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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for wolf and elk depredation payments.

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

1.4 Section 1. DEPREDATION PAYMENTS; APPROPRIATION.

1.5 (a) \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2018 and \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2019  
1.6 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for compensation payments under  
1.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737, for livestock destroyed or crippled by wolves. If the  
1.8 amount in the first year is insufficient, the amount in the second year is available in the first  
1.9 year.

1.10 (b) \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2018 and \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2019  
1.11 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for compensation payments under  
1.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.7371, for crop or fence damage caused by elk. If the amount  
1.13 in the first year is insufficient, the amount in the second year is available in the first year.

1.14 (c) If the commissioner determines that claims made under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1.15 3.737 or 3.7371, are unusually high, the commissioner may transfer amounts appropriated  
1.16 for either program to the appropriation for the other program.

1.17 (d) Amounts appropriated in this section are for valid claims submitted during fiscal  
1.18 year 2018 or 2019, as well as any valid claims that were submitted during fiscal year 2016  
1.19 or 2017 but were not paid by the commissioner due to a shortage of funding.