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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Beef Day Poster
- Marketing Meeting
- Pesticide Trainings
- Mon-Dak Zero Till Conference

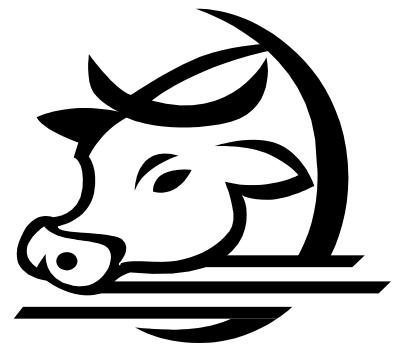
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35th Annual Medora Beef Day and Badlands Livestock Symposium

The 35th Annual Medora Beef Day has been set for Wednesday January 14th at the Medora Community Center. The day will begin with registration at 10am. Speakers for the day include John Lockie from RMA in Billings, he will speak on Pasture-Forage Rain-fall Index Insurance. Jeff Printz from NRCS speaking on the Drought Calculator tool. Other speakers lined up for the day are, Michelle Thompson, SW Feeder's Coordinator, Greg Lardy, NDSU Extension

Beef Specialist, and Tim Petry, NDSU Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist. Immediately following the Beef Day Program the Golden Valley SCD will be sponsoring the 3rd annual Bad-land Livestock Symposium. Speakers include: Dr. Bill Tidball speaking on Animal Health Concerns for SW ND, and Corie Lund, NRCS Rangeland Specialist, who will speak on Soil Quality on Grazing Lands. The day will end with a social at



4:30 and a steak supper at 5:00. For more information please contact the Extension Office or refer to the enclosed poster.

GRAIN MARKETING SEMINAR SCHEDULED IN BEACH

On January 9th Frayne Olson, NDSU Crops Marketing Specialist will be in Beach to discuss the marketing outlook for 2009. Frayne titles his talk "Marketing in Volatile

Times." Along with a marketing outlook, part of his presentation also will focus on marketing tools and the appropriate time to use them.

The marketing seminar is scheduled for 1pm in the La Playa green room. For more information please call the Extension Office or refer to the enclosed poster.

Diversity, Direction and Dollars XIII- Building Soils to Build Profitability

The Diversity, Direction and Dollars ag forum is scheduled for Tuesday January 6th at 8:30 am at the Days Hotel Grand Dakota Lodge in Dickinson. Registration for the program is \$10 and includes the noon lunch. A list of speakers for the day follows:

Denise Markle, North Dakota State University
 “Wheat Stem Sawfly Research Update”

Jill Clapperton, Earthspirit Land Resource Consulting

“Managing the Soil as a Habitat”

Thomas Jensen, International Plant Nutrition Institute
 “Determining Fertilizer Rates in Times of Changing Crop and Fertilizer Prices”

Gordon McKenzie, The Mosaic Company
 “Fertilizer Market Outlook”

Phil Needham, Needham Ag Technologies LLC
 “Unlocking the Potential of Small

Grains”

Jill Clapperton, Earthspirit Land Resource Consulting
 “Managing the Soil for Biological Fertility”

Precision Ag Producer Panel
 Paul Zook, Jeremy Huether and Miles Hansen

For more information please contact the Stark/Billings Extension office at 701-456-7665

Mark your Calendars: Ag Improvement Annual Meetings

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Golden Valley Ag Improvement Association is tentatively set for Friday, February 6th in Golva. The terms of the Sentinel Butte and Golva area Directors are up for election. There will also be commodity elections for canola and

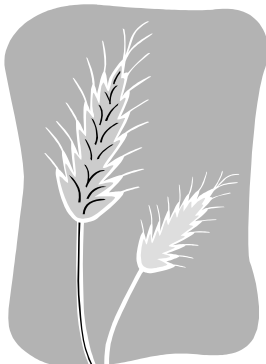
corn representatives. Watch for more information and mark your calendars for that date.

The State Crop Improvement Association will hold their annual meeting February 12th and 13th in Bismarck at the Doublewood Inn. The State meeting will again be held in

conjunction with the “Best of the Best” meeting. For more information please visit: <http://www.ndcropimprovement.org>

{ *“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work”* }
 Thomas Edison

NDSU OFFERS BARLEY PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FOR PROFIT WORKSHOPS



Learn more about barley production and management by attending a workshop in January.

Four Barley Production and Management for Profit workshops will be held in January at various sites in North Dakota and Montana. The workshops were organized by the North Dakota State University Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences (IBMS) and NDSU and Montana State University

Extension Service county offices in each location. The first workshop is scheduled for Dickinson on Monday, Jan. 12, at the Days Inn Grand Dakota Lodge and Conference Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The second workshop will take place in Sidney, Mont., on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the St. Matthews Parish Center. Registration will be at 8 a.m. The third workshop is scheduled for Thurs-

day, Jan. 15, at the Holiday Inn Riverside in Minot. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The last workshop is set for Conrad, Mont., on Thursday, Jan. 22, at Norley Hall. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Topics covered during the workshops are pricing and marketing information; agronomy updates; barley and malt quality; barley disease management; insurance updates; crop rotations; variety continues next page

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development updates; irrigation practices; production economics; insect problems in barley; updates on food barley; and updates on organizations supporting barley research, such as the IBMS, American Malting Barley Association (AMBA), USDA-Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service-funded Barley Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP) and Barley for Rural

Development. Speakers include faculty and staff from the NDSU Extension Service, NDSU, North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, Montana State University, USDA, Montana State University Extension Service, Risk Management Agency and private companies. The workshops are open to the public and free of charge. However, preregistration is requested.

Contacts for each location:
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 Conrad – Dan Picard, (406) 271-4054, dpicard@montana.edu

All workshops – Karen Hertsgaard, (701) 231-5384, karen.hertsgaard@ndsu.edu

Sponsors include the AMBA, Anheuser Busch Inc., CENTROL Crop Consulting, Malteurop North America Inc., MSU Extension Service, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee, North Dakota Barley Council, North Dakota Grain Growers Association, NDSU Extension Service, USDA-CSREES Barley CAP and USDA-CSREES Barley for Rural Development

2009 Pesticide Trainings

With the New Year it is also time to begin renewing Pesticide Licenses. Anyone who expires in 2009 can expect a letter giving you the training information for 2009. If anyone would like to be initially certified please call the office for information on trainings. There will be 3 dates for Private General Training or Recertification in Golden Valley/ Billings County this year. February 25th in Medora, March 4th in Golva, and March 9th in Beach. All trainings will begin with registration at 12:30 and the meeting will begin at 1pm. For anyone needing fumigation certification there will be one date available in Golden Valley County, February 24th at 8:30am at the Beach High School. If you are planning to attend one of these trainings please RSVP as seating is limited for all trainings.

As always if the Golden Valley Trainings do not work for you please feel free to attend a training in a different county. Here is a list of the 2009 training dates in SW ND.

Date	Location	Town	Categories	Registration	Start
Feb. 17	Memorial Hall	New England	General & Fumigation	12:30 PM	1:00
Feb. 19	KC Hall	Mott	General & Fumigation	12:30 PM	1:00
Feb. 24	Scranton Fire Hall	Scranton	General & Fumigation	12:30 PM	1:00
Feb. 24	BHS Conf. Room	Beach	Fumigation (by IVN)	8:30 AM	9:00
Feb. 24	HREC	Hettinger	Fumigation (by IVN)	8:30 AM	9:00
Feb. 25	To Be Determined	Medora	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Feb. 26	Buckskin Bar	Killdeer	Private	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 3	Elks	Dickinson	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 3	City Hall	Bowman	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 4	WP Nistler Building	Golva	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 4	Legion Hall	Hettinger	General & Fumigation	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 5	HREC	Hettinger	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 9	Legion Hall	Beach	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 10	Halliday Vo-Ag Room	Halliday	Fumigation (by IVN)	8:30 AM	9:00
Mar. 11	Elks	Dickinson	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 12	Legion Hall	Rhame	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 17	Elks	Dickinson	General	12:30 PM	1:00
Mar. 24	Elks	Dickinson	General & Fumigation	9:00 AM	9:30
Mar. 25	HREC	Hettinger	General	12:30 PM	1:00

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Mon-Dak Zero Till

News Release reprinted from the Mon-Dak Zero Till Website at http://www.mandakzerotill.org/Annual_Workshop.htm

The Manitoba North-Dakota Zero-Till Farmers Association will hold its 31st Annual Workshop and Trade Show from February 17-19, 2009. This annual event alternates between Canada and the United States, and this year will be held in Brandon, MB at the Victoria Inn. This year's workshop theme is "Doing More With Less", a topical theme in these changing economic times.

New to this year's workshop is a "Novice and Beginner" section, for those that are thinking of, or are early into the transition to zero-tillage. And back by popular demand will be the International Show and Tell, the Farmer-to-Farmer Rap sessions, and the Exclusive Extra Session, where

farmers can visit with expert speakers in small groups to gain further knowledge in each expert's area of specialization.

Session Themes are "Whole Farm Economic Evaluation", "Soil Management and Fertility", "Weed and Disease Management", "New Crop Potential", and "What's Happening Underground". Keynote speakers include Roger Larson, President of the Canadian Fertilizer Institute from Ottawa, Ontario speaking on "Changes and Outlook in the Fertilizer Industry, and Dr. Rigas Karamanos of Westco Fertilizers from Calgary, Alberta speaking on "To Use or Not to Use – Maximizing Fertilizer Efficiency in Zero-Till". Opening and closing the Annual Workshop will be popular journalist, author and professional speaker Les Kletke, speaking on risk management with "Hold'em or Fold'em", and "What I have

Learned". Other noted workshop speakers include Dr. Kris Nichols of the USDA Agriculture Research Station at Mandan, North Dakota presenting on "Microbial Engineering to Enhance Your Bottom Line", and Dr. Don Flaten from the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg presenting on "Are Your Phosphorus \$\$ staying on the Farm?"

The Manitoba North-Dakota Zero-Till Farmers Association Annual Workshop mandate is to advance key learnings by bringing in experts to their annual workshop, along with the leading industry exhibitors, while providing ample opportunity for farmers to share and learn from each other. For more information on registration see <http://www.mandakzerotill.org/> or contact Executive Secretary Alan Ness ph.701-442-5457.