

Focus on Farming

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INTERNATIONAL CROP EXPO

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2020

ALERUS CENTER, GRAND FORKS, ND

Wednesday, February 19th –The show will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20th – The show will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.

Educational program will be held from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. each day. Trade show will be open all day in the arena. Visit the Grand Forks County Extension booth #549. Programs will focus on production of: soybeans, dry beans, small grains and potatoes. CCA credits will be available. For a complete program agenda, go to: www.cropexpo.com

Wednesday, February 19

1:00 p.m.

“Agriculture Today: It Is What It Is...What Should We Do About It?”

Keynote Speaker – Dr David Kohl addresses the agriculture economic down turn that is in its seventh year and counting. This session will discuss the assessment of management IQ that often places one in the top third or bottom third of profitability. What are the financial and business management characteristics that one must focus on in planning, strategizing, executing and monitoring for 2020 and beyond?

Sponsored by AgCountry Farm Credit Services

Thursday, February 20

1:00 p.m.

“American Chef, Blogger and Cookbook Author”

Keynote Speaker- Molly Yeh. Molly is the star of Food Network’s series, Girl Meets Farm. Molly has written a memoir, and has been featured by the New York Times, Food & Wine, Bon Appetit and New York Magazine. Outside of the kitchen, she is a Julliard-trained percussionist, and has performed in orchestras around the world. She lives on a farm on the North Dakota-Minnesota border with her fifth-generation farmer husband and their little flock of chickens.

GRAND FORKS COUNTY PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAININGS

There will be three (3) opportunities to certify/recertify in Grand Forks County. The cost of the certification/recertification is \$30.00 and checks can be made out to NDSU Extension Pesticide Program.

One evening class will be offered for recertification only, and two morning classes will be offered for recertification and new certification.

Evening: February 27th at Grand Forks County Office Building, 151 S 4th St, 6th Floor Conference Room

Registration begins at 5:00pm, and training beginning at 5:30pm.

Morning:

-March 19th at Good Friends, 220 Towner Ave, Larimore

-March 31st at the Grand Forks County Office Building, 151 S 4th St, 6th Floor Conference Room

Registration for both morning sessions begins at 8:30am, and training beginning at 9:00am.

Testing for new applicants will be held after the training.

Pre-registrations are required by registering online at <https://tinyurl.com/GrandForksPrivate>, calling the Grand Forks County Extension Office at 701-780-8229 or by e-mailing Nessa Halvorson at nessa.halvorson@ndsu.edu. Class size will be limited. Walk-ins will only be accepted if there is room to accommodate those who did not pre-register.

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BEEF CATTLE UPDATE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

ANETA AUDITORIUM BASEMENT

Noon	Lunch
12:00pm	Lunch & Visual Forage Assessments
1:00pm	Hay! What do you have & is it enough? Katelyn Hain, Grand Forks County Extension
1:30pm	Pass the Salt– Meeting Vitamin and Mineral Requirements Angie Johnson, Steele County Extension
2:00pm	Veterinarian Updates Dr. Gerald Stokka, NDSU Extension Veterinarian Dr. Paul Motter, Cooperstown Veterinary Clinic

Individuals with disabilities are invited to request reasonable accommodations to participate in NDSU-sponsored programs and events. To request an accommodation(s), please contact NDSU Extension, Grand Forks County at 701-780-8229 one week prior to an event to make arrangements.

GRAND FORKS COUNTY TOWNSHIP OFFICER'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Township Officer's meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Legion Hall in Larimore. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Presentations begin at 9:00 am. The agenda was mailed or emailed to all township officers. Anyone is invited to attend. Contact me if you would like to see an agenda and did not receive one. Lunch will be served at noon, with business continuing after the meal.

OILSEED/CANOLA AND DRY PEA/LENTIL COMMODITY ELECTIONS

Two Commodity Elections are hosted in Grand Forks County this year: Oilseed Canola and Dry Pea/Lentil. Respective growers in Grand Forks County are being urged to participate in the elections of a county representative for the North Dakota Oilseed Council and/or Dry Pea/Lentil Council. All Canola and/or Dry Pea/Lentil growers who have an interest in the membership of the Council are encouraged to participate in the election on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 4:00pm (CT), at the Grand Forks County Extension Office, 151 S 4th Street Suite 302 in Grand Forks, ND. For more information please contact the Extension office at 701-780-8229.

FARM BILL

This winter is the time for farmers to update their farm program decision for the 2018 Farm Bill. Under the current Farm Bill, producers can enroll in a revenue protection program, ARC or PLC. The program election period for 2019-2020 has started, and will continue until March 15th, 2020 through your local FSA office. While producers can sign up for both years at the same time, June 30th is the cutoff of the 2020 sign up. For the remainder of the Farm Bill, producers have flexibility in making annual program choices for 2021-2023.

Producers have the option of selecting either PLC or ARC-county on a crop-by-crop basis within each FSA farm unit/number whereas the ARC-Individual option includes total crop base acres of the selected enrolled farms. Make an informed farm program decision by using the Farm Bill spreadsheets available through NDSU Extension. The calculators can help individuals determine which Farm Bill program provides the best revenue protection for their farm. To download the calculator, head to the Extension website <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/farm-bill>. If you have any questions on entering information into the spreadsheet or would like help using the calculators, give Katelyn a call at 701-780-8229, and we can walk through it on the phone, or set up a time to work on entering your FSA farm into the spreadsheet together.