



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1083

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Purpose

Appropriates \$3.5 million in FY 2026 from the state General Fund (state GF) to the University of Arizona for the Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture (YCEDA).

Background

YCEDA is a public-private partnership between the University of Arizona and the desert agriculture industry that conducts research and awards grants to address issues in desert agriculture crop production. The YCEDA Small Grants Program awards up to \$10,000 in funding per project to support two types of projects: 1) preliminary applied research to be used to launch a new research program of inquiry; and 2) proof-of-concept of a new agricultural application for new or existing technology. Priority is given to projects focused on the topics of disease management, food safety, soil health, agricultural mechanization and irrigation and nutrient management. YCEDA is both publicly and privately funded. Private donors can make a tax-deductible financial commitment administered through the University of Arizona Foundation ([YCEDA](#) and [YCEDA: Desert Ag Small Grants Program](#)).

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Provisions

1. Appropriates \$3.5 million in FY 2026 from the state GF to the University of Arizona for YCEDA.
2. Declares the Legislature's intent to consider the appropriation as ongoing funding in future years.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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