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Chairman Keith Peltier
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Dear Mr. Peltier:

This letter is in support of providing permanent funding for the Oakes Irrigation Research Site - Robert Titus Research Farm (OIRS) as recommended by NDSU.

We understand that OIRS has been providing invaluable insight to farmers, researchers and commodity groups in our region for nearly 50 years. Further research has been completed over this time related to trials of soybeans and other commodities. Additionally, the ND Soybean Council has sponsored various projects at the facility over the past years.

One of the unique features of the OIRS site is their horizontal well irrigation research. We know of no other area in North Dakota conducting research on or with horizontal well attributes and potential impact on soybeans, water quality and soli health.

This letter offers support to NDSU’s request for permanent funding to the NDSU Oakes Irrigation Research Site - Robert Titus Research Farm in order to continue the irrigated research trials performed at the OIRS.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Craig Olson, President
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association