

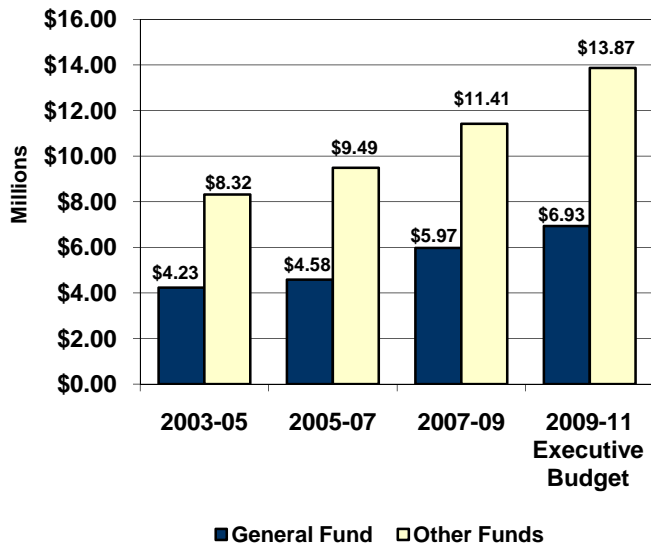
**Department 602 - Agriculture Commissioner
 House Bill No. 1009**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 Executive Budget	70.50	\$6,934,306	\$13,867,630	\$20,801,936
2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	67.50	5,969,937 ¹	11,414,326	17,384,263 ²
Increase (Decrease)	3.00	\$964,369	\$2,453,304	\$3,417,673

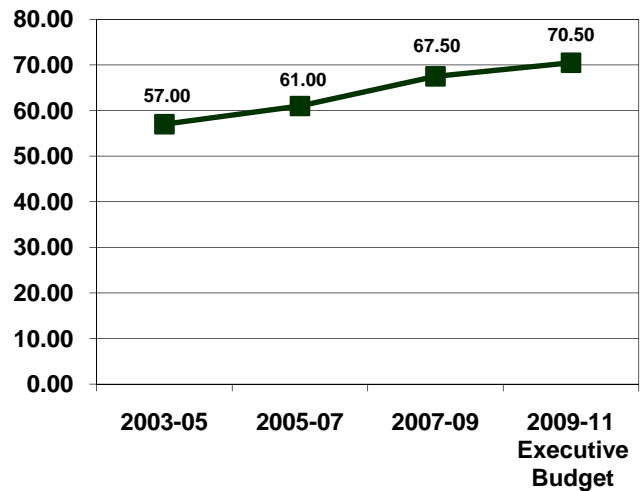
¹This amount includes a transfer of \$150,000 from the general fund to the environment and rangeland protection fund.

²The 2007-09 appropriation amounts include \$56,277, \$30,277 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$10 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees. The 2007-09 appropriation amounts do not include \$495,690 of additional special funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2007-09 biennium.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2009-11 Executive Budget	\$6,934,306	\$0	\$6,934,306
2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	5,729,101	240,836 ¹	5,969,937
Increase (Decrease)	\$1,205,205	(\$240,836)	\$964,369

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First House Action

Attached is a summary of first house changes.

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

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides \$180,901 of funding to address salary equity issues, including \$8,714 for the related second-year salary increase. The House removed this funding.	\$86,833	\$94,068	\$180,901
2. Increases funding for the specialty crop grant program to provide total federal funding of \$1,217,376		\$790,000	\$790,000
3. Increases funding from admission and booth fees for Pride of Dakota activities to provide total funding of \$741,106, of which \$250,000 is from the general fund		\$160,000	\$160,000
4. Provides \$50,000 of matching funds from the environment and rangeland protection fund to receive additional federal funding (\$604,000) for the livestock pollution prevention program		\$654,000	\$654,000

5. Provides funding for additional office space for department employees. The House removed this funding.	\$120,000		\$120,000
6. Adds 1 FTE plant inspector position (\$107,862) and related operating expenses (\$19,000)	\$126,862		\$126,862
7. Provides funding from the environment and rangeland protection fund to add 1 FTE pesticide outreach position (\$104,841) and related operating expenses (\$25,700)		\$130,541	\$130,541
8. Adds 1 FTE meat inspection position (\$95,784) and related operating expenses (\$57,000). The House removed this position and related funding from the general fund.	\$78,821	\$73,963	\$152,784
9. Increases funding for the North Dakota Dairy Coalition to provide total funding of \$150,000	\$75,000		\$75,000
10. Increases general fund support for the Board of Animal Health and reduces support from the game and fish fund by the same amount	\$51,051	(\$51,051)	\$0
11. Increases funding for the Wildlife Services program to provide total funding of \$1,067,400, of which \$298,600 is from the general fund and \$768,800 is from the game and fish fund	\$58,600	\$88,800	\$147,400
12. Removes one-time funding provided in the 2007-09 biennium for an animal tracking database	(\$90,836)		(\$90,836)
13. Removes funding provided in the 2007-09 biennium for blackbird research (\$159,000) and the organic program (\$30,000)		(\$189,000)	(\$189,000)

Other Sections in Bill

Section 4 provides \$768,800 from the game and fish operating fund for various Department of Agriculture programs for the 2009-11 biennium.

Section 8 includes the statutory changes necessary to increase the commissioner's salary as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the 2007 Legislative Assembly:

July 1, 2007	\$78,599
July 1, 2008	\$81,743

Proposed annual salary recommended in the 2009-11 executive budget:

July 1, 2009	\$85,830
July 1, 2010	\$90,122

Continuing Appropriations

Turkey fund - North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Chapter 4-13.1 - Commodity checkoff for market development for turkeys and turkey products.

Honey promotion fund - NDCC Chapter 4-12.1 - Commodity checkoff for market development for honey.

Minor use pesticide fund - NDCC Sections 4-35-06.2 and 4-35-06.3 - For studies, investigations, and evaluations regarding registration and use of pesticides.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1025 - This bill rewrites the laws pertaining to agricultural commodities boards and commissions, including continuing appropriations for the turkey fund and honey promotion fund.

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