Happy New Year Hettinger County! Welcome to 2018? The uncertainty of the moisture situation casts a cloud over the optimism of a new year but as I have been told this is nothing new and if you live and work here it is to be expected. Hopefully the year will work out well with abundant rainfall and this fall there will be a smile on everyone’s face.

The meeting season is upon us. With the beginning of the new year, I encourage you to look ahead towards the planning’s of your farming and/or ranching operation. There is no better time than in these next few months to figure out how and what you will plant, acreage to plant, nutrient application, pasture management, and herd selection.

We at the NDSU Extension Service of Hettinger County will be available with research based information, on-site inspections, and office based forage and water testing to answer any questions that you may have. Christina and I wish you and your family a blessed and productive new year.

Pre-Register for Upcoming Pesticide Certification Training

Please call the office and pre-register three days prior
as to which certification session you are planning to attend

Or

Register online at: http://tinyurl.com/Hettinger-Private

Producers who apply and will buy restricted-use pesticides for their own use must be certified. Please call the office and pre-register three days prior or register online at the link listed above, as to which certification session you are planning to attend. If your certification is up in 2018 you will receive a letter in the mail. Our office would like to extend a thank you ahead of time for pre-registering. It will help in the planning of the training sessions.

February 15: General/fumigation Private Pesticide Training Session will be held at the New England Memorial Hall—New England starting at 1:00 pm lasting until 3:00 pm.

February 27: General/fumigation Private Pesticide Training will be held at the Mott KC in Mott starting at 1:00 pm lasting until 3:00 pm.

March 27: General Private Pesticide Training Session will be held at the Legion Hall—Mott, ND starting at 6:00 pm. No testing will be offered after this session.

Re-certification needs to be completed between January 1st and April 1st. If you miss the April 1st deadline you will need to re-take the certification test again. If you have any questions, please contact the Hettinger County Extension office at (701) 824-2095.
The 47th Annual Bull Day Showcase will begin on Wednesday, January 24th and continue through Friday January 26th. The Expo will be held at the State Fair Center on the ND State Fairgrounds in Minot. There will be more than 350 exhibitors. The KMOT Ag Expo is the largest indoor agricultural show in the upper Midwest. You can expect to see the latest in agricultural technology and equipment. Along with several other exhibits that cover all areas of agriculture in Western North Dakota. The show is guaranteed to have something for everyone, including informative seminars. For more information call (701) 852-5254 or email agexpo@kmot.com.