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2011 Small Grains Symposium

A Small Grains Symposium will be held in Great Falls, Montana, on Thursday, February 17. Northwest Farm Credit Services and North Dakota State University's Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences (IBMS) are sponsoring this educational event.

Participants will learn about current, significant factors affecting wheat and barley industries, and the outlook for critical issues affecting their operations.

Highlights from the agenda include:

Mega Trends in World Agriculture – No Room For Error: Outlook on the grain market, plus strategies for understanding and proactively managing market volatility and risk, presented by Mike Krueger, President of The Money Farm and past member of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange Board of Directors.

Barley Situation and Update: Examination of barley industry drivers and changes. Commentary and insight from Steve Rockhold, Director of Brewing Materials, MillerCoors, and other industry experts.

Information on federal crop insurance, business tools, and the state of the credit market will also be covered during the symposium.

All wheat and barley growers are welcome. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required. To learn more and to RSVP for this event, please call 866-552-9193 or e-mail knowledgecenter@farm-credit.com.

Northwest FCS provides financing, related services and crop insurance to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishermen, timber producers, and rural homeowners in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. For more information, go to www.farm-credit.com.

The IBMS works to coordinate research, outreach and education efforts between all stakeholders in the "barley to beer" chain, including U.S. barley producers and domestic and international malting and brewing industries. For more information go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/ibms/education.html.

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