

County Agent News  
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### Backgrounding Calves

One method of marketing poor quality or high VOM grain may be through feeding calves. Cow/calf producers may want to consider backgrounding their calves utilizing some of these available feeds. Never done that? Have lots of questions? Think about attending one of the NDSU Extension “Backgrounding Cattle Seminars”.

This seminar will be offered at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Topics will include “Local feed prices and availability”, “Veterinary Feed Directive”, “Rations and feed costs of gain”, and Rates of gain, ending weights, and budgets”.

There is no charge for this seminar.

### Feeder Cattle Market Outlook

NDSU Livestock Economist Tim Petry will be featured on a webinar scheduled to be recorded October 10, 2016. You can watch this webinar anytime at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/cattledocs>

### Winter Meeting Topics



I would like your input. I’m setting up winter meetings like the Burke County Ag Improvement Association Annual Meeting and I need your input to make this and other programs interesting and useful for you. One program which is already set is the NDSU Extension Northwest area crop meeting series in December. Topics for this program to be held in Lignite, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm include “Wheat Streak Mosaic”, “Applications of Precision Ag”, “Scab Issues & VOM Implications”, and “Crop Market Updates with an Emphasis on Specialty Crops and High VOM grain”. Another program I am working on is a soybean workshop. Tentatively scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, program will focus on soybean production basics for new soybean producers with information to help current producers fine tune their cropping practices.

If you have suggestions for topics you would like to learn more about please give me a call at 701-377-2927 or email me at [dan.folske@ndsu.edu](mailto:dan.folske@ndsu.edu) or just stop by the office in the Burke County Courthouse.