

County Agent News
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Fall and Winter Meetings

NDSU Extension Agents in Northwest and North Central parts of the state are working together to bring speakers together for a series of crop meetings in early December. With low commodity prices and high input costs. Frayne Olson, NDSU Crop Marketing Specialist says “Don’t shoot the messenger!” Frayne’s outlook and comments about the grain markets are always interesting even when it’s bad news. Dwight Aakre, NDSU Extension Farm Management Specialist will discuss some ideas for getting the best bang for your limited input dollars. Another topic will be a look at the changing weed pressures from wild oat and green foxtail to yellow foxtail and foxtail barley. Be watching for more information.

I’d like your input for future meeting topics. Here are a few ideas from John Nowatzki, NDSU Extension Ag Engineer.

1. Tillage Equipment Options for Crop Production (New Extension Publication in 2016)
 - a. Equipment Types, Components, Applications
 - b. Effects on Residue, Soil Properties and Soil Moisture
2. Apps for Crop and Livestock Production
3. Fuel Efficiency Strategies for the Farm
4. Sprayer Issues
 - a. Sprayer Cleanout Practices
 - b. Temperature Inversions: Impacts to Field Spray Applications
5. Impacts of Tree Windbreaks on Crop Yield (Research Report)
6. Digital Crop Data Management – Using Data to Make Zone Maps
7. Selecting and Using UAV’s in Agriculture (New Extension Publication in 2016)
8. Update on NDSU UAS Research and Extension Programs

If you have other ideas you would like to hear about or speakers you would like to listen to, give me a call at 701-377-2927 or email me at dan.folske@ndsu.edu