

County Agent News  
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### Water Quality

Fe, TDS, pH, Sulfate, Nitrate,  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ , gr/gal, mg/L. What do they mean? Is my water safe to drink? Will my water reduce the effectiveness of my herbicides? Can it be treated? Where can I get it tested? What tests do I need? What does it cost to test my water? How often should my water be tested? Is slough water better for spraying than well water? Is Artesian water better than other water? These are some of the topics I will be explaining at the Burke County Ag Improvement Association Annual Meeting at the American Legion Hall in Powers Lake on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 9:00 am and the program is open to any interested persons.

### New Family Consumer Science Extension Agent

NW District Extension Service Director Mike Hanson has announced the hiring of Rae Snook as Extension Agent FCS for Burke and Divide Counties. Rae's first day will be February 16<sup>th</sup>. I don't yet know which days she will be in Burke and which days she will be in Divide. Give us a call after the 16<sup>th</sup> and stop by to get acquainted.

### Local Foods Webinars

### Master Gardener Program

A number of Master Gardeners are engaged in the production and sale of specialty crops in ND. Julie Garden-Robinson, Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist, has put together a free webinar series called, Field to Fork, to help address food safety issues in the growing and selling of horticultural crops. These webinars will be conducted once a week starting February 24<sup>th</sup> and lasting until April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see the following website for the webinar schedule: <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork> While the webinar series is geared toward specialty crop producers, everyone is welcome to register for one or more webinars if they are of interest to you.