34 of certified seed potatoes.

52.1 (2) the yellow-tag-certified seed potato grade is the second grade of certified seed
52.2 potatoes. The yellow-tag-certified seed potato grade allows more physical defects of tubers
52.3 than the blue-tag-certified seed potato grade. A grower may use the yellow-tag-certified
52.4 seed potato grade for intrastate and interstate shipments of certified seed potatoes; and

52.5 (3) the white-tag-certified seed potato grade is the third grade of certified seed potatoes.
52.6 The number of physical defects that the white-tag-certified seed potato grade allows is
52.7 determined by an agreement between the purchaser and seller of the certified seed potatoes.
52.8 A grower may use the white-tag-certified seed potato grade for intrastate and interstate
52.9 shipments of certified seed potatoes.

52.10 Subd. 13. **Grading.** (a) A grower must ensure that a lot is inspected at the shipping point
52.11 if the lot requires a grade statement.

52.12 (b) If an inspection at the shipping point is impossible, a grower must request a grading
52.13 inspection in transit.

52.14 (c) A grower must ensure that a bagged lot or shipment offered for sale and tagged with
52.15 approved certification tags is contained in new even-weight sacks.

52.16 (d) A grower must ensure that a bulk shipment is identified with a bulk certificate.

52.17 (e) A grower must ensure that a bagged lot and bulk lot or shipment meets grade standards
52.18 in section 21.125.

52.19 (f) A grower must recondition a lot or shipment that fails to meet the grade standards in
52.20 section 21.125.

52.21 (g) If a lot or shipment fails to meet grade standards and is contained in sacks, a grower
52.22 must remove approved certification tags from the lot or shipment before the lot or shipment
52.23 may proceed to its destination.

52.24 (h) If a shipment is in bulk and fails to meet grade standards in section 21.125, a bulk
52.25 certificate must not be issued.

52.26 (i) If a lot or shipment fails to meet grade standards, the shipper must bear the costs of
52.27 reconditioning potatoes to meet the grade standards in section 21.125.

52.28 Sec. 32. **[21.124] REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DIFFERENT**
52.29 **CLASSES OF CERTIFIED SEED POTATOES.**

52.30 Subdivision 1. **Prenuclear class certified seed potatoes.** (a) A lot grown as and intended
52.31 to be prenuclear class certified seed potatoes must be grown from plants tested and shown
52.32 to be free from the following pathogens:

53.1 (1) *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* (ring rot);

53.2 (2) *Pectobacterium atrosepticum* ssp. *Atrosepticum*, *carotovora* (blackleg);

53.3 (3) potato virus X;

53.4 (4) potato virus S;

53.5 (5) potato virus A;

53.6 (6) potato virus M;

53.7 (7) potato virus Y;

53.8 (8) potato spindle tuber viroid; and

53.9 (9) potato leafroll virus.

53.10 (b) When growing prenuclear class seed potatoes, a grower must ensure that each explant
53.11 or tuber is tested for organisms for which testing is required by the state or province of
53.12 destination. A grower must ensure that material in maintenance is tested during the year of
53.13 producing prenuclear class seed potatoes.

53.14 (c) A grower must produce prenuclear class seed potatoes in a greenhouse, facility, or
53.15 screenhouse under sanitary conditions, free from insects and weeds that can harbor or
53.16 transmit potato diseases or other conditions that would allow possible disease contamination.
53.17 A grower must ensure that a facility used for growing prenuclear seed potatoes is sufficiently
53.18 insulated from insects by screens and double doors. The commissioner may inspect any
53.19 facility or equipment used for growing, handling, and storing prenuclear class seed potatoes
53.20 to verify that the facility or equipment complies with this paragraph.

53.21 (d) A grower must ensure that one percent of each lot or ten plants or tubers from each
53.22 lot, whichever is greater, is tested during the growing season to verify that the crop is free
53.23 from potato virus X, potato virus Y, potato leafroll virus, *C. michiganensis*, and *P.*
53.24 *atrosepticum*.

53.25 (e) Prenuclear tubers may originate from greenhouse tubers for one year only if the
53.26 greenhouse tubers have remained at the same growing operation and have remained isolated
53.27 from field-grown tubers.

53.28 (f) Prenuclear class certified seed potatoes must not contain more than the allowable
53.29 tolerances for disease and varietal mixture in subdivision 9.

53.30 Subd. 2. **Generation 1 class certified seed potatoes.** (a) Generation 1 class seed potatoes
53.31 must meet the following requirements:

54.1 (1) the seed source must be either prenuclear tubers, clones, or plantlets; and

54.2 (2) tuber units or plantlets must be planted in identifiable family units.

54.3 (b) Subject to the commissioner's approval, lots in Generation 1 class may be exempt
54.4 from winter testing requirements if leaves collected during the growing season are laboratory
54.5 tested and shown to be within the allowable tolerance of potato virus X, potato virus Y, and
54.6 other pathogens identified by the commissioner.

54.7 (c) Each lot must be stored in an individual identifiable unit.

54.8 (d) Generation 1 seed potatoes must not contain more than the allowable tolerances for
54.9 disease and varietal mixture for seed potatoes in subdivision 9.

54.10 Subd. 3. **Generation 2 class certified seed potatoes.** Generation 2 class seed potatoes
54.11 must originate from Generation 1 class seed potatoes. Generation 2 class seed potatoes must
54.12 not contain more than the allowable tolerances of disease and varietal mixture in subdivision
54.13 9.

54.14 Subd. 4. **Generation 3 class certified seed potatoes.** Generation 3 class seed potatoes
54.15 must originate from Generation 2 class seed potatoes. Generation 3 class seed potatoes must
54.16 not contain more than the allowable tolerances of disease and varietal mixture in subdivision
54.17 9.

54.18 Subd. 5. **Generation 4 class certified seed potatoes.** Generation 4 class seed potatoes
54.19 must originate from Generation 3 class seed potatoes. Generation 4 class seed potatoes must
54.20 not contain more than the allowable tolerances for disease and varietal mixture in subdivision
54.21 9.

54.22 Subd. 6. **Generation 5 class certified seed potatoes.** Generation 5 class seed potatoes
54.23 must originate from Generation 4 class seed potatoes. Generation 5 class seed potatoes must
54.24 not contain more than the allowable tolerances for disease and varietal mixture in subdivision
54.25 9.

54.26 Subd. 7. **Generation 6 class certified seed potatoes.** Generation 6 class seed potatoes
54.27 must originate from Generation 5 class seed potatoes. Generation 6 class seed potatoes must
54.28 not contain more than the allowable tolerances for disease and varietal mixture in subdivision
54.29 9.

54.30 Subd. 8. **Certified class certified seed potatoes.** Certified class seed potatoes must
54.31 originate from generation classes of seed potatoes. Certified class seed potatoes must not
54.32 contain more than the allowable tolerances for disease and varietal mixture in subdivision
54.33 9.

55.1 **Subd. 9. Allowable tolerances for diseases and varietal mixture by generation**

55.2 **class.** The numbers represent the percentage of potatoes that may be affected out of an
 55.3 individual lot.

	<u>PN</u>	<u>G1</u>	<u>G2</u>	<u>G3</u>	<u>G4</u>	<u>G5</u>	<u>G6</u>	<u>C</u>
55.4								
55.5	<u>Tolerances:</u>							
55.6	<u>Severe Mosaic from</u>							
55.7	<u>potato virus Y, A, M,</u>							
55.8	<u>X, and/or S</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1</u>
55.9	<u>Leafroll</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1</u>
55.10	<u>Total</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1</u>
55.11	<u>Other viruses</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>
55.12	<u>Mycoplasmas (haywire,</u>							
55.13	<u>witches broom, yellow</u>							
55.14	<u>dwarf)</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>
55.15	<u>Total</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>
55.16	<u>Blackleg</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>exc.</u>	<u>exc.</u>	<u>exc.</u>
55.17	<u>Varietal mixture</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.2</u>
55.18	<u>Ring Rot and Spindle</u>							
55.19	<u>Tuber</u>							
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
55.20	<u>Winter Test:</u>							
55.21	<u>Virus or expressing</u>							
55.22	<u>symptoms of chemical</u>							
55.23	<u>damage</u>							
	<u>-</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>

55.24 **Sec. 33. [21.125] MINNESOTA CERTIFIED SEED POTATO GRADES AND**
 55.25 **TOLERANCES.**

55.26 **Subdivision 1. Certified seed potato grading.** Potatoes must meet the requirements of
 55.27 sections 21.111 to 21.125 to be graded as certified seed potatoes.

55.28 **Subd. 2. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the
 55.29 meanings given.

55.30 **(b) "Damage"** means any defect or combination of defects that materially affects the
 55.31 appearance of the individual potato, or that cannot be removed without a loss of more than
 55.32 five percent of the total weight of the potato, including the peel covering the defective area.

55.33 **(c) "Diameter"** means the greatest dimension at right angles to the longitudinal axis.
 55.34 Diameter means the long axis.

55.35 **(d) "Dry rot"** means decaying tissue that is dry.

56.1 (e) "Fairly clean" means that the individual potato is reasonably free from dirt, staining,
56.2 or other foreign matter.

56.3 (f) "Fairly well-shaped" means that the individual potato is not materially pointed,
56.4 dumbbell-shaped, or otherwise ill-formed.

56.5 (g) "Mature" means that the outer skin does not loosen or feather readily during the
56.6 ordinary methods of handling.

56.7 (h) "Serious damage" means any defect or combination of defects that seriously affects
56.8 the appearance of the individual potato or that cannot be removed without a loss of more
56.9 than ten percent of the total weight of the potato, including the peel covering the defective
56.10 area.

56.11 (i) "Slightly dirty" means the appearance is not materially affected by dirt, staining, or
56.12 other foreign matter.

56.13 (j) "Soft rot" or "wet breakdown" means any soft, mushy, or leaky condition of potato
56.14 tissues.

56.15 (k) "Well-shaped" means the normal shape for a variety.

56.16 Subd. 3. **Damage.** The commissioner must find that one or more of the following defects
56.17 constitutes damage:

56.18 (1) a russet scab that materially detracts from the appearance of a potato;

56.19 (2) second growth or growth cracks that materially affect the appearance of an individual
56.20 potato;

56.21 (3) air cracks when removal of the air cracks causes a loss of more than five percent of
56.22 the total weight of a potato;

56.23 (4) a potato that is more than moderately shriveled, spongy, or flabby;

56.24 (5) an individual potato that has sprouts over one inch in length;

56.25 (6) a surface scab, powdery scab, or pitted scab that covers more than five percent of
56.26 the surface of a potato or a surface scab, powdery scab, or pitted scab that, when removed,
56.27 causes a potato to lose more than five percent of the potato's total weight, including peel
56.28 covering a defective area of the potato; or

56.29 (7) more than 50 percent of a potato's surface contains scattered, lightly caked soil or
56.30 more than 15 percent of a potato's surface is badly caked with soil.

57.1 Subd. 4. **Serious damage.** The commissioner must find that one or more of the following
57.2 defects constitutes serious damage:

57.3 (1) a russet scab that seriously detracts from the appearance of a potato;

57.4 (2) the appearance of a potato is seriously affected by caked or smeared dirt or other
57.5 foreign matter;

57.6 (3) both ends of a potato are cut or clipped, more than an estimated one-fourth of a potato
57.7 is cut away from one end, or a remaining portion of a clipped potato weighs less than six
57.8 ounces;

57.9 (4) one or more cuts that seriously affect the appearance of a potato or that cannot be
57.10 removed without the loss of more than ten percent of a potato's total weight, including peel
57.11 covering the defective area;

57.12 (5) a potato that is excessively shriveled, spongy, or flabby;

57.13 (6) a surface scab, powdery scab, or pitted scab that covers more than 25 percent of the
57.14 surface of a potato or a surface scab, powdery scab, or pitted scab that, when removed,
57.15 causes a loss of more than ten percent of a potato's total weight, including peel covering the
57.16 defective area; or

57.17 (7) wireworm or air cracks that, when removed, cause a loss of more than ten percent
57.18 of a potato's total weight.

57.19 Subd. 5. **Application of tolerance.** If the average of an entire lot is within the disease
57.20 tolerances specified for the grade in section 21.124, subdivision 9, an individual container
57.21 in the lot may contain no more than double the disease tolerance specified in section 21.124,
57.22 subdivision 9, except that sprouts, at least one defective specimen with a defect other than
57.23 bacterial ring rot, and one off size specimen is permitted. This subdivision does not apply
57.24 to bulk conveyances.

57.25 Subd. 6. **Condition after transit.** Deterioration that developed in transit must affect the
57.26 condition of potatoes. Deterioration that developed in transit must not affect the grade of
57.27 potatoes.

57.28 Subd. 7. **Minnesota blue-tag-certified seed potato grade.** (a) To be graded as Minnesota
57.29 blue-tag-certified seed potatoes, potatoes must meet the following requirements:

57.30 (1) at the time of the shipping point inspection, potatoes must be of one variety;
57.31 unwashed; fairly well-shaped; free from bacterial ring rot, late blight, freezing, black heart,
57.32 and soft rot or wet breakdown; free from damage caused by soil or other foreign matter,

58.1 second growth, air cracks, cuts, shriveling, sprouts, pitted scabs, surface scabs, powdery
58.2 scabs, russet scabs, dry rot, other diseases, insects or worms, mechanical or other means,
58.3 or flattened or depressed areas with underlying flesh discoloration; and free from serious
58.4 damage caused by hollow heart, wireworm, growth cracks, or internal discoloration other
58.5 than hollow heart. Sunburn and silver scurf must not be considered factors that affect the
58.6 grading of potatoes. This clause does not apply to hollow heart if the potatoes are labeled
58.7 "hollow heart exempt" on the affixed tag or accompanying certificate; and

58.8 (2) for round or intermediate shaped varieties, the maximum potato size is 12 ounces
58.9 (340.2 grams) and, unless otherwise specified, the minimum size must not be less than 1-1/2
58.10 inches (38.1 millimeters) in diameter. For long varieties, the maximum size is 14 ounces
58.11 (396.9 grams) and, unless otherwise specified, the minimum size must not be less than 1-1/2
58.12 inches (38.1 millimeters) in diameter. For all varieties, the minimum diameter for size "B"
58.13 must not be less than 1-1/2 inches (38.1 millimeters) and the maximum size must not be
58.14 more than 2-1/4 inches (57.1 millimeters) in diameter. The department may grade potatoes
58.15 that do not meet the maximum and minimum size specifications as Minnesota
58.16 blue-tag-certified seed potatoes if the buyer agrees to accept potatoes of alternate size
58.17 specifications from the grower and the specifications are listed on the affixed tag or
58.18 accompanying bulk certificate issued by the department.

58.19 (b) To allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following lot
58.20 tolerances are permitted:

58.21 (1) for defects:

58.22 (i) up to ten percent of a lot may be seriously damaged by hollow heart, unless labeled
58.23 "hollow heart exempt" on the affixed tag or accompanying certificate;

58.24 (ii) up to five percent of a lot may be seriously damaged by internal discoloration due
58.25 to causes other than hollow heart;

58.26 (iii) up to ten percent of a lot may be damaged by soil or other foreign matter;

58.27 (iv) up to 20 percent of a lot may be damaged by sprouts;

58.28 (v) up to ten percent of a lot may be seriously damaged by wireworm;

58.29 (vi) for potatoes that fail to meet the remaining requirements of the potatoes' grade, a
58.30 lot may contain up to a total of six percent of the following defects combined and must not
58.31 contain more than the following percentage of defects:

58.32 (A) soft rot, frozen, or wet breakdown, 0.5 percent;

- 59.1 (B) damage by surface scab, powdery scab, or pitted scab, 2.0 percent;
- 59.2 (C) damage by dry rot, 2.0 percent, of which not more than 1.0 percent is late blight
- 59.3 tuber rot;
- 59.4 (D) bacterial ring rot, 0.0 percent; and
- 59.5 (E) late blight tuber rot, 1.0 percent; and
- 59.6 (vii) the presence of the following does not affect seed quality and must not be scored
- 59.7 against the potatoes' grade:
- 59.8 (A) brown discoloration following skinning;
- 59.9 (B) dried stems;
- 59.10 (C) flattened or depressed areas showing no underlying flesh discoloration;
- 59.11 (D) greening;
- 59.12 (E) sunburn;
- 59.13 (F) skin checks; and
- 59.14 (G) silver scurf; and
- 59.15 (2) for off size:
- 59.16 (i) up to five percent of potatoes may fail to meet the required or specified minimum
- 59.17 size; and
- 59.18 (ii) up to ten percent of potatoes may fail to meet the required maximum size.
- 59.19 Subd. 8. Minnesota yellow-tag-certified seed potato grade. (a) To be graded as
- 59.20 Minnesota yellow-tag-certified seed potatoes, potatoes must meet the following requirements:
- 59.21 (1) at the time of the shipping point inspection, the potatoes must be of one variety;
- 59.22 unwashed; fairly well-shaped; free from bacterial ring rot, late blight, freezing, black heart,
- 59.23 and soft rot or wet breakdown; free from damage caused by second growth, air cracks, cuts,
- 59.24 shriveling, pitted scabs, surface scabs, powdery scabs, dry rot, other diseases, insects or
- 59.25 worms, or mechanical means or other means; and free from serious damage caused by soil
- 59.26 or other foreign matter, hollow heart, wireworm, growth cracks, russet scabs, or internal
- 59.27 discoloration other than hollow heart. Sunburn and silver scurf must not be considered
- 59.28 factors that affect the grading of potatoes. This clause does not apply to hollow heart if
- 59.29 labeled "hollow heart exempt" on the affixed tag or accompanying certificate; and

60.1 (2) for all varieties, the maximum potato size is 14 ounces (396.9 grams) and the
60.2 minimum size is 1-1/2 inch (38.1 millimeter) in diameter. For all varieties, the minimum
60.3 diameter for size "B" must not be less than 1-1/2 inches (38.1 millimeters) and the maximum
60.4 diameter must not be more than 2-1/4 inches (57.1 millimeters). The department may grade
60.5 potatoes that do not meet the maximum and minimum size specifications as Minnesota
60.6 yellow-tag-certified seed potatoes if the buyer agrees to accept potatoes with alternate size
60.7 specifications from the grower and the size specifications are listed on the affixed tag or
60.8 accompanying bulk certificate issued by the department.

60.9 (b) To allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following lot
60.10 tolerances are permitted:

60.11 (1) for defects:

60.12 (i) up to 20 percent of potatoes may be seriously damaged by hollow heart, unless labeled
60.13 "hollow heart exempt" on the affixed tag or accompanying certificate;

60.14 (ii) up to five percent of potatoes may be seriously damaged by internal discoloration
60.15 due to a cause other than hollow heart;

60.16 (iii) up to ten percent of potatoes may be seriously damaged by soil or other foreign
60.17 matter;

60.18 (iv) up to ten percent of potatoes may be seriously damaged by wireworm;

60.19 (v) up to 20 percent of a lot may have defects if the potatoes fail to meet the remaining
60.20 requirements of the grade. Of the 20 percent of defects allowed, a lot may contain a total
60.21 of six percent of the following defects combined and must not contain more than the
60.22 following percentage of defects:

60.23 (A) soft rot, frozen, or wet breakdown, 0.5 percent;

60.24 (B) damage by surface scab, powdery scab, or pitted scab, 5.0 percent;

60.25 (C) damage by dry rot, 2.0 percent, of which not more than 1.0 percent is late blight
60.26 tuber rot;

60.27 (D) bacterial ring rot, 0.0 percent; and

60.28 (E) late blight tuber rot, 1.0 percent; and

60.29 (vi) the presence of the following does not affect seed quality and must not be scored
60.30 against the grade:

60.31 (A) brown discoloration following skinning;

- 61.1 (B) dried stems;
- 61.2 (C) flattened or depressed areas showing no underlying flesh discoloration;
- 61.3 (D) greening;
- 61.4 (E) sunburn;
- 61.5 (F) skin checks;
- 61.6 (G) silver scurf; and
- 61.7 (H) sprouts; and
- 61.8 (2) for off size:
- 61.9 (i) five percent for potatoes that fail to meet the required or specified minimum size;
- 61.10 and
- 61.11 (ii) ten percent for potatoes that fail to meet the required maximum size.
- 61.12 (c) The potatoes must be fairly well-shaped, with an exception for long varieties when
- 61.13 specified as "except for shape." When specified as "except for shape," the tubers may be
- 61.14 misshapen.
- 61.15 Subd. 9. **Minnesota white-tag-certified seed potato grade.** Minnesota white-tag-certified
- 61.16 seed potato grade consists of certified seed potatoes that are graded according to agreement
- 61.17 between the seller and the purchaser as to size and defects, except that not more than one-half
- 61.18 percent of soft rot, frozen, or wet breakdown and two percent dry rot, of which not more
- 61.19 than one percent late blight tuber rot is allowed.
- 61.20 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 21.891, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 61.21 Subd. 2. **Seed fee permits.** (a) A labeler who wishes to sell seed in Minnesota must
- 61.22 comply with section 21.89, subdivisions 1 and 2, and the procedures in this subdivision.
- 61.23 Each labeler who wishes to sell seed in Minnesota must apply to the commissioner to obtain
- 61.24 a permit. The application must contain the name and address of the applicant, the application
- 61.25 date, and the name and title of the applicant's contact person. Permit fees are based on the
- 61.26 initial sale of seed in Minnesota.
- 61.27 (b) The application for a seed permit covered by section 21.89, subdivision 2, clause
- 61.28 (1), must be accompanied by an application fee of \$75.
- 61.29 (c) The application for a seed permit covered by section 21.89, subdivision 2, clause
- 61.30 (2), must be accompanied by an application fee based on the level of annual gross sales as
- 61.31 follows:

- 62.1 (1) for gross sales of \$0 to \$25,000, the annual permit fee is \$75;
- 62.2 (2) for gross sales of \$25,001 to \$50,000, the annual permit fee is \$150;
- 62.3 (3) for gross sales of \$50,001 to \$100,000, the annual permit fee is \$300;
- 62.4 (4) for gross sales of \$100,001 to \$250,000, the annual permit fee is \$750;
- 62.5 (5) for gross sales of \$250,001 to \$500,000, the annual permit fee is \$1,500;
- 62.6 (6) for gross sales of \$500,001 to \$1,000,000, the annual permit fee is \$3,000; and
- 62.7 (7) for gross sales of \$1,000,001 and above, the annual permit fee is \$4,500.
- 62.8 (d) The application for a seed permit covered by section 21.89, subdivision 2, clause
- 62.9 (3), must be accompanied by an application fee of \$75. Labelers holding seed fee permits
- 62.10 covered under this paragraph need not apply for a new permit or pay the application fee.
- 62.11 Under this permit category, the fees for the following kinds of agricultural seed sold either
- 62.12 in bulk or containers are:
- 62.13 (1) oats, wheat, and barley, 9 cents per hundredweight;
- 62.14 (2) rye, field beans, buckwheat, and flax, 12 cents per hundredweight;
- 62.15 (3) field corn, 17 cents per 80,000 seed unit;
- 62.16 (4) forage, hemp, lawn and turf grasses, and legumes, 69 cents per hundredweight;
- 62.17 (5) sunflower, \$1.96 per hundredweight;
- 62.18 (6) sugar beet, 12 cents per 100,000 seed unit;
- 62.19 (7) soybeans, 7.5 cents per 140,000 seed unit;
- 62.20 (8) for any agricultural seed not listed in clauses (1) to (7), the fee for the crop most
- 62.21 closely resembling it in normal planting rate applies; and
- 62.22 (9) for native grasses and wildflower seed, \$1 per hundredweight.
- 62.23 (e) If, for reasons beyond the control and knowledge of the labeler, seed is shipped into
- 62.24 Minnesota by a person other than the labeler, the responsibility for the seed fees are
- 62.25 transferred to the shipper. An application for a transfer of this responsibility must be made
- 62.26 to the commissioner. Upon approval by the commissioner of the transfer, the shipper is
- 62.27 responsible for payment of the seed permit fees.
- 62.28 (f) Seed permit fees may be included in the cost of the seed either as a hidden cost or as
- 62.29 a line item cost on each invoice for seed sold. To identify the fee on an invoice, the words
- 62.30 "Minnesota seed permit fees" must be used.

63.1 (g) All seed fee permit holders must file semiannual reports with the commissioner,
63.2 even if no seed was sold during the reporting period. Each semiannual report must be
63.3 submitted within 30 days of the end of each reporting period. The reporting periods are
63.4 ~~October 1 to March 31 and April 1 to September 30 of each year or July 1 to December 31~~
63.5 ~~and January 1 to June 30 of each year~~ must be determined by the commissioner and
63.6 communicated annually to permit holders. Permit holders may change their reporting periods
63.7 with the approval of the commissioner.

63.8 (h) The holder of a seed fee permit must pay fees on all seed for which the permit holder
63.9 is the labeler and which are covered by sections 21.80 to 21.92 and sold during the reporting
63.10 period.

63.11 (i) If a seed fee permit holder fails to submit a semiannual report and pay the seed fee
63.12 within 30 days after the end of each reporting period, the commissioner shall assess a penalty
63.13 of \$100 or eight percent, calculated on an annual basis, of the fee due, whichever is greater,
63.14 but no more than \$500 for each late semiannual report. A \$15 penalty must be charged when
63.15 the semiannual report is late, even if no fee is due for the reporting period. Seed fee permits
63.16 may be revoked for failure to comply with the applicable provisions of this paragraph or
63.17 the Minnesota seed law.

63.18 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 28A.04, subdivision 1, is amended
63.19 to read:

63.20 Subdivision 1. **Application; date of issuance.** (a) Except as provided under section
63.21 28A.152, no person ~~shall~~ may engage in the business of manufacturing, processing, selling,
63.22 handling, or storing food without having first obtained from the commissioner a license for
63.23 doing such business. Applications for such license ~~shall~~ must be made to the commissioner
63.24 in such manner and time as required and upon such forms as provided by the commissioner
63.25 and ~~shall~~ must contain the name and address of the applicant, address or description of each
63.26 place of business, and the nature of the business to be conducted at each place, and such
63.27 other pertinent information as the commissioner may require.

63.28 (b) An applicant for a license must submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$50 with
63.29 each license application. The fee under this paragraph does not apply to annual license
63.30 renewals. The fee under this paragraph is not required for applications to operate solely as
63.31 a special event food stand or custom exempt food handler.

63.32 (c) A food handler license ~~shall~~ must be issued for the period January 1 to December
63.33 31 and ~~shall~~ must be renewed thereafter by the licensee on or before January 1 of each year,
63.34 except that:

64.1 (1) retail and wholesale food handler licenses issued for the period of July 1, 2025, to
64.2 June 30, 2026, must be renewed on or before July 1, 2026, for the period of July 1, 2026,
64.3 to December 31, 2026. The renewal fee for the period of July 1, 2026, to December 31,
64.4 2026, is one-half of the fee for a food handler specified in section 28A.08, subdivision 3;

64.5 (2) licenses for all mobile food concession units and retail mobile units must be issued
64.6 for the period April 1 to March 31, and must be renewed thereafter by the licensee on or
64.7 before April 1 of each year. A license issued for a temporary food concession stand must
64.8 have a license issuance and renewal date consistent with appropriate statutory provisions;
64.9 and

64.10 (3) a license for a food handler operating only at the State Fair must be issued for the
64.11 period of July 1 to June 30 and must be renewed thereafter by the licensee on or before July
64.12 1 of each year.

64.13 (d) A penalty for late renewal under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) must be assessed in accordance
64.14 with section 28A.08.

64.15 (e) A custom exempt food handler license ~~shall~~ must be issued for the period July 1 to
64.16 June 30 and must be renewed thereafter by the licensee on or before July 1 each year. The
64.17 custom exempt food handler license is for businesses that only conduct custom exempt
64.18 operations and mark all products as "Not For Sale." Food handlers that conduct retail exempt
64.19 operations or other operations other than custom exempt processing or slaughter are not
64.20 eligible for this license.

64.21 (f) On a quarterly basis during the licensing period, the commissioner must prorate the
64.22 fee for an initial license issued under this chapter, except that:

64.23 (1) a person applying for a new license up to 14 calendar days before the effective date
64.24 of the new license period under paragraph (c) must be issued a license for the 14 days and
64.25 the next license year as a single license and pay a single license fee as if the 14 days were
64.26 part of the upcoming license period; and

64.27 (2) a person applying for a license to operate as a special event food stand must pay the
64.28 entire fee specified in section 28A.08, subdivision 3, regardless of when the application is
64.29 filed.

65.1 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 28A.0752, is amended to read:

65.2 **28A.0752 DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES.**

65.3 Subdivision 1. **Agreements to perform duties of commissioner.** (a) The commissioner
65.4 may enter into agreements to delegate ~~licensing and inspection~~ duties of the commissioner
65.5 to community health boards pertaining to ~~retail~~ food handlers ~~shall~~ whose primary mode
65.6 of business is to sell or to process and sell food directly to the ultimate consumer. An
65.7 agreement under this section may include duties of licensing, inspection, reporting, and
65.8 enforcement duties authorized under ~~sections~~ this chapter and chapters 29 and 30; section
65.9 17.04, ~~29.21, 29.23, 29.235, 29.236, 29.237, 29.24, 29.25, 29.26, 29.27, and 30.49;~~
65.10 appropriate sections of the Minnesota Food Law, chapters 31 and 34A; and applicable
65.11 Minnesota food rules.

65.12 (b) Agreements under this section are subject to subdivision 3.

65.13 (c) ~~This subdivision does not affect agreements entered into under section 28A.075 or~~
65.14 ~~current cooperative agreements which base inspections and licensing responsibility on the~~
65.15 ~~firm's most predominant mode of business.~~ The commissioner must not delegate duties
65.16 under this section pertaining to custom exempt food handlers and food handlers inspected
65.17 under the state meat inspection program under chapter 31A.

65.18 (d) The commissioner must not delegate duties under this section pertaining to food
65.19 handlers whose principal mode of business is to sell food to other business entities or
65.20 establishments for resale.

65.21 (e) The commissioner must not delegate duties under this section pertaining to food
65.22 handlers who conduct activities regulated under Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, part
65.23 111; 112; 113; 114; 117, subpart C; 120; or 123.

65.24 Subd. 2. **Approval of agreements.** (a) An agreement under this section to delegate
65.25 ~~licensing and inspection of retail food handlers~~ duties to a community health board must
65.26 be approved by the commissioner ~~and is subject to subdivision 3.~~

65.27 (b) An agreement to delegate the commissioner's duties to a designated agent established
65.28 before January 1, 2025, remains in effect if the designated agent's performance continues
65.29 to meet the standards necessary to substitute for the commissioner's duties and complies
65.30 with the requirements of subdivisions 1 and 3.

65.31 Subd. 3. **Terms of agreements.** (a) Agreements authorized under this section must be
65.32 in writing and signed by the ~~delegating authority~~ commissioner and the designated agent.

66.1 (b) ~~The~~ An agreement under this section must list criteria that the delegating authority
66.2 commissioner will use to determine if the designated agent's performance meets appropriate
66.3 standards and is sufficient to replace performance by the ~~delegating authority~~ commissioner.

66.4 (c) ~~The~~ An agreement under this section may specify minimum staff requirements and
66.5 qualifications, set procedures for the assessment of costs, and provide for termination
66.6 procedures if the ~~delegating authority~~ commissioner determines that the designated agent
66.7 has failed to comply with the agreement.

66.8 (d) A designated agent must operate according to the requirements of section 28A.06.

66.9 (e) By December 31, 2028, a designated agent that entered into an agreement to delegate
66.10 the commissioner's duties to the designated agent before January 1, 2025, must comply with
66.11 section 28A.06.

66.12 ~~(d)~~ (f) ~~The delegating authority~~ commissioner and the designated agent are required to
66.13 perform inspections utilizing the Minnesota Food Code's minimum and maximum standards.

66.14 ~~(e)~~ (g) A designated agent must not perform licensing, inspection, reporting, or
66.15 enforcement duties under ~~the an~~ agreement under this section in a territory outside its
66.16 jurisdiction unless approved by the commissioner and governing body for that territory
66.17 through a separate agreement.

66.18 (h) A designated agent may charge a fee to recover the estimated costs of performing
66.19 duties according to terms of an agreement under this section if the duties involve enforcing
66.20 the Minnesota Food Law and applicable Minnesota food rules. The fee charged by the
66.21 designated agent must be fair, reasonable, and proportionate to the actual cost of the duties
66.22 performed by the designated agent. A designated agent must only use a fee under this
66.23 paragraph to cover the costs of performing duties according to terms of the agreement under
66.24 this section.

66.25 ~~(f)~~ (i) The scope of agreements established under this section is limited to duties and
66.26 responsibilities agreed upon by the parties. The agreement may provide for automatic
66.27 renewal and for notice of intent to terminate by either party.

66.28 ~~(g)~~ (j) During the life of ~~the an~~ agreement under this section, the ~~delegating authority~~
66.29 ~~shall~~ commissioner must not perform duties that the designated agent is required to perform
66.30 under the agreement, except inspections necessary to determine compliance with the
66.31 agreement and this section or as agreed to by the parties.

66.32 ~~(h)~~ (k) ~~The delegating authority shall~~ commissioner must consult with, advise, and assist
66.33 a designated agent in the performance of its duties under the agreement.

67.1 ~~(1)~~ (1) This section does not alter the responsibility of the ~~delegating authority~~
 67.2 commissioner for the performance of duties specified by law and rule.

67.3 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 28A.08, subdivision 3, is amended
 67.4 to read:

67.5 **Subd. 3. Fees effective August 1, 2025.**

67.6		Risk	License	Penalties	
67.7	Type of food handler	Category	Fee	Late Renewal	No License
67.9	1. Custom exempt food handler				
67.10	(a) Having \$50,000 or less gross sales or				
67.11	service for the immediately previous				
67.12	license or fiscal year		\$135	\$45	\$90
67.13	(b) Having \$50,001 to \$125,000 gross sales				
67.14	or service for the immediately previous				
67.15	license or fiscal year		\$200	\$67	\$133
67.16	(c) Having \$125,001 to \$500,000 gross				
67.17	sales or service for the immediately				
67.18	previous license or fiscal year		\$370	\$123	\$247
67.19	(d) Having \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 gross				
67.20	sales or service for the immediately				
67.21	previous license or fiscal year		\$475	\$158	\$317
67.22	(e) Having \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000 gross				
67.23	sales or service for the immediately				
67.24	previous license or fiscal year		\$1,350	\$450	\$900
67.25	(f) Having \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000 gross				
67.26	sales or service for the immediately				
67.27	previous license or fiscal year		\$1,750	\$583	\$1,167
67.28	(g) Having \$10,000,001 to \$15,000,000				
67.29	gross sales or service for the immediately				
67.30	previous license or fiscal year		\$2,150	\$717	\$1,433
67.31	(h) Having \$15,000,001 to \$20,000,000				
67.32	gross sales or service for the immediately				
67.33	previous license or fiscal year		\$2,550	\$849	\$1,700
67.34	(i) Having \$20,000,001 to \$25,000,000				
67.35	gross sales or service for the immediately				
67.36	previous license or fiscal year		\$2,950	\$984	\$1,967
67.37	(j) Having over \$25,000,001 gross sales or				
67.38	service for the immediately previous				
67.39	license or fiscal year		\$3,350	\$1,117	\$2,233
67.40	2. Food handler				
67.41	(a) Having gross sales of only prepackaged				
67.42	nonperishable food of less than \$30,000				
67.43	for the immediately previous license or		\$90	\$30	\$60

68.1	fiscal year and filing a statement with the				
68.2	commissioner				
68.3	(b) Having gross sales or service of less	High	\$285	\$95	\$190
68.4	than \$50,000 for the immediately previous	Medium	\$195	\$65	\$130
68.5	license or fiscal year	Low	\$135	\$45	\$90
68.6	(c) Having \$50,001 to \$125,000 gross sales	High	\$350	\$117	\$233
68.7	or service for the immediately previous	Medium	\$260	\$87	\$173
68.8	license or fiscal year	Low	\$200	\$67	\$133
68.9	(d) Having \$125,001 to \$250,000 gross	High	\$415	\$138	\$277
68.10	sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$350	\$117	\$233
68.11	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$265	\$88	\$177
68.12	(e) Having \$250,001 to \$500,000 gross	High	\$520	\$173	\$347
68.13	sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$430	\$143	\$287
68.14	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$370	\$123	\$247
68.15	(f) Having \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 gross	High	\$625	\$208	\$417
68.16	sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$535	\$178	\$357
68.17	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$475	\$158	\$317
68.18	(g) Having \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000 gross	High	\$1,500	\$500	\$1,000
68.19	sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$1,425	\$475	\$950
68.20	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$1,350	\$450	\$900
68.21	(h) Having \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	High	\$1,900	\$633	\$1,267
68.22	gross sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$1,825	\$608	\$1,217
68.23	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$1,750	\$583	\$1,167
68.24	(i) Having \$10,000,001 to \$15,000,000	High	\$2,300	\$767	\$1,533
68.25	gross sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$2,225	\$742	\$1,483
68.26	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$2,150	\$717	\$1,433
68.27	(j) Having \$15,000,001 to \$20,000,000	High	\$2,700	\$900	\$1,800
68.28	gross sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$2,625	\$875	\$1,750
68.29	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$2,550	\$849	\$1,700
68.30	(k) Having \$20,000,001 to \$25,000,000	High	\$3,100	\$1,033	\$2,067
68.31	gross sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$3,025	\$1,008	\$2,017
68.32	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$2,950	\$984	\$1,967
68.33	(l) Having \$25,000,001 to \$50,000,000	High	\$3,500	\$1,167	\$2,333
68.34	gross sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$3,425	\$1,142	\$2,283
68.35	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$3,350	\$1,117	\$2,233
68.36	(m) Having \$50,000,001 to \$100,000,000	High	\$4,000	\$1,334	\$2,667
68.37	gross sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$3,925	\$1,309	\$2,617
68.38	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$3,850	\$1,284	\$2,567
68.39	(n) Having \$100,000,001 or more gross	High	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
68.40	sales or service for the immediately	Medium	\$4,425	\$1,475	\$2,950
68.41	previous license or fiscal year	Low	\$4,350	\$1,450	\$2,900
68.42	3. Food handler operating under authority of				
68.43	this chapter solely as a special event food				
68.44	stand as defined in Minnesota Statutes,				
68.45	section 157.15		\$75	\$25	\$50
68.46	4. Meat or poultry processing solely under				
68.47	supervision of the U.S. Department of				
68.48	Agriculture				

69.1	(a) Having gross sales or service of less			
69.2	than \$125,000 for the immediately previous			
69.3	license or fiscal year	\$190	\$63	\$127
69.4	(b) Having \$125,001 to \$250,000 gross			
69.5	sales or service for the immediately			
69.6	previous license or fiscal year	\$365	\$122	\$243
69.7	(c) Having \$250,001 to \$500,000 gross			
69.8	sales or service for the immediately			
69.9	previous license or fiscal year	\$450	\$150	\$300
69.10	(d) Having \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 gross			
69.11	sales or service for the immediately			
69.12	previous license or fiscal year	\$565	\$188	\$377
69.13	(e) Having \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000 gross			
69.14	sales or service for the immediately			
69.15	previous license or fiscal year	\$725	\$241	\$483
69.16	(f) Having \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000 gross			
69.17	sales or service for the immediately			
69.18	previous license or fiscal year	\$885	\$295	\$590
69.19	(g) Having \$10,000,001 to \$15,000,000			
69.20	gross sales or service for the immediately			
69.21	previous license or fiscal year	\$1,305	\$435	\$807
69.22	(h) Having \$15,000,001 to \$20,000,000			
69.23	gross sales or service for the immediately			
69.24	previous license or fiscal year	\$1,515	\$505	\$1,010
69.25	(i) Having \$20,000,001 to \$25,000,000			
69.26	gross sales or service for the immediately			
69.27	previous license or fiscal year	\$1,745	\$582	\$1,163
69.28	(j) Having \$25,000,001 to \$50,000,000			
69.29	gross sales or service for the immediately			
69.30	previous license or fiscal year	\$1,975	\$658	\$1,317
69.31	(k) Having \$50,000,001 to \$100,000,000			
69.32	gross sales or service for the immediately			
69.33	previous license or fiscal year	\$2,215	\$738	\$1,477
69.34	(l) Having \$100,000,001 or more gross			
69.35	sales or service for the immediately			
69.36	previous license or fiscal year	\$2,465	\$822	\$1,643

69.37 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 29.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to
69.38 read:

69.39 Subd. 12. **Quality assurance date.** "Quality assurance date" means any date after which
69.40 the manufacturer or processor reasonably determines that the product may, by spoilage,
69.41 wiltage, drying, or any other foreseeable and natural phenomenon, lose palatability or desired
69.42 or nutritive properties.

70.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 29.26, is amended to read:

70.2 **29.26 EGGS IN POSSESSION OF RETAILER.**

70.3 (a) All eggs sold or offered for sale at retail must have been candled and graded and
70.4 must be clearly labeled according to Minnesota consumer grades as established by rule
70.5 under section 29.23. No eggs shall be sold or offered for sale as "ungraded," "unclassified,"
70.6 or by any other name that does not clearly designate the grade. All eggs in possession of
70.7 the retailer, either in temporary storage or on display, must be held at a temperature not to
70.8 exceed 45 degrees Fahrenheit (7 degrees Celsius).

70.9 (b) Grade AA eggs held 31 days past the coded pack date for Grade AA eggs, or Grade
70.10 A eggs held 46 days past the coded pack date for Grade A eggs, lose their grades and must
70.11 be removed from sale-, except eggs that are past their quality assurance date may be donated
70.12 to and distributed by charitable food assistance programs if the eggs:

70.13 (1) are contained in their original packaging;

70.14 (2) have previously been candled and graded;

70.15 (3) are continuously refrigerated;

70.16 (4) are distributed to the end consumer within 30 days of their original quality assurance
70.17 date; and

70.18 (5) are contained in packaging affixed with a label that includes the following information:

70.19 (i) the name of the charitable food assistance program distributing the eggs;

70.20 (ii) a "distribute by" date of no more than 30 days past the original quality assurance
70.21 date; and

70.22 (iii) the following statement: "Donated Eggs - Not for Resale."

70.23 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 32D.30, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

70.24 Subd. 5. **Reporting.** No later than ~~July 1~~ September 15 of each even-numbered year,
70.25 the commissioner must submit a detailed accomplishment report and work plan detailing
70.26 future plans for, and the actual and anticipated accomplishments from, expenditures under
70.27 this section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and
70.28 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. If the commissioner
70.29 significantly modifies a submitted work plan ~~during the fiscal year~~, the commissioner must
70.30 notify the chairs and ranking minority members.

71.1 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 41A.19, is amended to read:

71.2 **41A.19 REPORT; INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.**

71.3 ~~By January 15~~ Each year, the commissioner shall report on the incentive programs under
71.4 sections 41A.16, 41A.17, 41A.18, and 41A.20 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
71.5 over environment and agriculture policy and finance in the report under section 41A.12,
71.6 subdivision 3. The report shall include information on production and incentive expenditures
71.7 under the programs.

71.8 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 41B.048, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

71.9 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The authority shall establish and implement an agroforestry
71.10 loan program to help finance the production of short rotation woody crops, agroforestry
71.11 crops, agroforestry systems, such as silvopasture and alley systems, and other systems.

71.12 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 41B.048, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

71.13 Subd. 4. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

71.14 (b) "Agroforestry" has the meaning given in section 17.458, subdivision 1.

71.15 (c) "Agroforestry system" means an agricultural production system that integrates trees,
71.16 shrubs, or other woody perennial species or animals into the system, with the intention to
71.17 harvest wood, food, feed, medicinal products, or other products from the system.

71.18 ~~(b)~~ (d) "Growing cycle" means the number of years from planting to harvest.

71.19 ~~(e)~~ (e) "Harvest" means the day that the crop arrives at the scale of the buyer of the crop.

71.20 ~~(d)~~ (f) "Short rotation woody crops" or "crop" means hybrid poplar and other woody
71.21 plants that are harvested for their fiber within 15 years of planting.

71.22 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 41B.048, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

71.23 Subd. 5. **Eligibility for growers of short rotation woody crops.** To be eligible for this
71.24 program, a borrower must:

71.25 (1) be a resident of Minnesota or any entity eligible to own farm land under section
71.26 500.24;

71.27 (2) be or plan to become a grower of short rotation woody crops on agricultural land
71.28 that is suitable for the profitable production of short rotation woody crops;

72.1 (3) be a member of a producer-owned cooperative that will contract to market the short
72.2 rotation woody crop to be planted by the borrower;

72.3 (4) demonstrate an ability to repay the loan;

72.4 (5) not receive assistance under this program for more than \$150,000 in the producer's
72.5 lifetime;

72.6 (6) agree to work with appropriate local, state, and federal agencies, and the marketing
72.7 cooperative, to develop an acceptable establishment and maintenance plan;

72.8 (7) agree not to plant short-rotation woody crops within one-quarter of a mile of state
72.9 or federally protected prairie; and

72.10 (8) meet any other requirements the authority may impose by administrative procedure
72.11 or by rule.

72.12 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 41B.048, is amended by adding a subdivision
72.13 to read:

72.14 Subd. 5a. **Eligibility for agroforestry systems and practices.** To be eligible for this
72.15 program, a borrower must:

72.16 (1) be a resident of Minnesota or any entity eligible to own farm land under section
72.17 500.24;

72.18 (2) be a farmer or agricultural landowner implementing: (i) the use of an agroforestry
72.19 system, such as a silvopasture or an alley system, on agricultural land; or (ii) the use of
72.20 agroforestry practices, such as biochar processing, on agricultural land;

72.21 (3) demonstrate an ability to repay the loan;

72.22 (4) not receive assistance under this program for more than \$150,000 in the producer's
72.23 lifetime; and

72.24 (5) meet any other requirements the authority may impose by administrative procedure
72.25 or by rule.

72.26 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 41B.048, is amended by adding a subdivision
72.27 to read:

72.28 Subd. 6a. **Loans for agroforestry systems and practices.** (a) The authority may
72.29 participate with eligible lenders in agroforestry loans to farmers and agricultural landowners

73.1 who are eligible under subdivision 5a. The authority's participation is limited to 45 percent
73.2 or \$75,000 of total accumulative principal per loan.

73.3 (b) The interest rates and repayment terms of the authority's participation interest may
73.4 differ from those of the lender's retained portion of the loan.

73.5 (c) Standards for loan amortization must be set by the Rural Finance Authority and must
73.6 not exceed ten years.

73.7 (d) Security for the loan must be a personal note executed by the borrower and whatever
73.8 other security is required by the eligible lender or the authority.

73.9 (e) The authority may prescribe forms and establish an application process for applicants
73.10 to apply for a loan.

73.11 (f) The authority may impose a reasonable, nonrefundable application fee for each
73.12 application for an agroforestry loan under this program. The authority may review the fee
73.13 annually and make adjustments as necessary. The initial application fee is \$50. Application
73.14 fees received by the authority must be deposited in the Rural Finance Authority administrative
73.15 account established in section 41B.03.

73.16 (g) Loans under this program must be made using money in the revolving loan account
73.17 established in section 41B.06.

73.18 (h) All repayments of financial assistance granted under this section, including principal
73.19 and interest, must be deposited into the revolving loan account established under section
73.20 41B.06.

73.21 (i) The interest payable on loans for the agroforestry loan program must be at a rate
73.22 determined by the authority.

73.23 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 583.215, is amended to read:

73.24 **583.215 EXPIRATION.**

73.25 Sections 336.9-601, subsections (h) and (i); 550.365; 559.209; 582.039; and 583.20 to
73.26 583.32, expire June 30, ~~2027~~ 2032.

73.27 Sec. 48. **REPORT; PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE.**

73.28 By February 1, 2029, the commissioner of agriculture must report to the chairs and
73.29 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
73.30 finance and policy on the use of paraquat dichloride in the state over time and the status of
73.31 paraquat dichloride in the pesticide supply chain.

74.1 Sec. 49. **REPEALER.**

74.2 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18K.02, subdivision 7; 18K.03, subdivision 2; and
74.3 28A.075, are repealed."

74.4 Amend the title accordingly