

HB 981 -- Agricultural Demonstration Awards

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Currently, the Department of Agriculture makes demonstration awards to individual farmers who identify, develop, and demonstrate agricultural strategies which reduce the dependency of food and fiber production on nonrenewable inputs. This bill requires at least 50% of the demonstration awards be allocated to projects which demonstrate environmentally sound agricultural practices that directly improve water quality or animal waste management. This targeted demonstration award requirement is to be in effect through Fiscal Year 2006.