

**Department 628 - Branch Research Centers
Senate Bill No. 2021**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	76.36	\$7,899,160	\$5,873,485	\$13,772,645
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	<u>76.36¹</u>	<u>7,060,029</u>	<u>3,922,788</u>	<u>10,982,817²</u>
Increase (Decrease)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$839,131</u>	<u>\$1,950,697</u>	<u>\$2,789,828</u>

2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	<u>76.36</u>	<u>\$7,899,160</u>	<u>\$5,873,485</u>	<u>\$13,772,645</u>
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

¹ The 1999-2001 appropriation is based on 72.1 FTE positions. Section 7 of 1999 House Bill No. 1021 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed. The 76.36 FTE positions shown above represent the employee positions reported to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

² The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$6,431, \$5,052 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000. In addition, the appropriations amounts include \$46,686 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$422,400 funding pool appropriated to the Main Research Center for additional salary adjustments for employees of the Agricultural Experiment Station, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts do not include \$419,000 of additional spending authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 1999-2001 biennium.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Branch Research Centers 2001-03 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Dickinson Research Center			
1. Provides funding for core programs, primarily to support the agronomy and range research programs, which is a State Board of Agriculture Research and Education priority.	\$64,697		\$64,697
2. Provides funding for agronomy work laboratory and chemical storage building.		\$100,000	\$100,000
3. Provides funding from projected increase in oil income for equipment.		\$127,700	\$127,700
Central Grasslands Research Center			
4. Provides funding for core programs, primarily to enhance cooperative research activities with the main station scientists, which is a State Board of Agriculture Research and Education priority.	\$35,168		\$35,168
Hettinger Research Center			
5. Provides funding for core programs, primarily to reduce impact of increased costs of Department of Transportation costs and support the graduate student program, which is a State Board of Agriculture Research and Education priority.	\$40,574		\$40,574
Langdon Research Center			
6. Provides funding for core programs, primarily to reduce the pressure to obtain grants and/or raise seed income, resulting in land and labor use on labor-intensive systems and rotation studies which require a period of several years to obtain usable information, which is a State Board of Agriculture Research and Education priority.	\$35,008		\$35,008

7. Provides funding for construction of the Langdon learning facility and to provide an additional \$15,000 from the general fund for operating costs. (The Senate authorized an additional \$150,000 of special funds for this project and removed the \$15,000 from the general fund for operating costs.)	\$165,000	\$510,000	\$675,000
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North Central Research Center

8. Provides funding for core programs, primarily for research on new crops, crop pests, and problem-invasive weeds, which is a State Board of Agriculture Research and Education priority.	\$31,711		\$31,711
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9. Provides funding, relating to increases from gifts and contracts, to be used for salaries and operating expenses.		\$150,585	\$150,585
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Williston Research Center

10. Provides funding for core programs, primarily for research that promotes value-added and high-value crop production, which is a State Board of Agriculture Research and Education priority.	\$37,969		\$37,969
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11. Provides funding for operating from additional grants.		\$68,863	\$68,863
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Carrington Research Center

12. Provides funding for core programs, primarily for the primary crops and livestock research programs, which is a State Board of Agriculture Research and Education priority.	\$57,769		\$57,769
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13. Provides funding for construction of a heated laboratory, office, and storage building for research purposes.		\$130,000	\$130,000
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Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Branch Research Centers 2001-03 Budget Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)

The Hoeven recommendation does not change the Schafer recommendation.

Major Legislation Affecting the Branch Research Centers

Section 3 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2021 authorizes transfer appropriation authority between the Main Research Center, the branch research centers, and the Agronomy Seed Farm.

Section 4 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2021 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions for the branch research centers and report any adjustments to the Office of Management and Budget.

Section 6 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2021 requires the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education to report to the Budget Section on specified performance and accountability measures of the branch research centers.

Section 7 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2021 authorizes the carryover of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the branch research centers to the 2003-05 biennium.

Section 9 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2021 authorizes up to 10 percent of the proceeds of the agricultural research fund to be used for administrative expenses.

House Bill No. 1181 authorizes funds within the agricultural research fund to be used for reasonable administrative expenses not to exceed \$50,000 annually. (This bill has passed the House.)

House Bill No. 1200 provides \$320,000 from the general fund to the North Central Research Extension Center and \$85,000, \$61,000 from the general fund, to the Williston Research Extension Center for the purpose of purchasing land for research extension purposes. (This bill has passed the House.) Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2021 authorizes \$80,000 of special funds to the Williston Research Extension Center for the same 160 acres of land in Williams County.

Summary of Legislative Changes Resulting From First House Action

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).