

**NDSU Extension Service  
Budget No. 630  
Senate Bill No. 2020**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2021-23 legislative appropriation	241.77	\$29,437,823	\$28,303,921	\$57,741,744
2019-21 legislative appropriation	<u>242.51</u>	<u>27,709,666</u>	<u>28,633,559</u>	<u>56,343,225</u>
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	(0.74)	\$1,728,157	(\$329,638)	\$1,398,519

**Item Description**

**FTE changes** - The Legislative Assembly authorized 241.77 FTE positions for the NDSU Extension Service for the 2021-23 biennium, a decrease of 0.74 FTE positions from the 2019-21 biennium. The NDSU Extension Service removed 3.74 FTE positions pursuant to Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020 (2019), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at entities under its control. Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2020 continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at entities under its control during the 2021-23 biennium.

The NDSU Extension Service was appropriated 2 FTE positions and \$500,000 from the general fund, including \$425,000 for salaries and fringe and \$75,000 for operating costs, and authorized 2 FTE positions for a livestock initiative.

The NDSU Extension Service was appropriated \$280,000 from the general fund, including \$220,000 for salaries and fringe and \$60,000 for operating costs, and authorized 1 FTE position for a "big data" initiative.

**Transfer authority** - In Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2020, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Director of the Main Research Center, with approval from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, and appropriate branch research center directors, to transfer appropriation authority within the Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center.

**Status/Result**

Through April 2022, the NDSU Extension Service has added 3.80 FTE positions and removed 1 FTE position pursuant to Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2020, including adding 1 FTE project director position, 1 FTE specialist position, 0.8 FTE grant coordinator position, and 1 FTE county agent position, and removing 1 FTE administrative support position.

The agency is recruiting to fill the 2 new FTE positions for the livestock initiative.

The agency is recruiting to fill the new data information specialist FTE position for the "big data" initiative.

To date there have been no transfers of appropriation authority within the Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, branch research centers, and Main Research Center, and the agency does not anticipate making any transfers during the remainder of the 2021-23 biennium.