



STRENGTHENING FARMING AND FOOD PRODUCTION IN MINNESOTA

Everyone in Minnesota deserves access to healthy, nutritious food. The House DFL Agriculture budget delivers comprehensive, innovative ideas to ensure we have both a sustainable food supply and a strong agricultural economy throughout our state.



Supporting Resiliency and Innovation in Agriculture

- Funding to respond to agricultural emergencies such as the current Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak.
- New funding to develop new cover crops and perennial cropping systems, including Kernza, along with increased investments in the U of M's Forever Green initiative to develop crops that protect soil and water.
- Financial assistance for communities and farmers to invest in equipment and technology to promote sustainable soil health practices.
- Prohibiting environmentally unfriendly plastic-coated fertilizers and pesticides, and regulating neonicotinoid-treated seed disposal to protect humans and pollinators.
- Investments to tackle noxious weeds and invasive plant species.
- Bioincentive payments to support more renewable, environmentally friendly energy and chemical sources.

Investing in the Next Generation of Farmers

- Down payment assistance grants for new farmers to secure land to farm, and assistance to help small farmers enroll in new federal micro-farm insurance programs.
- Technical and culturally appropriate services for emerging farmers and food-system-related businesses.
- Support for farmers market vendors and investments in cooperative development grants to help early-stage agricultural cooperatives advance production and marketing.

Tackling Hunger and Food Insecurity

- Hunger relief grant funding for Second Harvest Heartland.
- Increased funding for the Farm to School, Youth and Urban Ag, and Good Food Access programs.
- Boosting opportunities for local, small meat and poultry producers while strengthening career pathways through investments in meat processing grants and training.