



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 348

May 6, 1997 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.115 (4) (am) and 93.45 of the statutes; **relating to:** funding  
2 for agricultural research and development and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection to provide funding to a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation that is formed by organizations that represent agricultural production in this state and has as its primary purpose the promotion and funding of agricultural research and development projects. The nonprofit corporation may use the funds for grants to conduct agricultural research and development projects and for administrative costs associated with making the grants.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**SECTION 1**

**1997-98      1998-99**

**20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer protection, department of**

(4) AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

(am) Wisconsin agricultural research

and development initiative      GPR      A      1,000,000      5,000,000

**SECTION 2.** 20.115 (4) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (4) (am) *Wisconsin agricultural research and development initiative.*

The amounts in the schedule for the Wisconsin agricultural research and development initiative under s. 93.45.

**SECTION 3.** 93.45 of the statutes is created to read:

**93.45 Wisconsin agricultural research and development initiative. (1)**

From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (am), the department shall provide funds to a nonprofit corporation for grants for agricultural research and development projects and administrative costs associated with making those grants if all of the following apply:

(a) The nonprofit corporation is described in section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in s. 71.22 (4), and is exempt from federal taxation under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) The nonprofit corporation has as its primary purpose the promotion and funding of agricultural research and development projects to benefit agricultural producers in this state.

