

**Northern Crops Institute
Budget No. 638
House Bill No. 1020**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriation	12.80	\$1,943,810	\$1,896,217	\$3,840,027
2017-19 legislative appropriation	<u>11.80</u>	<u>1,886,891</u>	<u>1,755,830</u>	<u>3,642,721</u>
2019-21 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriation	1.00	\$56,919	\$140,387	\$197,306

Item Description

FTE changes - The Legislative Assembly authorized 12.8 FTE positions for the Northern Crops Institute for the 2019-21 biennium, an increase of 1 FTE position from the 2017-19 biennium. The 1 FTE position was added pursuant to Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2020 (2017), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at entities under its control. Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020 continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at entities under its control during the 2019-21 biennium.

Transfer authority - In Section 7 of House Bill No. 1020, 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. Any amounts transferred must be reported to OMB.

Capital project - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2297 (2019), authorized the Northern Crops Institute to begin fundraising efforts and to develop a proposal for a new building project to be presented to the 67th Legislative Assembly.

Status/Result

Through April 2020, the Northern Crops Institute has not adjusted FTE positions pursuant to Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020.

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 2019-21 biennium.

The Northern Crops Institute is seeking donations for the new facility and anticipates designing the facility to colocate with the new NDSU Agriculture Products Development Center.