

**Branch Research Centers
Budget 628
Senate Bill No. 2020**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 legislative appropriation	107.04	\$17,600,202 ¹	\$16,001,083	\$33,601,285
2011-13 legislative appropriation	103.04 ²	14,945,208	14,997,581	29,942,789
2013-15 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriation	4.00	\$2,654,994	\$1,003,502	\$3,658,496

¹This amount includes one-time funding. Excluding one-time funding, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$17,585,702.

²The number of FTE positions for the 2011-13 biennium has been adjusted by 5.55, from 97.49 to 103.04, pursuant to Section 6 of 2011 House Bill No. 1020 which authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed subject to the availability of funds for institutions and entities under its control.

NOTE: The 2013-15 legislative appropriations amounts include \$14,500 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$8.5 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for state agency needs resulting from energy development.

Item Description

State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) priorities - The Legislative Assembly provided funding for SBARE priorities as follows:

	Priority Ranking	FTE	Appropriation
Initiative			
Crop initiative - Enhancing crop development and protection efforts	1		\$360,000
Enhancing research capabilities at research centers (Carrington Research Extension Center, Central Grasslands Research Extension Center, North Central Research Extension Center)	2	4.00	1,210,000
Funding to offset reduced oil revenue at the Dickinson Research Extension Center	Unranked		800,000
Total general fund ¹		4.00	\$2,370,000

¹This funding was included in the appropriation for the North Dakota State University Main Research Center, Budget 640.

Status/Result

The branch research centers plan to use the \$360,000 from the general fund provided for the SBARE priority to enhance crop development and protection efforts to increase operating support for crop pathology at the Carrington Research Extension Center, variety testing at the Langdon Research Extension Center, and dryland crop improvement at the Dickinson Research Extension Center.

The branch research centers plan to use the funding provided for the SBARE priority to enhance research capabilities at research centers as follows:

Research Center	FTE	Position	Amount	FTE Status
Central Grasslands	1.00	Technical support staff	\$150,000	Filled
North Central	1.00	Technical support staff	150,000	Recruitment in process
Carrington	1.00	Technical support staff	150,000	Recruitment in process
Hettinger	1.00	Weed science	200,000	Recruitment in process
Total			\$650,000 ¹	

¹The remaining \$560,000 will be allocated among the seven research extension centers for operating support.

Funding of \$800,000 from the general fund has been allocated for the SBARE priority to provide permanent funds to offset reduced oil revenue at the Dickinson Research Extension Center.

Accrued leave payments - In Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2020, the Legislative Assembly identified \$503,916, of which \$407,680 is from the general fund and \$96,236 is from other funds, for accrued leave payments.

Transfer authority - In Section 6 of Senate Bill No. 2020, the Legislative Assembly authorized SBARE and appropriate branch research center directors to transfer appropriation authority within the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center. Any amounts transferred must be reported to OMB.

The branch research centers have not spent any funds from the accrued leave payments line item. The branch research centers anticipate using all the funds from the accrued leave payments line item for salaries and wages this biennium.

To date, there have been no transfers of appropriation authority within the NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center, and the agency does not anticipate the need to make any transfers during the remainder of the 2013-15 biennium.