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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for Agricultural Centers of Excellence.

1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; AGRICULTURAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE**
1.5 **GRANTS.**

1.6 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to the Agricultural Centers of
1.8 Excellence at Central Lakes College and South Central College. The grant money shall be
1.9 evenly divided each fiscal year between both Agricultural Centers of Excellence. The
1.10 Agricultural Centers of Excellence must use the grant money to:

1.11 (1) develop and support excellence in agricultural, natural resources, and horticultural
1.12 programs;

1.13 (2) develop and support students in creating pathways to successful careers in food,
1.14 agriculture, and natural resources;

1.15 (3) make available rural mental health services; and

1.16 (4) provide farm business management programs for farm owners and operators or to
1.17 persons interested in farming.