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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring meat processing recommendations; appropriating
1.3 money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; MEAT PROCESSING REPORT.**

1.6 \$10,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of agriculture to consult livestock farmers, meat processors, other stakeholders, and
1.8 Department of Agriculture staff to develop recommendations regarding how best to advance
1.9 the economic interests of small and mid-sized livestock farmers by increasing access to
1.10 animal slaughter and meat processing. The commissioner must give special attention to the
1.11 potential environmental benefits of grazing livestock. No later than February 1, 2021, the
1.12 commissioner must report to the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over
1.13 agriculture finance. This is a onetime appropriation.