

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-SECOND SESSION**

S.F. No. 3711

(SENATE AUTHORS: DAHMS)

DATE
03/03/2022

D-PG

Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for the Forever Green Agriculture
1.3 Initiative at the University of Minnesota.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FOREVER GREEN.**

1.6 \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of agriculture for grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to fund the
1.8 Forever Green Agriculture Initiative and protect the state's natural resources while increasing
1.9 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial
1.10 and winter-annual crops into existing agricultural practices. Of this amount, up to \$5,000,000
1.11 is for equipment and physical infrastructure to support breeding and agronomic activities
1.12 necessary to develop perennial and winter-annual crops. This is a onetime appropriation
1.13 and is available until June 30, 2028.