



# EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS

Mercer County Narrative, October 2020

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### 2020 Extension Agents Fall Conference

On October 27-29, 2020, the 2020 Extension agents fall conference was held via Zoom. It was a multi-state virtual event hosted jointly by Kansas State Research and Extension, NDSU Extension and RECs and South Dakota State University.

Some of the topics were Mental Health Awareness, How to Make a Good Power Point Presentation, Tips for using Zoom.

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### Office Building Construction

Construction has started in our office building. They are replacing the carpets, painting, installing LED lights, installing a fire alarm system, replacing the security lights and new siding.

### September Extension Calendar

Nov. 2, 3, 10, 16, 17, 24	Virtual Community Forums
Dec. 7 and 10	Infant Massage: WINC



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## Craig Askim, Extension Agent Ag and Natural Resources

### Monthly Meetings:

- Fair Board Annual Meeting, October 27

The first part of October brought below normal temperatures, which delayed fall harvest of corn, sunflowers and soybeans. Thankfully, the later part of October brought us above average temperatures. Most producers finished fall harvest in a timely manner, which was much better than the fall of 2019.

Zoom calls filled my calendar this month because of the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines limiting face-to-face interaction.

On October 7, I attended a Livestock In-Service Training at the Hettinger Research Extension Center. Some of the topics were Body Conditioning Scores, Mineral Supplementation, Drought Management Practices and The Importance of Proper Timing for Livestock Immunizations.

I was out of the office with the coronavirus from October 8-21.

On October 23, I collected water samples in the county testing total dissolved solids for the county/state. This is the last month to report on this project for the year.



### Zoom Calls:

**10-5-20** – NDSU Livestock Response Team – Discussed livestock issues happening across the state.

**10- 13-20** – Animal Natural Resources – North Dakota Association of Agriculture Extension Agents Committee Meeting

**10-20-20**- District 33 Extension Legislative Update

**10-22-20** – North Dakota Agricultural Lenders Webinar Workshop



### October Statistics

#### Agriculture and Natural Resources

<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
33	Telephone Calls	40
13	Office Calls	21
10	Meetings/Events	15

#### Family and Community Wellness

8	Telephone Calls	112
3	Office Calls	42