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CROPPING SYSTEMS

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OCTOBER NARRATIVE

CORN GROWERS

On October 2 I assisted the Richland County Corn Growers in harvesting their variety plot. Fifty different varieties and 18 check varieties were harvested with an average yield of 180.76 bu. The highest yielding variety was 203.9 bu. per acre and the lowest came in at 149.9 bu. per acre. After the harvest was completed the results were tabulated and mailed to all participating seed companies and Richland County farmers. The results are used in making variety selections by local farmers in 2008. The plot results are also requested by farmers in adjoining counties.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual fall Extension Conference was held in Fargo October 15-17. A highlight of the program this year was the recognition of the afterschool program with a Program of Excellence Award in 2007. This grant funded program began in 2001 and has shown excellent results in yearly evaluations. The program is very popular in the rural schools in Richland County and we hope to be able to secure funding for the program to continue into the future.

Annual subject matter updates and educational sessions designed to assist us with our educational programs were also part of the conference.

HARVEST BOWL

The annual NDSU Harvest Bowl was held October 26. Honored this year as Richland County Agriculturists of the Year were Mike and Bonnie Beeson of Wahpeton. Mike has been active on the Richland County Crop Improvement Board, has hosted the variety and weed control plots and was a 4-H Leader in Richland County for many years.

NEW FNP AGENT

Elizabeth Freden began her role as the FNP agent in Richland County on October 29. Elizabeth will work part time with the Food and Nutrition program designed for low income and disadvantaged clientele. We welcome Elizabeth to the Richland County team.

NOVEMBER NARRATIVE

MARKET CLUBS

The market clubs at Mooreton and Lidgerwood continue to meet on a regular basis with meetings held November 7 and 14 and a joint meeting held on November 27 at NDSCS. Marketing in 2007 has been difficult as continually rising prices make decisions difficult. The November 27 meeting featured a presentation by Van Ahn and Associates from Alexandria, Minn.

INCOME TAX MANAGEMENT FOR FARMERS

On November 27 I hosted an IVN presentation on Income Tax Management for Farmers at the Library at NDSCS. This statewide program is targeted to tax preparers and farmers. Changes in tax law and IRS rulings related to agriculture are emphasized. The program was well attended at Wahpeton with limited seating available in the Interactive Video room in the library.

Adrian Biewer, Extension Agent, Project Director

AG HALL OF FAME

One of the more interesting committee assignments that I have is the North Dakota Ag Hall of Fame selection committee which meets in Valley City in November.

Representatives of all the major agricultural commodity organizations, extension service and farm broadcasters meet to review nominations and select individuals for recognition into the Ag Hall of Fame. The winners are then recognized during the North Dakota Winter Show in March.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

The Richland County Township Officers held their annual fall meeting on November 19 in Wahpeton. The township officers meet each spring and fall to discuss problems and concerns with elected officials and are updated on reports from various county offices.

CORN GROWER- CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

On November 16 I met with the directors of the Richland County Corn Growers and the Crop Improvement Association to plan the annual Ag Day program. This year the Ag Day will be held on January 11 and feature programs on Strip Till, Ethanol Development and a report on what is ahead for the region's corn industry. Annual meetings for both organizations will also be held that day.

NUTRITION, FOOD SAFETY & HEALTH/4-H

Colleen M. Svingen, Extension Agent

21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

