

Subject Livestock investment grant program

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Overview

This bill would modify the livestock investment grant administered by the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) program at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) by updating the match requirement, broadening the definition of livestock, and expanding grant eligibility to Tribal governments. This grant helps livestock farmers and ranchers improve, update, and modernize their livestock operation infrastructure and equipment.

Summary

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| 1 | Administration and grant awards.
Adjusts the grant award amounts to 50% of the first \$20,000 of qualifying expenditures and 20% of the next \$220,000 of qualifying expenditures, where previously the grant went to 10% of the first \$500,000 of qualifying expenditures. |
| 2 | Definitions.
Broadens the definition of livestock to include rabbits, donkeys, and alpacas to expand the number applicants and type of operations eligible for this grant. |
| 3 | Eligibility.
Expands eligibility to federally recognized Tribes located in Minnesota. |