

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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Time	Gym	Armory	Basement MMB	Courthouse Meeting Room
9:00 a.m.	Hard Red Spring Wheat and Durum Outlook <i>Jim Peterson</i> , executive director, North Dakota Wheat Commission	Updates: Farm Program, Crop Insurance, Income Tax <i>Ron Haugen</i> , farm management specialist, NDSU Extension		Plant ID <i>Bailey Schroeder</i> , Extension agent, Walsh County, NDSU Extension and <i>Traci Trostad</i> , Extension agent, Nelson County, NDSU Extension
9:30 a.m.	Farmer Truth: You're More Important Than the Back 40 – Moderator: <i>Bridgette Readel</i> , WDAY radio ag director, AgMafia, Lilac Lane Media; <i>Theresia Gillie</i> , farmer; <i>Ty Hegland</i> , chief executive officer, Prairie St. John's; <i>David Sears</i> , farmer Sponsored by Devils Lake Cars & Your Heartland Chevy Dealers and First United Bank			
10:15 a.m.	NDSU Wheat Varieties for Northeastern ND <i>Andrew Green</i> , wheat breeder, NDSU	Specialty Crop Market Outlook <i>Frayne Olson</i> , crop economist and marketing specialist, NDSU Extension	QPR Suicide Prevention *Session 10:20-11:30* <i>Katie Henry</i> , family and community wellness Extension agent, Cavalier County, NDSU Extension	Estate Planning Options for Farmers <i>Nathan Gibbens</i> , attorney, Gibbens Law Office
10:45 a.m.	Preparing for the Cereal Disease Fight in 2026 <i>Andrew Friskop</i> , cereal crop Extension plant pathologist, NDSU Plant Pathology	2025 Dry Bean Season Updates <i>Ana Carcedo</i> , Extension broadleaf specialist, NDSU Plant Science and <i>Wade Webster</i> , Extension soybean pathologist, NDSU Plant Pathology		
11:15 a.m.	BREAK — Sponsored by Farmers Union Insurance			
11:30 a.m.	Crop Consultant Panel — <i>Lee Simon</i> , agronomist, Total Ag; <i>Jeremy Wald</i> , crop consultant, Wald Crop Consulting; <i>Jason Hodous</i> , crop consultant			
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH — Sponsored by Farmers Union Insurance, State Bank of Lakota, and County Crop Improvement Associations in Benson, Cavalier, Nelson, Ramsey and Towner Counties			
1:30 p.m.	Update on the War Against Weeds <i>Joe Ikley</i> , Extension weed specialist, NDSU	Keys to Starting Soybeans Strong this Season from Vigor to Seed Treatment <i>Wade Webster</i> and <i>Ana Carcedo</i>	Care and Keeping of Succulents <i>Jessica Fish</i> , land grant director, Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC) and <i>Gabriele Nelson</i> , CCCC community garden manager and Master Gardener	H-2A Housing Inspecting Requirements Made Simple <i>Wendy McAllister</i> , H-2A housing inspector, North Dakota Job Service and <i>Kevin Jacobson</i> , H-2A housing inspector, North Dakota Job Service
2:00 p.m.	North Dakota Bioenergy Update <i>David Ripplinger</i> , Extension specialist, NDSU Extension	How to Optimize Soybean Seed Treatments to Protect Yield and Your Paycheck <i>Wade Webster</i> , Extension soybean pathologist, NDSU Plant Pathology	Care and Keeping of Succulents <i>Jessica Fish</i> and <i>Gabriele Nelson</i>	H-2A Discussion <i>Chris Grobbelaar</i> , owner, Labor Inbound LLC
2:35 p.m.	2026 Crop Market Update — <i>Randy Martinson</i> , president, Martinson Ag Risk Management; <i>Frayne Olson</i> , crop economist and marketing specialist, NDSU Extension Sponsored by North Dakota Soybean Council			

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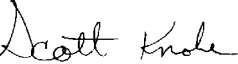
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8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions				
9:00 a.m.	2025 Small Grain Variety Trial Update <i>Kristin Simons</i> , research agronomist, NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center	Key Canola Disease: Scouting and Control Strategies for the Upcoming Season <i>Venkat Chapara</i> , plant pathologist, NDSU Langdon Research Extension Center	FSA Loan and Program Updates <i>Mary Perry</i> , farm loan manager, USDA Farm Service Agency and <i>Niki Berg</i> , county executive director, USDA Farm Service Agency	Forecasting for Land and Machinery Value Update <i>Scott Steffes</i> , president, Steffes Auctioneers	What the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Has to Offer to You <i>Traci Trostad</i> , Extension agent, Nelson County, NDSU Extension
9:30 a.m.	Ag's Next Big Storm Isn't Weather, It's Cyber <i>Chris Sherman</i> , cyber security, Tech Support.Farm	How to Manage Field Ruts and Reduce Compaction <i>Carlos Pires</i> , assistant professor, Extension soil health specialist, NDSU	Healthy Living For Your Brain and Body: Tips From the Latest Research <i>Beth Olson</i> , program manager, Alzheimer's Association and <i>Lisa Crosby</i> , community educator		Vet Q&A <i>Ethan Andress</i> , DVM, state veterinarian North Dakota State Board of Animal Health; <i>Jake Galbreath</i> , DVM, NDSU Extension veterinarian; <i>Dr. Paul Motter</i> , DVM, Cooperstown Veterinary Clinic
10:00 a.m.	Maximizing the Effectiveness of Fungicides for Management of White Mold in Dry Beans and Soybeans <i>Michael Wunsch</i> , plant pathologist, NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center	Grain Harvest and Storage Update <i>Rob Proulx</i> , Extension agricultre technology systems specialist, NDSU	Be Ready Before the Emergency: Farm Mapper for Safer Farms <i>Shawn Weltikol</i> , fire chief, Devils Lake Rural Fire Department and <i>Lindsay Overmyer</i> , Extension agent, Ramsey County, NDSU Extension	Keeping Good Records – What Works Best? <i>Jason Fewell</i> , instructor, farm management education, Lake Region State College	
10:30 a.m.	BREAK — Sponsored by Lange Supply Inc. and Richard Sager Crop Insurance Agency, Inc.				
11:00 a.m.	Doug Dulmage Memorial Scholarship at NDSU — <i>Megan Myrdal</i> , senior director of development, NDSU Foundation				
11:10 a.m.	Advocating for Agriculture Online — <i>Greg Peterson and Nathan Peterson</i> , Peterson Farm Brothers Sponsored by High Plains Equipment, Farmers Union Oil Company, Tronson Grain, CenDak Cooperative, Legacy Cooperative, Brekke Aviation & Agronomy, Butler Machinery Company, M.J. McGuire Company				
NOON	LUNCH — Sponsored by Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce				
1:00 p.m.	Pigweeds on the Move <i>Scott Knoke</i> , Extension agent, Benson County, NDSU Extension	What is the Worth of An Inch of Topsoil <i>Naeem Kalwar</i> , Extension soil health specialist, NDSU Langdon Research Extension Center	Lurking in the Fields: Insecticide Resistance in North Dakota Crops <i>Patrick Beauzay</i> , research specialist, NDSU Extension Entomology and <i>Janet Knodel</i> , professor, Extension Entomologist, NDSU Extension	Ag Tech 101 <i>Rob Proulx</i> , Extension agriculture technology systems specialist, NDSU	Lost Cost Cow Rations Without Losing Performance <i>Karl Hoppe</i> , Extension livestock systems specialist, NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center
1:30 p.m.	2026 Weed Control Update <i>Brian Jenks</i> , Extension weed scientist, NDSU North Central Research Extension Center	2026 Soil Fertility Outlook <i>Victor Gomes</i> , Extension cropping system specialist, NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center	Canola: 2025 Recap and 2026 Outlook <i>Rob Haman</i> , agronomic solutions advisor, BASF and <i>Jordan Varberg</i> , agronomic service rep, BASF	Software Truthing Technology <i>Preston Sundeen</i>	Identification and Controlling Invasive Pasture Weeds <i>Kevin Sedivec</i> , Extension rangeland management specialist, NDSU Extension
2:00 p.m.	Discussions				
	Weed Points to Ponder Facilitator: <i>Jason Hanson</i> , agronomist and crop consultant, Rock and Roll Agronomy, LLC. Contributors: <i>Brian Jenks</i> , <i>Scott Hammond</i> , business representative, BASF	Soil Health Facilitator: <i>Hayden Anderson</i> , Extension agent, Towner County, NDSU Extension Contributors: <i>Victor Gomes</i> ; <i>Naeem Kalwar</i> ; <i>Lindsey Lysne</i> , crop consultant, Liberty Ag; <i>Carlos Pires</i>	Specialty Crop Considerations Facilitator: <i>Lahni Stachler</i> , Extension agent, Cavalier County, NDSU Extension Contributors: <i>Darren Dunham</i> , crop consultant, Centrol; <i>Audrey Kalil</i> , agronomist and outreach coordinator, Horizon Resources; <i>Michael Wunsch</i>	Leveraging Current Tech & Equipment for Maximum Return Facilitator: <i>Preston Sundeen</i> Contributors: <i>Michael Bischoff</i> , owner and CEO, AgTech; <i>Kevin O'Dell</i> , integrated solutions, Leading Edge Equipment (John Deere); <i>Doug Schmidt</i> , ag technology supervisor, Butler Machinery Company	Rancher Panel Facilitator: <i>Traci Trostad</i> Contributors: <i>Terry Ellingson</i> , beef producer, Ellingson Simmental; <i>Karl Hoppe</i> , beef producer; <i>Mike Nelson</i> , beef producer, Nelson Angus Ranch
3:00 p.m.	BREAK — Sponsored by AgCountry Farm Credit Services and Lake Region RadioWorks				
3:15 p.m.	The Latest on NDAWN and a Look at the 2026 Growing Season Weather — <i>Daryl Ritchison</i> , state climatologist for North Dakota and director of North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network				


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