

**NDSU Main Research Center
Budget No. 640
Senate Bill Nos. 2020 and 2345**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriation	334.56	\$55,088,232 ¹	\$67,189,956	\$122,278,188
2019-21 legislative appropriation	<u>344.05</u>	<u>53,417,326</u>	<u>59,108,207</u>	<u>112,525,533</u>
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	(9.49)	\$1,670,906	\$8,081,749	\$9,752,655

¹This amount includes \$500,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$54,588,232.

Item Description

FTE changes - The Legislative Assembly authorized 334.56 FTE positions for the Main Research Center for the 2021-23 biennium, a decrease of 9.49 FTE positions from the 2019-21 biennium. The Main Research Center removed 12.49 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 Main Research Center added 3 FTE positions for the "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.

One-time funding - In Senate Bill Nos. 2020 and 2345, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$10,602,000 of one-time funding as follows:

	General Fund	Federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund	Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund
Deferred maintenance Carrington Research Center	\$500,000	\$446,000	\$775,000
Central Grasslands Research Center		1,963,000	525,000
Dickinson Research Center		2,200,000	
Hettinger Research Center		3,420,000	300,000
Langdon Research Center			473,000
Total	\$500,000	\$8,029,000	\$2,073,000

Status/Result

The Main Research Center was appropriated 3 FTE positions and \$835,000 from the general fund for a "big data" initiative. The agency is recruiting to fill the new North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network and data analytics, management, and curation FTE positions.

Through April 2022, the Main Research Center has not adjusted FTE positions pursuant to Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2020.

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.

The following is a summary of the status of the Main Research Center's one-time funding:

Deferred maintenance Carrington Research Center	<p>The Main Research Center allocated \$500,000 for deferred maintenance projects as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$127,786 for a graduate student bunkhouse at the Hettinger Research Center. • \$35,171 for a greenhouse cooling system at the Main Research Center. • \$200,000 for greenhouse maintenance at the Main Research Center. • \$137,043 for other projects at the Main Research Center. <p>The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,221,000, including \$775,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) and \$446,000 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Main Research Center for livestock facilities at the Carrington Research Center. An architect has been hired and bid documents are being finalized for the projects.</p>
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Central Grasslands Research Center	The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$2,163,000, including \$200,000 from SIIF and \$1,963,000 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Main Research Center for livestock facilities at the Central Grasslands Research Center. The Legislative Assembly also appropriated \$325,000 from SIIF for a new residence at the Central Grasslands Research Center. An architect has been hired for the projects.
Dickinson Research Center	The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$2,200,000 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Main Research Center for livestock facilities at the Dickinson Research Center. An architect has been hired for the projects.
Hettinger Research Center	The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$3,720,000, including \$300,000 from SIIF and \$3,420,000 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Main Research Center for one-time projects at the Hettinger Research Center, including a storage shed, sheep feed efficiency research facility, and livestock processing facilities. An architect has been hired for the projects and construction of the storage shed was scheduled to begin during the spring of 2022.
Langdon Research Center	The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$473,000 from SIIF to the Main Research Center for a greenhouse at the Langdon Research Center. An architect has been hired and bid documents are being finalized for the project.