



MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FEEDLOT OFFICERS (MACFO)

COUNTY FEEDLOT PROGRAM 2026-27 FUNDING REQUEST SF2187(Putnam)/HF1846(Burkel)

SF2187/HF1846: County Feedlot Program Funding

This legislation requests \$2.959 million for County Feedlot Program Grant Funding. This is the base program funding for the county program that is run through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Our request of \$2.959 million/year maintains the 2024-25 appropriation.

Funding for the County Feedlot Program was stagnant at \$1.959 million since budget reductions and un-allotment brought us to that level in 2012. Funding had previously been as high as \$2.34 million. Last session the program received a one-time increase of \$1 million per year. We don't want to backslide in important progress for this program.

State statutory requirements and work plans continue to increase accountability and documentation requirements. Program costs have also increased over time.

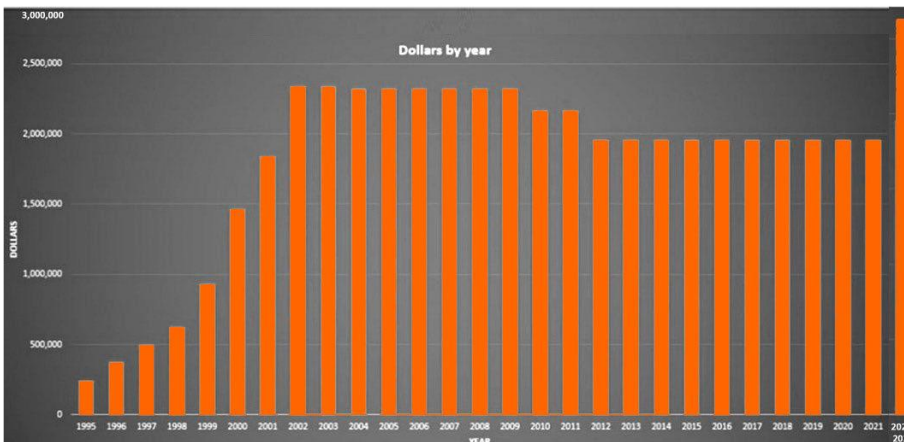
The County Feedlot program is a partnership between a county and the MPCA to implement feedlot rules and regulations.

There are currently 50 counties that have delegated feedlot authority. These counties oversee approximately 68% of the registered feedlots (approx. 13,000 feedlots).

Through a recent survey of delegated counties:

- 56% spent more than grants and county match combined in 2020.
- A majority spent at least \$10,000 more than grants and county match 2020.

County Feedlot Program LEGISLATIVE FUNDING HISTORY



COUNTY FEEDLOT PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ✓ Regular and consistent field presence.
- ✓ Enhanced program and data management
- ✓ Coordination with local zoning requirements and construction activities.
- ✓ Streamline the permitting process with producers.
- ✓ Coordination with local SWCD/NRCS.
- ✓ Local outreach and education to producers and the public.
- ✓ Improved water quality benefits.
- ✓ Site inspections for compliance and new construction.
- ✓ Corrections of non-compliance.
- ✓ Manure management review and nutrient management workshops.
- ✓ Commercial Animal Waste Technicians workshops.
- ✓ Manure application demonstrations.