

**A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY
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Crop Outlook For 2012

Producers looking for information regarding the 2012 cropping season and a review of 2011 are invited to attend a special interactive video meeting on Monday, December 5, 1:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Williams County Courthouse.

Staff of the North Dakota State University Extension Service will present a crop market outlook, information on maximizing winter wheat yields and an update on farm program legislation.

In addition to these topics there will be discussion about factors which had a negative impact on the 2011 wheat crop and how growers can take steps to avoid yield losses in 2012.

Speakers will include Frayne Olson, Marketing Economist; Dan Waldstein, Jeremy Pederson and Jason Riopel, area agronomists serving northwest North Dakota and Tim Semler, Bottineau County Extension Agent.

The meeting is being made available at no cost.

Irrigation Meeting Schedule

It has been a tradition of the NDSU Extension Service to conduct annual informational meetings relating to crops produced under irrigation systems. Williston has always been one of those meeting sites. This year's meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at the Ernie French Center located on the Williston Research Extension Center beginning at 9:30 am CST.

This year's meeting will focus on how to achieve consistency in yields while maintaining crop quality. The morning session will center on fungicide management, saline situations and economics of corner arm systems.

The afternoon program is to include reports of water management research conducted at the Nesson Valley site and the use of polymer coated urea along with comparing irrigation and greenhouse emissions.

The irrigation meeting is being made available free of charge with the noon lunch compliments of the Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative.

4-H Horse Club to Organize

Horsemanship is the most popular 4-H project in North Dakota. Just about every county in the state reports more youth enrolled in various levels of Horsemanship than in any other project area. In Williams County, Beef and Photography are the most popular projects but with the formation of a new 4-H club that will focus solely on horses I predict Horsemanship will soon become number one.

The 4-H horse program in Williams County now has some committed adults who will give leadership to club activities. Dave Smithberg and Tana Conlin, along with assistance from many other experienced horse people in the area, have a desire to give our young people an opportunity to participate in activities designed to promote a strong foundation of horsemanship skills.

Interested youth and parents are invited to attend an organizational meeting on Monday, November 28, 7:00 pm, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Williams County Courthouse. Additional information can be obtained from the Williams County Extension Office 701-577-4595.