

Natural Resource Management

- Sargent County Café Talk – was held at the Lariat Bar and Grill in Rutland on January 10. Eleven producers attended the meeting where great discussion was had, questions answered, and participants gained valuable knowledge on soil health and cover crops from each other, myself, and Abbey Wick.
- Soil Health Workshop – was held in conjunction with Richland County Extension and Sargent & Richland County SCD's on February 20 in Wyndmere. 45 producers and professionals attended the meeting and learned about herbicides and cover crops, interseeding cover crops, evaluating and managing for soil health, and regenerating soils. Chandra Langseth and I taught the breakout session on evaluating and managing for soil health to 25 producers where they learned about the different soil testing options and ways to improve soil health.

Crop Management

- Sargent County pesticide trainings – three private applicator pesticide trainings and one private applicator fumigation training were held in February and March. 87 producers attended the trainings on February 28, March 1, March 7, and March 9. Participants learned from myself on topics related to pesticide awareness and safety including new updates and regulations, reading the label, and palmer amaranth id and awareness.
- Sargent County Ag Day/Crop Improvement Annual Meeting – was held on March 28 at the Springs Golf Course in Gwinner. I presented at the meeting on cover crop options available.

Farm Business Management

- Annie's Project – was held at CHS Dakota Plains Ag in Gwinner. Seven women participated in the program over the six week course Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. from February 12 – March 26. I taught lessons throughout the course on the balance sheet, income statement and cash flow summary, and land rental negotiations. Several other guest speakers presented various topics addressing the five areas of agriculture risk throughout the program.



Horticulture and Forestry

- Spring Fever Garden Forum – Hosted the forum at the courthouse on March 19 with 6 participants from Sargent County.

4-H Youth Development

- 4-H Crop Judging Team: I have coached 5 4-H youth weekly from December 28 – March 8. At the practices the youth learned to identify crop and weed seeds, weed mounts, equipment, insects, hard red spring wheat market factors, and grain grading of hard red spring wheat/durum, and evaluating pans of oats, barley, and hard red spring wheat. The youth have improved their scores at every contest and placed 2nd at the State 4-H Contest on March 10.
- Progressive Ag Safety Day - met with the committee twice to organize and plan for the Safety Day to be held on May 11.
- 4-H Livestock Committee & 4-H Council Meeting was held on March 27.



