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**A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY
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Tax Information For Farmers

An interactive video program to assist agriculture producers and tax preparers with year-end farm business decisions and retirement planning is scheduled Friday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon CST at the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Williams County Courthouse.

The three hour program will address the following tax issues: when to accelerate or defer income in conjunction with expense timing and income averaging; updates on tax rates; 1099's and IRS programs such as electronic accounting and Fresh Start; using LLP's in your farm operation such as moving land into an LLP; depreciation; section 199 domestic production deduction; how to do payroll correctly and discuss commodity wages; and special tax and loan features for beginning farmers.

The program, sponsored by the NDSU Extension Service and Internal Service will feature presentations by Ann Makres, IRS; Steve Eckroth and Steve Troyer of Eide Bailly; Brenda Lamb CPA; and Andy Swenson, NDSU.

Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the Williams County Extension Office – 701-577-4595. Cost for the program and material is \$12.00.

Bovine Connection – December 1-2 at Sidney

Beef cattle producers will want to mark December 1 and 2 on their calendars. These are the dates of the bi-annual Bovine Connection to be held at Sidney, Montana.

Since the first Bovine Connection held in 1990, the goal of each planning committee has been to pool resources which enable the planners to bring together expert scientists, practitioners and producers from various industry segments to exchange information on how to make the industry more profitable to cattlemen of northeast Montana and northwest North Dakota. This year's schedule of speakers and topics will do just that.

Speakers on the first day will discuss agricultural alliances, market principles, mineral supplementation, global trade, growth implants, and stress free handling. Scheduled speakers for the day are Steve Dittmer, Agribusiness Foundation; Charlene Rich, Montana Beef Council; John Patterson, Montana State University; Bill Price, Price Feedlot; and, Curt Pate, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The line-up for Friday, December 2, includes Robin Thorstenson of Bismarck State College discussing the power of persuasion; Jim Robb of the Livestock Marketing Information Center based in Denver sharing his projections of both short and long term markets; Willy Altenberg sharing his thoughts on how the A.I. industry can be used effectively and profitably. Another presenter on Friday includes Bill Bowman, AGI president.

The Bovine Connection event begins each day at 9:30 a.m., Sidney, Montana, at the new Extension office building located on North Central Avenue on the North edge of Sidney.