

**Department 628 - Branch Research Centers
 House Bill No. 1020**

Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 Executive Budget	114.94	\$20,257,379	\$19,903,947	\$40,161,326
2013-15 Legislative Appropriations ^{1,2}	107.04	17,585,702	16,001,083	33,586,785
Increase (Decrease)	7.90	\$2,671,677	\$3,902,864	\$6,574,541

¹The number of FTE positions for the 2013-15 biennium does not reflect an adjustment of 3.90 positions, from 107.04 to 110.94, pursuant to Section 8 of 2013 Senate Bill No. 2020 which authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed subject to the availability of funds for institution and entities under its control.

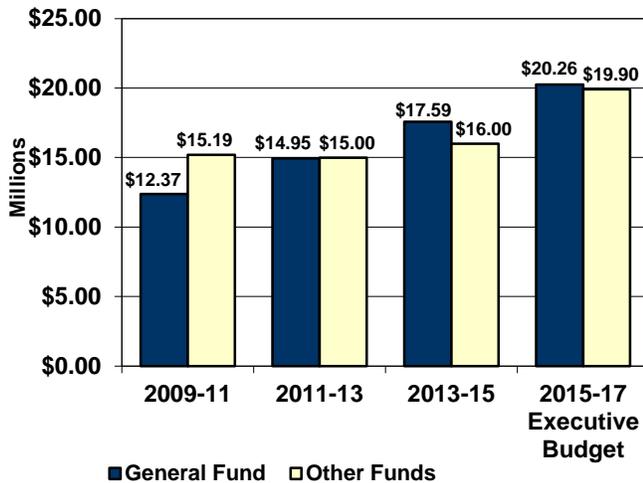
²The 2013-15 appropriation amounts do not include \$14,500 from the general fund allocated from the state agency energy impact funding pool for temporary salary adjustments for agency employees located in areas of the state affected by energy development. Allocations were as follows:

- Dickinson Research Extension Center - \$4,750
- Hettinger Research Extension Center - \$1,750
- North Central Research Extension Center - \$3,750
- Williston Research Extension Center - \$4,250

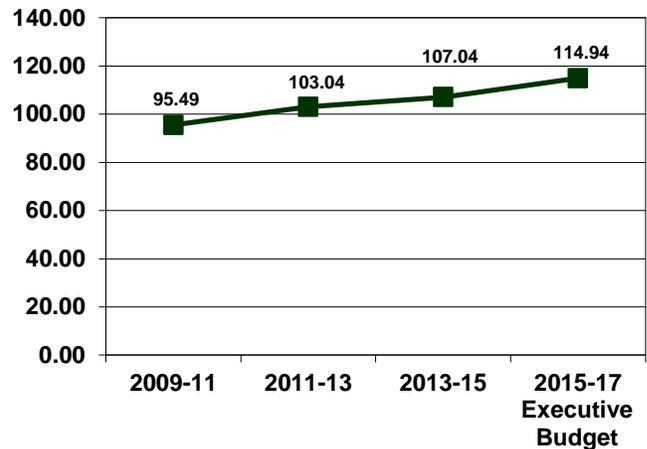
Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2015-17 Executive Budget	\$20,257,379	\$0	\$20,257,379
2013-15 Legislative Appropriations	17,585,702	0	17,585,702
Increase (Decrease)	\$2,671,677	\$0	\$2,671,677

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 Executive Budget	\$20,257,379	\$19,903,947	\$40,161,326
2015-17 Base Level	17,585,702	16,001,083	33,586,785
Increase (Decrease)	\$2,671,677	\$3,902,864	\$6,574,541

First House Action

Attached is a comparison worksheet detailing first house changes to base level funding and the executive budget.

**Executive Budget Highlights
(With First House Changes in Bold)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$893,822 relates to performance increases, \$492,012 is for health insurance increases, and \$93,248 is for retirement contribution increases. The House provided funding for performance salary increases of 2 to 4 percent per year and funding for health insurance increases, but did not include funding for retirement contribution increases.	\$1,149,983	\$329,099	\$1,479,082
Dickinson Research Center			
2. Adds funding for 1 dust issues technical support FTE position. The House provided \$100,000 of one-time funding for dust issues technical support, but did not include a FTE position.	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000
3. Increases funding for operations expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
4. Increases funding for equipment over \$5,000. The House included increased funding from special funds for equipment over \$5,000, but did not provide for increased funding from the general fund.	\$150,000	\$575,001	\$725,001
5. Increases funding for miscellaneous supplies, operating fees, and services	\$35,608	\$0	\$35,608
Central Grasslands Research Center			
6. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
7. Increases funding for equipment over \$5,000. The House included increased funding from special funds for equipment over \$5,000, but did not provide for increased funding from the general fund.	\$25,000	\$248,650	\$273,650
8. Reduces funding for miscellaneous supplies, repairs, operating fees, and services	(\$34,404)	\$0	(\$34,404)
Hettinger Research Center			
9. Adds funding for 1 animal science technical support FTE position	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000
10. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
11. Increases funding for equipment over \$5,000. The House included increased funding from special funds for equipment over \$5,000, but did not provide for increased funding from the general fund.	\$150,000	(\$31,501)	\$118,499
12. Increases funding for miscellaneous supplies, operating fees, and services	\$16,115	\$0	\$16,115
Langdon Research Center			
13. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
14. Increases funding for equipment over \$5,000. The House included increased funding from special funds for equipment over \$5,000, but did not provide for increased funding from the general fund.	\$25,000	\$255,000	\$280,000
15. Reduces funding for miscellaneous supplies, repairs, operating fees, and services	(\$156,575)	\$0	(\$156,575)
North Central Research Center			
16. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
17. Increases funding for equipment over \$5,000. The House included increased funding from special funds for equipment over \$5,000, but did not provide for increased funding from the general fund.	\$150,000	\$25,000	\$175,000
18. Increases funding for miscellaneous supplies, repairs, operating fees, and services	\$153,356	\$0	\$153,356
Williston Research Center			
19. Adds funding for 2 crop disease research FTE positions	\$330,000	\$0	\$330,000
20. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000

21. Increases funding for equipment over \$5,000. The House included increased funding from special funds for equipment over \$5,000, but did not provide for increased funding from the general fund.	\$25,000	\$763,000	\$788,000
22. Reduces funding for miscellaneous supplies, repairs, operating fees, and services	(\$122,224)	\$0	(\$122,224)
Carrington Research Center			
23. Increases funding for operating expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
24. Increases funding for equipment over \$5,000. The House included increased funding from special funds for equipment over \$5,000, but did not provide for increased funding from the general fund.	\$25,000	\$1,214,800	\$1,239,800
25. Reduces funding for miscellaneous supplies, repairs, operating fees, and services	\$166,110	(\$350,000)	(\$183,890)

Other Sections in Bill

Additional income appropriation - Section 3 provides that, in addition to the amount appropriated as other funds, any other income from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the branch research centers, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2015-17 biennium.

Dickinson Research Extension Center mineral rights income - Section 4 authorizes the Dickinson Research Extension Center to spend up to \$755,000 of revenue received during the 2015-17 biennium from mineral royalties, leases, or easements for ongoing operational expenses. Any revenues received in excess of \$755,000 may be spent only for one-time expenditures for the 2015-17 biennium.

Williston Research Extension Center mineral rights income - Section 5 directs the Williston Research Extension Center to report to the 65th Legislative Assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or easements in the 2013-15 biennium and the 2015-17 biennium.

Transfer authority - Section 6 authorizes the transfer of appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, North Dakota State University Extension Service, and Northern Crops Institute and provides that any transfers be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.

FTE position adjustments - Section 7 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the branch research centers and provides that any adjustments be reported to the Office of Management and Budget. **The House removed this section.**

Unexpended general fund - Excess income - Section 8 authorizes the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the branch research centers into the 2017-19 biennium.

Continuing Appropriations

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

At this time, there have been no significant audit findings for this agency.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1431 - This bill provides an appropriation of \$350,000 from special funds derived from donations and other local funds raised by the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education to acquire real property for the Langdon Research Center.

Senate Bill No. 2159 - This bill authorizes the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education to sell real property at the Dickinson Research Center to the Dickinson School District and to purchase real property for the Dickinson Research Center for no more than \$2,602,000. In addition, the bill provides that funds received from the sale of property in excess of funds used to purchase property are appropriated to the Dickinson Research Center for agricultural research purposes on a continuing basis. The excess revenue appropriated on a continuing basis is estimated to be approximately \$7.6 million, less \$6 million in estimated improvements to the purchased land. This bill has been approved by both chambers of the 64th Legislative Assembly.

Branch Research Centers - Budget No. 628
House Bill No. 1020
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 Biennium Base Level	107.04	\$17,585,702	\$16,001,083	\$33,586,785	107.04	\$17,585,702	\$16,001,083	\$33,586,785
2015-17 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll changes		\$113,781	\$873,815	\$987,596		\$113,781	\$873,815	\$987,596
Salary increase - Performance		694,945	198,877	893,822		529,057	134,433	663,490
Retirement contribution increase		72,500	20,748	93,248				0
Health insurance increase		382,538	109,474	492,012		378,220	109,474	487,694
Adjust FTEs pursuant to Section 8 of 2013 Senate Bill No. 2020	3.90			0	3.90			0
Add Dickinson dust issues technical support staff	1.00	130,000		130,000				0
Add Hettinger animal science technical support staff	1.00	130,000		130,000	1.00	130,000		130,000
Add funding for Williston crop disease research - Plant pathologist and technical support positions	2.00	330,000		330,000	2.00	330,000		330,000
Increase funding for operating expenses		210,000		210,000		210,000		210,000
Increase funding for equipment over \$5,000		550,000	3,049,950	3,599,950			3,049,950	3,049,950
Adjust funding for miscellaneous supplies, repairs, operating fees, and services		57,986	(350,000)	(292,014)		57,986	(350,000)	(292,014)
Reduce capital bond payments		(73)		(73)		(73)		(73)
Total ongoing funding changes	7.90	\$2,671,677	\$3,902,864	\$6,574,541	6.90	\$1,748,971	\$3,817,672	\$5,566,643
One-time funding items								
Dust issues technical support				\$0		\$100,000		\$100,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	7.90	\$2,671,677	\$3,902,864	\$6,574,541	6.90	\$1,848,971	\$3,817,672	\$5,666,643
2015-17 Total Funding	114.94	\$20,257,379	\$19,903,947	\$40,161,326	113.94	\$19,434,673	\$19,818,755	\$39,253,428

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1020

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FTE position adjustments	Section 7 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the branch research centers and provides that any adjustments be reported to the Office of Management and Budget.	
Unexpended general fund authority - Excess income	Section 8 authorizes the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the branch research centers into the 2015-17 biennium.	Section 8 authorizes the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the branch research centers into the 2015-17 biennium.
Exemption	Section 9 provides that amounts appropriated for the agronomy laboratories by the 63 rd Legislative Assembly are not subject to the provision of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or related revenues are available and may be expended during the 2015-17 biennium.	Section 9 provides that, excluding \$400,000 provided from the general fund for the Central Grasslands Research Center agronomy laboratory, all other amounts appropriated for the agronomy laboratories by the 63 rd Legislative Assembly are not subject to the provision of Section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or related revenues are available and may be expended during the 2015-17 biennium.