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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money to support farmers' markets.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FARMERS' MARKETS AND DIRECT MARKETING**
1.5 **PRODUCERS.**

1.6 \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of agriculture to create and implement a program to support farmers' markets, including
1.8 markets within urban American Indian communities and Tribal nations, and direct-marketing
1.9 producers. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 is for a grant to the Minnesota Farmers' Market
1.10 Association for awards to farmers' markets not exceeding \$10,000 per market location for
1.11 costs, including but not limited to training, education, equipment, and infrastructure. Of this
1.12 amount, \$500,000 is for the commissioner of agriculture to create and support a grant
1.13 program for direct-marketing producers. The Minnesota Farmers' Market Association may
1.14 use up to 1.5 percent of the grant awarded under this paragraph for administrative expenses.
1.15 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.