



Dear Recipient:

11-14-2019

RE: SBARE:Please describe your Agriculture and/or Extension needs and potential solutions.

North Dakota Agri-Women is a collective group who are actively involved in agriculture from the field, the boardroom, education, sales, and various other ag occupations. We are familiar with the financials, equipment, products, labor, and time that agriculture entails on a daily and annual basis. We talk with people on farms, community residents, business owners, and through that we learn a lot about the people in our great state. Coming from and on behalf of our members are a few top items that residents of ND struggle with or have concerns regarding agriculture and extension.

High Speed Internet Service

We understand the logistical issues in a rural area, but agriculture and the technology used in these industries need this to do our jobs properly and stay leaders in the world. Like any other business, being able to connect to various programs is vital to our productivity. We depend on the internet for record keeping of financials to best management practices for pest and fertilizer application and tillage work.

Ethanol & Soybean Crushing Plants

The vast expanse of this state has created a large gap in these locations. This makes it difficult, if not impossible for some of us to take our commodities to these plants. This also leaves us out of the loop for getting better prices for our commodities. Soybeans are a vital part of ND and the more avenues we have we have for them, the more advantages for growers and the state.

Extension Programming

After this year there is going to be a need to help people transition away from farming. Programming to help people find resources and other career options.

Addition to Annie's Project--mental health and being the weight bearer of many of the family members stresses and how to handle and help.

Continuation and added promotion of the Lead Local and Watershed Leadership Training Academy. Having prepared and aware residents in our rural communities is going to be key to positive changes in our agriculture based state. Training people on how to handle issues and speak up for what they need and want at the community, state, and national level is what is going to drive agriculture or see it suffer.

Regenerative Agriculture

Anything we can do to sustain and improve our natural resources is important to farmers and ranchers. We must remember that not all of ND is the same (soils, temperatures, landscape) and what works in one area does not in another. Before certain methods are promoted statewide, we need to be sure they are on sound and scientific evidence. Not necessarily word of mouth or single projects.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters,
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Please see the attached letter on behalf of the ND Agri-Women regarding written testimony.
Thank you to the SBARE committee for your work and helping advance agriculture in ND!

In appreciation,
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