I am a retired farmer that raised crops on my 500 acre farm for fifty years. I am proud and successful farmer that hopefully I will enjoy many happy years ahead.

Let's look back:

Like any team in any sport - a man in business - or a farmer; doesn't come overnight. It begin when a person is young working with 4-H - FFA - Jaycees - or planting and caring for a garden - lawn - trees. Also helping feeding the cattle - pigs - chickens. Reading farm magazines - news letters and items on farm topics from NDSU Extension Services.

As I got older I received information from the NDSU Langdon Research Extension Center - Variety trials - soil conservation - different types of soil - ethanol information - diseases and insects - chemicals variety and uses - Educational information classes on Farm Family stress - Farm Safety - Markets and Suitcase prices - Farm Budgets - Bookkeeping - Human Nutrition - Government (ARC - PRC - CRP) programs - ASCS paperwork help - Spraying lectures - Insurance - Soil - grain - farm owners - farm planning - estate planning - weather.

Remember that the local County Agent and NDSU Extension Services had added to
do with these items that I need and today's young men also need.

Also remember that North Dakota didn't get to be #1. Without help as I received the following:

Beans - Dry Edible - all
Carrots
Flax seed
Honey
Pears, Dry Edible
Sunflower all
Sunflower oil
Wheat - Durum
Wheat - Spring

This is needed so the young farmer can be profitable which also keeps the business alive on main street. With this help a young farmer can stay in the area with their family.

Looking ahead and back it is hard to fete a budget cut in these services that are so much needed as I listed just a few reasons,

"Thank you" for the great services you gave me in the "50" years of farming.

Job well done - NDSU Extension
And my Research and Local County Agents

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