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## **Western Best of the Best Meetings Set for February**

Best of the Best in Research and Marketing meetings have been set for dates in February.

Two meetings in western North Dakota will focus on wheat and barley production and marketing. These meetings are scheduled for Feb. 2 at the Grand International Inn in Minot and Feb. 3 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck.

“Presentations will address a range of topics, including varietal performance, marketing, on-farm storage, fertilizers and winter wheat management,” says Joel Ransom, North Dakota State University Extension Service agronomist and one of the meeting organizers.

Five hands-on demonstrations are planned.

“These demonstrations are popular with the participants because the learning is highly interactive,” says Karen Hertsgaard, who will be leading a demonstration on barley and malt quality. Hertsgaard is with the NDSU Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences.

These meetings are sponsored by Minnesota and North Dakota wheat growers and check-off organizations, North Dakota Crop Improvement Association, North Dakota Barley Council, NDSU Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences, University of Minnesota Extension and NDSU Extension Service.

The Minot meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting in Bismarck will begin at 10:30 a.m. A noon lunch will be provided. There is no fee for participants, but advanced registration is required. To register online, go to <https://www.smallgrains.org/2011Best/registration.html>. For questions or to register by phone, call (800) 242-6118, ext. 13, in Minnesota and (701) 325-5111 in North Dakota.

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