

**Department 628 - Branch Research Centers
Senate Bill No. 2020**

Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations

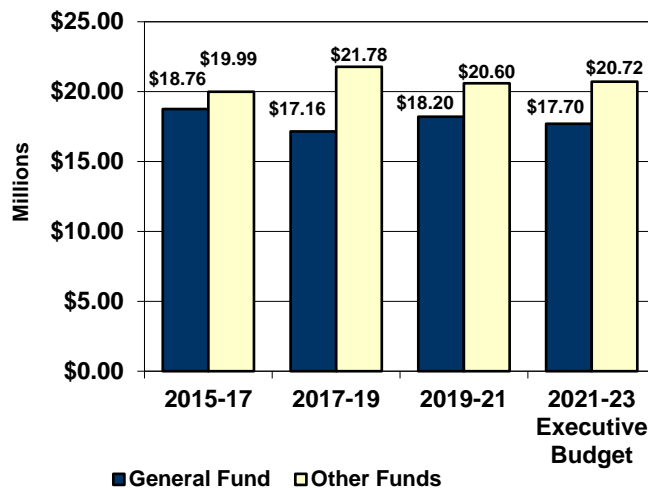
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2019-21 Legislative Appropriations ¹	109.81	18,201,026	20,600,388	38,801,414
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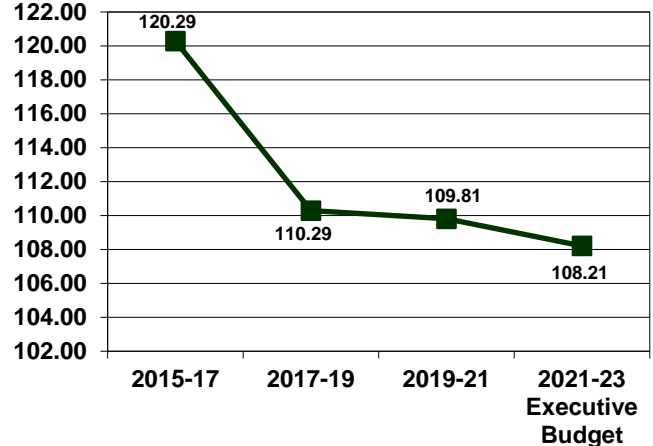
Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2021-23 Executive Budget	\$17,699,004	\$0	\$17,699,004
2019-21 Legislative Appropriations	18,201,026	0	18,201,026
Increase (Decrease)	(\$502,022)	\$0	(\$502,022)

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

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Attached as an appendix is a detailed comparison of the executive budget to the agency's base level appropriations.

Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$475,457 is for salary increases, \$5,352 is for health insurance increases, and \$36,649 is for retirement contribution increases	\$401,368	\$116,090	\$517,458
Dickinson Research Center			
2. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$176,799)	\$0	(\$176,799)
Central Grasslands Research Center			
3. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$101,580)	\$0	(\$101,580)
Hettinger Research Center			
4. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$113,872)	\$0	(\$113,872)
Langdon Research Center			
5. Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$82,660)	\$0	(\$82,660)

North Central Research Center

6. Reduces funding for operating expenses (\$97,487) \$0 (\$97,487)

Williston Research Center

7. Reduces funding for operating expenses (\$142,915) \$0 (\$142,915)

Carrington Research Center

8. Reduces funding for operating expenses (\$188,409) \$0 (\$188,409)

**Other Sections Recommended to be Added in the Executive Budget
(As Detailed in the Attached Appendix)**

Additional income appropriation - Section 3 would provide 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 2021-23 biennium.

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Continuing Appropriations

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

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

Major Related Legislation

At this time, no major legislation has been introduced affecting this agency.

Branch Research Centers - Budget No. 628
Senate Bill No. 2020
Base Level Funding Changes

Executive Budget Recommendation

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 Biennium Base Level	109.81	\$18,201,026	\$20,600,388	\$38,801,414
2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes	(1.60)		(\$2)	(\$2)
Salary increase		\$368,508	106,949	475,457
Retirement contribution increase		28,739	7,910	36,649
Health insurance increase		4,121	1,231	5,352
Increases funding for capital bond payments		332		332
Reduces funding for operations by 5 percent		(903,722)		(903,722)
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.60)	(\$502,022)	\$116,088	(\$385,934)
One-time funding items				
No one-time funding items				\$0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.60)	(\$502,022)	\$116,088	(\$385,934)
2021-23 Total Funding	108.21	\$17,699,004	\$20,716,476	\$38,415,480
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(1.5%)	(2.8%)	0.6%	(1.0%)
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Other Sections in Branch Research Centers - Budget No. 628

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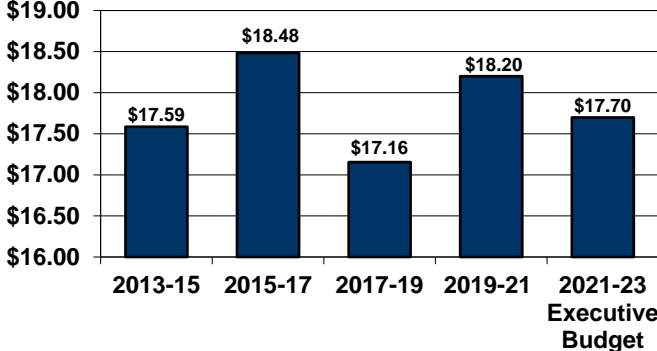
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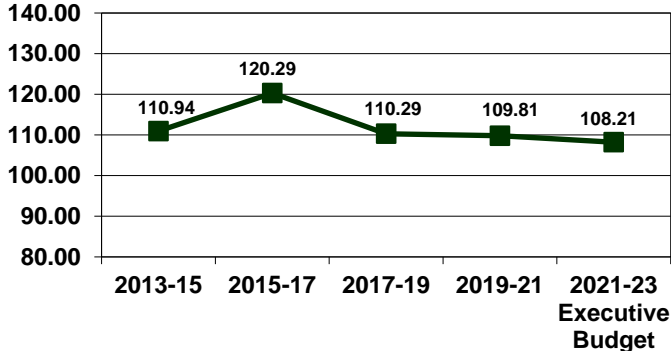
Historical Appropriations Information

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations Since 2013-15

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations (in Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing General Fund Appropriations					
	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$17,585,702	\$18,483,636	\$17,155,257	\$18,201,026	\$17,699,004
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$897,934	(\$1,328,379)	\$1,045,769	(\$502,022)
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	5.1%	(7.2%)	6.1%	(2.8%)
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2013-15 biennium	N/A	5.1%	(2.4%)	3.5%	0.6%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2015-17 Biennium

- 1. Added funding for 1 FTE animal science technical support position for the Hettinger Research Center \$130,000
- 2. Added funding for 2 FTE crop disease research positions at the Williston Research Center \$330,000
- 3. Increased funding for operating expenses \$210,000
- 4. Increased funding for equipment over \$5,000 \$550,000

2017-19 Biennium

- 1. Removed 3.65 FTE positions (\$642,408)
- 2. Adjusted funding sources and made additional unspecified general fund reductions (\$1,086,573)

2019-21 Biennium

- 1. Added funding for salaries and wages at the Dickinson and North Central Research Centers \$125,000
- 2. Added funding for the Oakes irrigation site \$200,000

2021-23 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Reduces funding for operations by 5 percent (\$903,722)

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
SERVICE AS SUBMITTED BY THE
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Extension Service	\$54,396,305	(\$1,992,414)	\$52,403,891
Soil Conservation Committee	<u>1,091,520</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,091,520</u>
Total All Funds	\$55,487,825	(\$1,992,414)	\$53,495,411
Less Estimated Income	<u>27,778,159</u>	<u>520,984</u>	<u>28,299,143</u>
Total General Fund	\$27,709,666	(\$2,513,398)	\$25,196,268
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	242.51	0.26	242.77

Subdivision 2.

NORTHERN CROPS
INSTITUTE

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Northern Crops Institute	\$3,840,027	(\$20,750)	\$3,819,277
Total All Funds	\$3,840,027	(\$20,750)	\$3,819,277
Less Estimated Income	<u>1,896,217</u>	<u>28,007</u>	<u>1,924,224</u>
Total General Fund	\$1,943,810	(\$48,757)	\$1,895,053
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	12.80	0.75	13.55

Subdivision 3.

UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute	<u>\$23,292,223</u>	<u>\$55,011</u>	<u>\$23,347,234</u>
Total All Funds	\$23,292,223	\$55,011	\$23,347,234
Less Estimated Income	<u>18,895,894</u>	<u>168,290</u>	<u>19,064,184</u>
Total General Fund	\$4,396,329	(\$113,279)	\$4,283,050
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	43.88	0.00	43.88

Subdivision 4.

MAIN RESEARCH CENTER

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Main Research Center	\$109,170,101	(\$3,915,678)	\$105,254,423
Total All Funds	\$109,170,101	(\$3,915,678)	\$105,254,423
Less Estimated Income	<u>56,502,775</u>	<u>564,347</u>	<u>57,067,122</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 52,667,326	(\$4,480,025)	\$ 48,187,301
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	344.05	(6.49)	337.56

Subdivision 5.

RESEARCH CENTERS

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Dickinson Research Center	\$ 7,015,862	(\$109,453)	\$ 6,906,409
Central Grasslands Research Center	3,510,825	(56,299)	3,454,526
Hettinger Research Center	5,112,403	(48,983)	5,063,420
Langdon Research Center	3,052,060	(41,254)	3,010,806
North Central Research Center	5,137,569	(28,541)	5,109,028
Williston Research Center	5,286,833	(58,437)	5,228,396
Carrington Research Center	<u>9,685,861</u>	<u>(42,966)</u>	<u>9,642,895</u>
Total All Funds	\$38,801,413	(\$385,933)	\$38,415,480
Less Estimated Income	<u>20,600,387</u>	<u>116,089</u>	<u>20,716,476</u>
Total General Fund	\$18,201,026	(\$502,022)	\$17,699,004
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	109.81	(1.60)	108.21

Subdivision 6.

AGRONOMY SEED FARM

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Agronomy Seed Farm	\$1,565,975	\$16,503	\$1,582,478
Total Special Funds	\$1,565,975	\$16,503	\$1,582,478
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	3.00	0.00	3.00

Subdivision 7.

BILL TOTAL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand Total General Fund	\$104,918,157	(\$7,657,481)	\$ 97,260,676
Grand Total Other Funds	<u>127,239,407</u>	<u>1,414,220</u>	<u>128,653,627</u>
Grand Total All Funds	\$232,157,564	(\$6,243,261)	\$225,914,303

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY- EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
Seed Cleaning Plant	\$ 750,000	\$ 0
Greenhouse	500,000	0
Extraordinary Repairs	<u>940,465</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total All Funds	\$2,190,465	\$500,000
Total Other Funds	<u>1,440,465</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 750,000	\$500,000

The 2021-23 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The main research center shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION. In addition to the amount included in the grand total special funds appropriation line item in section 1 of this Act, any other income, including funds from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the North Dakota state university extension service, the northern crops institute, the upper great plains transportation institute, the main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm, except as otherwise provided by law, is appropriated for the purpose designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4. DICKINSON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME. The Dickinson research extension center may spend up to \$755,000 of revenues received during the 2021-23 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 biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. WILLISTON RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER - MINERAL RIGHTS INCOME - REPORT. The Williston research extension center shall report to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on amounts received and spent from mineral royalties, leases, or easements in the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021 and the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 6. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Upon approval of the state board of agricultural research and education and appropriate branch research center directors, the director of the main research center may transfer appropriation authority within subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section 1 of this Act. Any amounts transferred must be reported to the director of the office of management and budget.

SECTION 7. FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS. The state board of higher education may adjust or increase full-time equivalent positions as needed for the entities in section 1 of this Act, subject to availability of funds. The board shall report any adjustments to the office of management and budget pursuant to this section.

SECTION 8. UNEXPENDED GENERAL FUND - EXCESS INCOME. Any unexpended general fund appropriation authority to and any excess income received by entities listed in section 1 of this Act are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or revenues are available and may be expended by those entities, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTION. The amounts appropriated for the greenhouse and the seed cleaning plant contained in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 20 of the 2019 Sessions Laws, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds from these appropriations or related revenues are available and may be expended during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.