

**Agricultural Experiment Station  
Budgets 628, 640, 649  
House Bill No. 1021**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2003-05 legislative appropriation	425.71	\$35,678,419	\$42,440,481	\$78,118,900
2001-03 legislative appropriation	451.14	36,183,645	35,095,237	71,278,882
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	(25.43)	(\$505,226)	\$7,345,244	\$6,840,018

**Item Description**

**Beef systems center of excellence** - House Bill No. 1021 authorized the Main Research Center to receive \$800,000 from the Ag PACE fund for the establishment of a beef systems center of excellence by the Department of Animal and Range Science. The Main Research Center is to collect \$1 million in federal funds and \$1 million in special funds prior to spending the \$800,000 of funding from the Ag PACE fund.

**Capital projects** - The 2003 Legislative Assembly authorized the following projects:

- \$1 million of special funds from gifts, grants, and contracts for construction of an **insulated and heated building** to house a buhler semi-industrial research mill donated by the Nestle' Research and Development Center.
- \$120,000 of special funds from the environment and rangeland protection fund for construction of **pesticide handling facilities**.
- \$1.4 million of special funds from Dickinson oil revenues (\$1 million) and local contributions (\$400,000) for Phase 1 of construction of a **new Dickinson Research Center headquarters office and multipurpose room building**.

**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.

**Status/Result**

As of March 2004, the Main Research Center has received commitments for approximately \$1.4 million in funds needed for the project, including \$1 million from a federal United States Department of Agriculture grant and \$400,000 from special funds. Fundraising efforts are ongoing to raise the additional \$600,000 in special funds needed to begin the project.

The Main Research Center is seeking funding from various commodity groups to build an insulated and heated building to house the mill; however, no firm commitments have been received to fund the project.

Funding was allocated to the Main Research Center (\$60,000) and the Hettinger Research Center (\$60,000) for construction of pesticide handling facilities.

The Dickinson Research Center anticipates construction to begin on the new headquarters office and multipurpose room in either fall 2004 or spring 2005. Revenues from oil royalties are estimated to be \$2.44 million during the 2003-05 biennium. County officials have indicated a willingness to assist with the cost of the project; however, as of March 1, 2004, local commitments have not been finalized.

The Langdon Learning Center is scheduled to be completed in June 2004.

**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 gasoline taxes used for agricultural purposes. Administrative expenses of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education may not exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the proceeds of the agricultural research fund or \$50,000. A continuing appropriation of interest earned in the agricultural research fund is provided to the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education. The statutory allocation of the remaining money in the fund is:

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

The agricultural research fund earned \$10,608 of interest income and incurred \$43,453 of administrative expenses during fiscal year 2003. Motor vehicle fuel tax refunds received in fiscal year 2003 totaled \$505,763. Grant allocations and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2004 are:

Administrative expenses (estimated)	\$50,000
Agricultural commodities research (70%)	
Wheat	\$110,113
Soybeans	48,979
Sugar beets	29,682
Sunflowers	24,702
Corn	21,459
Barley	16,479
Potato	16,774
Canola	21,394
Dry bean	20,640
Flax seed	8,682
Hay	8,715
Total agricultural commodities research (70%)	\$327,619
Animal agriculture research (18%)	\$84,245
New and emerging crops research (12%)	\$56,163
Total grant allocations	\$468,027