

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB941

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. (1) On or before November 15, 2014, the
4 Director of Agriculture shall provide a report to the Legislature,
5 in electronic format, that contains:

6 (a) A quantitative and qualitative description of dairy
7 production in Nebraska, including an overview on the numbers,
8 sizes, and ownership characteristics of dairy operations in the
9 state, current quantity and value of milk production, trends in
10 milk production, and measures of productivity of dairy production
11 in Nebraska;

12 (b) A comparison of volume and value of milk production
13 and trends in milk production in Nebraska to that of neighboring
14 states and nationally;

15 (c) A listing and description of milk processing
16 facilities in Nebraska and a description of marketing
17 affiliations and final consumer markets and destinations,
18 including self-processing and direct marketing, for milk produced
19 in Nebraska;

20 (d) An evaluation of the potential for expanded milk
21 production in Nebraska with respect to (i) the ability of
22 agricultural, institutional, and commercial assets within the state
23 to support expanded production, (ii) the capacity of instate

1 processors to utilize increased instate milk production, (iii) the
2 potential for expansion of self-processing and direct marketing of
3 Nebraska milk and dairy products, (iv) serving new or expanding
4 markets outside of Nebraska, and (v) the potential for investment
5 in new or expanded dairy processing facilities;

6 (e) A discussion of constraints to the establishment of
7 new milk production facilities, expansion of milk production, and
8 relocation of dairy operations into Nebraska;

9 (f) A review of public and private programs and
10 initiatives to stimulate expanded milk production in Nebraska and
11 to recruit milk production to relocate to Nebraska; and

12 (g) A compilation and overview of state incentives and
13 outreach and marketing programs for the recruitment or relocation
14 of dairy production and processing or the stimulation of investment
15 in new or expanded dairy production and processing for states
16 surrounding Nebraska.

17 (2) In the report, the Director of Agriculture may
18 include any recommendations to the Legislature regarding actions
19 state government may take to aid and encourage expansion of milk
20 production and markets for milk production in Nebraska. It is the
21 intent of the Legislature that the Agriculture Committee of the
22 Legislature shall hold a public hearing to receive the report and
23 to take public comment on the report and any recommendations.

24 Sec. 2. Section 54-857, Revised Statutes Cumulative
25 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

26 54-857 All money received pursuant to the Commercial Feed
27 Act shall be remitted by the director to the State Treasurer

1 for credit to the Commercial Feed Administration Cash Fund which
2 is hereby created. Such fund shall be used by the department
3 to aid in defraying the expenses of administering the act, to
4 provide resources to prepare the Nebraska dairy industry report as
5 provided in section 1 of this act, and to aid in defraying the
6 expenses related to a cooperative agreement with the United States
7 Department of Agriculture Market News reporting program. Transfers
8 may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of
9 the Legislature. Any money in the Commercial Feed Administration
10 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
11 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
12 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

13 Sec. 3. Original section 54-857, Revised Statutes
14 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.