

904.706 Revolving farm fund.

1. A revolving farm fund is created in the state treasury in which the department shall deposit receipts from agricultural products, nursery stock, agricultural land rentals, and the sale of livestock. However, before any agricultural operation is phased out, the department which proposes to discontinue this operation shall notify the governor, chairpersons and ranking members of the house and senate appropriations committees, and co-chairpersons and ranking members of the subcommittee in the senate and house of representatives which has handled the appropriation for this department in the past session of the general assembly. Before the department sells farmland under the control of the department, the director shall notify the governor, chairpersons and ranking members of the house and senate appropriations committees, and co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee that handled the appropriation for the department during the past session of the general assembly. The department may pay from the fund for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of farms and agricultural or nursery property under the control of the department. A purchase order for five thousand dollars or less payable from the fund is exempt from the general purchasing requirements of [chapter 8A, subchapter III](#). Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), unencumbered or unobligated receipts in the revolving farm fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state.

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.36](#), the department shall annually prepare a financial statement covering the previous calendar year to provide for an accounting of the funds in the revolving farm fund. The financial statement shall be filed with the legislative services agency on or before February 1 each year.

3. As used in [this section](#), “*department*” means the department of corrections and the department of health and human services.

4. The farm operations administrator appointed under [section 904.302](#) shall perform the functions described under [section 904.302](#) for agricultural operations on property of the department of health and human services.

5. The department of health and human services shall enter into an agreement under [chapter 28D](#) with the Iowa department of corrections to implement [this section](#).

[83 Acts, ch 96, §48, 159](#)

[CS83, §217A.70](#)

[85 Acts, ch 21, §54](#)

[CS85, §246.706](#)

[86 Acts, ch 1075, §2; 89 Acts, ch 9, §1; 91 Acts, ch 260, §1221](#)

[C93, §904.706](#)

[2003 Acts, ch 35, §45, 49; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §283; 2017 Acts, ch 54, §76; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1337](#)

Referred to in [§218.78, 427.1\(1\)\(b\), 904.302, 904.705](#)