

County Agent News
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Herbicide Resistant Green Foxtail

Staff at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot will be conducting screening for herbicide resistance in Green Foxtail this winter. If you have fields in Burke County where you suspect you might have some resistance please give me a call. I will come out and take samples to include them in the screening.



Orange Wheat Blossom Midge

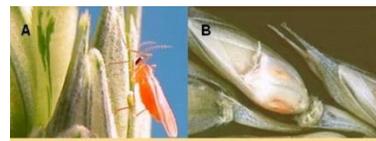


Figure 1. An adult Orange wheat blossom midge resting on a wheat head (A); midge larvae feeding on a developing kernel (B).

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I'll be around the county the next couple of weeks taking soil samples for the annual OWMB cocoon survey which is used to create the maps of potential OWMB threats next year. I collect 10 samples of top soil from stubble fields in a predetermined grid. These samples will be taken to a lab at NDSU where both healthy OWMB cocoons and parasitized OWMB cocoons will be counted and the numbers used to create the maps.

Design Your Own Succession Plan

Will your farm business survive when you are gone? Estate planning to define which heirs get what and avoid estate taxes is different than Succession planning to insure that your farm business continues to thrive after you retire, become incapacitated, or are gone. In 2014 the NDSU Extension Service piloted a program in a limited number of counties to help producers plan the succession of their farm business. Succession planning involves far more than just distribution of assets, developing the management of the farm business and financial management are also crucial. I've seen numerous farms go on the auction block within a few years of Dad's or Grandpa's passing because he had tightly controlled the financials and other management decisions to that his successor had not developed the necessary skills to manage the operation after he was gone. In other instances no plan was in place for the successor to buy out other heirs and squabbling over the resources doomed the operation.

There is not "boiler plate" plan for farm business succession and it is not a quick process. Even after a plan is designed it may take many years to implement and may need to change as economics and families change. If you are interested in learning more about designing your own succession plan watch for more information about upcoming workshops in the area. I plan to offer the workshop in Bowbells in January or February. There are also some being planned in nearby counties this fall or winter. Some will be two day workshops, others may be spread over three days. Some may be day time, others will be evening workshops. Give me a call at the Burke County Extension Office at 701-377-2927 if you are interested and let me know what works best for you.

Job Opening

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The NDSU Extension Service is currently accepting applications for a Family Consumer Science Extension Agent to serve Burke and Divide Counties. This is a full time, fully benefited

position with the North Dakota State University Extension Service. The position involves working with youth, the 4-H program, family financial management, food, nutrition and other consumer science areas. A full job description is located at <https://jobs.ndsu.edu/postings/6695> If you or someone you know may be interested please check out the full job description or give us a call at the NDSU Extension Office/Burke County ph. 701-377-2927 or email me at dan.folske@ndsu.edu . The job requires a bachelor's degree in a discipline related to the responsibilities of the position.