

**July 9, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting  
NDSU-Hettinger Research Extension Center**

**Director's Report**

- *110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year!*
  - We will be running an article in the newspaper and Ag Week highlighting our history and growth

**Legislative Report:**

- Ag Administration: Greg Lardy, Tim Faller
- Current Biennium
  - Flat budget plus raises; extra deferred maintenance
    - Looking at concrete parking pad in front of the office if funding allows.
- Staffing
  - Michael Adsero resigned in March, and hired Michael Wells this spring
  - Fully staffed!
- Next Biennium: SBARE testimony will start up this fall
  - Livestock infrastructure may be a theme we pursue

**Infrastructure:**

- 1000 ewes
- 80 head of cows
- 110 head of cows at ARS in Mandan (fiscal agent for their cow herd); 4 goats
- CASE IH rental agreement – 5 tractors, baler, bobcat, self-propelled windrower
- Housing: 2 trailers at trailer park, old office housing, and 1 trailer stuck in between buildings with no water
  - Roof, siding, and windows may be something we pursue on deferred maintenance this year
- Hail from last June: a couple of doors left to fix, but everything else is done.

**Strategic Plan: 2015 – 2019**

1. Evaluate alternative livestock production systems that increase profitability while maintaining environmental stability (Chris and Janna).
2. Conduct applied research that investigates the compatibility of agriculture and wildlife (Ben).
3. Evaluate weed control methods to increase crop and forage productivity in southwest North Dakota (Caleb).
4. Enhance dryland crop production while maintaining natural resources (John).
5. Integration of Livestock, Wildlife, Agronomy, and Weeds research programs into a farm-scale interdisciplinary research project (All).