

**Agricultural Experiment Station
Budgets 628, 640, 649
Senate Bill No. 2021, House Bill No. 1200**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 legislative appropriation	428.74	\$36,183,645	\$35,095,237	\$71,278,882
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	430.54	33,032,547	25,681,794	58,714,341
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	(1.80)	\$3,151,098	\$9,413,443	\$12,564,541

Item Description

Agricultural research fund - The 1997 Legislative Assembly established the agricultural research fund. Revenue to the fund is generated from withholding four cents per gallon from refunds of motor vehicle fuel taxes used for agricultural purposes. Section 15 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2021 limits the administrative expenses of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education to the lesser of 10 percent of the proceeds of the agricultural research fund or \$50,000. Section 3 of 2001 House Bill No. 1181 provides a continuing appropriation of interest earned in the agricultural research fund to the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education. The statutory allocation of the remaining moneys in the fund are for:

Agricultural commodities research	70%
Animal agricultural research	18%
New and emerging crops research	12%

The 1997 Legislative Assembly estimated that revenues to the fund would range between \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 per year.

Langdon Learning Center - The 2001 Legislative Assembly approved \$810,000, \$300,000 of which is from the general fund, for construction of the Langdon Learning Center. Section 5 of Senate Bill No. 2021 provides that construction on the center not begin until the station has obtained \$500,000 of the total \$510,000 needed in cash or pledges for the learning center.

Status/Result

The agricultural research fund has earned \$10,414 of interest income for the first eight months of the 2001-03 biennium. This income will be used for administrative expenses. Grant allocations and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2001-02 are:

Administrative expenses (estimated)	\$50,000
Agricultural commodities research (70%)	
Wheat	\$148,991
Soybeans	50,856
Sugar beets	38,936
Sunflowers	29,401
Corn	28,606
Barley	25,031
Potato	22,647
Canola	21,455
Dry bean	19,468
Hay	11,919
Total agricultural commodities research (70%)	\$397,310
Animal agriculture research (18%)	102,165
New and emerging crops research (12%)	68,110
Total grant allocations	\$567,585

The Langdon Research Extension Center has received cash and pledges of approximately \$400,000 through February 2002. The additional \$110,000 needed is anticipated to be raised so that bids for the project can be received by June 2002 and that construction would be able to start by fall 2002. The center may need to request carryover authority for the project into the 2003-05 biennium.

Land purchases - The 2001 Legislative Assembly approved House Bill No. 1200 providing funding for the following land purchases:

- **North Central Research Extension Center** - \$320,000, of which \$260,000 is from the Attorney General refund fund and \$60,000 from estimated income, to the North Central Research Extension Center to purchase land in Ward County.
- **Williston Research Extension Center** - \$85,000, \$61,000 of which is from the Attorney General refund fund and \$24,000 of estimated income, for the purchase of land in Williams County.

Dickinson oil revenue initiatives - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$745,000 of special funds from Dickinson oil revenues (in addition to the \$755,000 of oil revenues to the Dickinson Research Extension Center) for agricultural initiatives. The funding provides \$445,000 for the beefline initiative and \$300,000 for the development of a modern feedmill and feedlot at the Carrington Research Extension Center.

Malt barleys - Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2021 provides intent that the Agricultural Experiment Station allocate up to \$288,000 from funding appropriated to the Main Research Center for the purpose of developing, in conjunction with the research centers, western North Dakota malt barleys.

Other capital improvements - The 2001 Legislative Assembly approved special funds for the following projects:

Bison research facility (Carrington Research Extension Center)	\$130,000
Agronomy work laboratory (Dickinson Research Extension Center)	50,000
Chemical storage building (Dickinson Research Extension Center)	50,000
Grain storage hopper bin and bulk seed handling (Agronomy Seed Farm)	105,000
Total	\$335,000

The North Central Research Extension Center and the Williston Research Extension Center have made the land purchases with available operating funds. The funding from the Attorney General refund fund for the land purchases has not yet been received as of March 1, 2002. The Attorney General's office anticipates the funding from the Attorney General refund fund to be available by summer 2002.

The Dickinson Research Extension Center anticipates actual oil revenues to be approximately \$1.9 million for the 2001-03 biennium. The Dickinson Research Extension Center is conducting several research projects relating to beef cattle. The original bids for the Carrington feedmill and feedlot were higher than anticipated and the proposal will be adjusted and sent out for rebids. The estimated \$400,000 of oil revenues in excess of the \$1,500,000 appropriated for the 2001-03 biennium will be carried over into the 2003-05 biennium pursuant to Section 11 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2021.

The malt barley program is supervised by the North Dakota State University barleys program coordinator and the granting committee of the agricultural research fund is responsible for reviewing grant proposals and issuing grants. The \$288,000 of funding has been primarily allocated to researchers in Williston, Dickinson, and Hettinger.

Bison research facility - The \$130,000 of federal funding for the project has not been received and the project has been delayed.

Agronomy work laboratory and chemical storage building - The funding for these projects have been combined into one building. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the 2001-03 biennium.

Grain storage hopper bin and bulk seed handling - The project is completed.