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2025 Renville County Private Applicator Meetings

Private General Applicator Trainings

February 26 at 1 p.m. at the Tolley Fire Hall

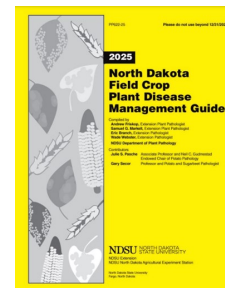
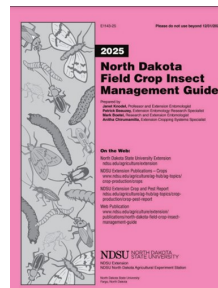
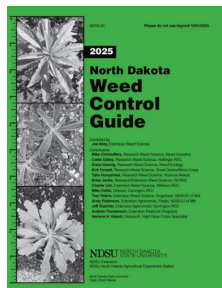
March 20 at 9 a.m. at the Mohall Community Center

March 27 at 1 p.m. online over Zoom (Online Registration Required)

For certifications that expire this year (**April 1, 2025**), you just need to attend one of the trainings to renew your certification. If your certification expired in an earlier year or you have never been certified, you will be required to take a 30-question open book test after attending the certification meeting. There is a \$30 charge for re-certification that can be paid by cash, check, or credit card (online only).

A reminder letter has gone out to those who need to renew their private applicator certification in 2025, along with the dates, times, and locations of the trainings. Pre-registration is encouraged at <https://tinyurl.com/Renville-Private> or by calling the Extension Office.

If you have any questions about if your certification is current or about becoming certified for the first time, feel free to call the Renville County Extension Office at 701-756-6392 with any questions.



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Available at the Renville County Extension Office:

- 2025 Weed Control Guides, Plant Disease Guides, and Insect Management Guides
- 2025 North Dakota Field Inspected Seed books
- Projected 2025 Crop Budgets, 2024 County Rents and Prices, and 2024 Early & Late Season Custom Rates
- 2024 Variety Trial Results and 2024 Research Results from the RBAIA Variety Plot west of Mohall and the North Central Research Extension

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Renville County Extension and First District Health offering Stop the Bleed training

Seconds matter in a rural injury incident or medical emergency, and the time it takes first responders to travel to an injured person can be critical to survival. In Renville County and other very rural counties, many of us live or work in areas of the county far from a clinic, hospital, or ambulance and so it becomes very important for all of us, regardless of our job, to learn some basic first aid skills

Renville County Extension will be hosting a Stop the Bleed training on **Tuesday March 11 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Mohall Plaza (602 Main St E, Mohall) with the Renville County First District Health Nurse.

Training sessions are open to anyone ages 13 and older. Personal Stop the Bleed kits will be provided to participants who have pre-registered.

Registration is required for the Stop the Bleed Training and can be found at ndsuhq.org/mohallstb

Contact Bethany Gates, Renville County Extension Agent, at 701-756-6392 with any questions or if you need assistance with registration.



Producers should make ARC-PLC election decisions by April 15

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in crop-by-crop Agricultural Risk Coverage-County (ARC-CO) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs within each Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm unit, or ARC-Individual for the entire farm, for the 2025 crop year, says Ron Haugen, North Dakota State University Extension farm management specialist.

With the second extension of the farm bill, the election is in play again this year, Haugen says. The effective reference price formula has kicked in for major crops. The soybean reference price increased from \$9.26 to \$9.66, the corn reference price increased from \$4.01 to \$4.26, and the wheat reference price increased from \$5.50 to \$5.56. This makes the ARC-PLC decision a more important choice.

The election deadline has been moved from March 15 to April 15.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the national marketing year average price for a covered commodity falls below its effective reference price.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long-grain rice, medium- and short-grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

NDSU Extension has developed online tools to aid producers in making this decision. The tools can be found at ndsuhq.org/farm-management.

Contact your local FSA office to make this election.

For more information on ARC and PLC, producers can go to the FSA website at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc> or contact their local FSA office.



NDSU EVENTS:

NDSU Livestock Fencing School

A NDSU Livestock Fencing School will be held on **Wednesday, April 30** from 8 am to 4 pm at the North Central Research Extension Center (5400 Highway 83 S. Minot, ND)

This program is open to all levels of interest and experience and is free to attend. Presentations and hands-on demonstrations will cover:

- North Dakota fencing laws, liabilities, and enforcement
- Cost-share opportunities
- Construction of conventional and electric fencing
- Virtual fencing
- Necessary fencing tools
- Fencing tips and tricks
- Networking



Event is free, but registration is required at www.ndsu.ag/fencingschool

For more information, contact:

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New this year, a cow and calf model will allow participants to practice assisting with abnormal deliveries

NDSU Extension Calving School 2025

North Dakota State University Extension will host a calving school on **Thursday, March 20** from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the North Central Research Extension Center near Minot, North Dakota.

Topics will include calving preparations, such as assembling calving supply kits, recognizing the stages of calving and understanding normal delivery expectations. The program will also cover managing abnormal births, optimizing nutrition during late gestation and early lactation, caring for newborn calves and maintaining effective record-keeping practices.

The calving school will be led by NDSU Extension livestock management specialist Lacey Quail, Kelly Schaefer of Schaefer Veterinary Service and NDSU Extension agents Paige Brummund in Ward County and Kathryn Slavick in McHenry County.

The school is free to attend. Lunch will be provided, but registration is requested for meal count and materials.

To register, visit ndsu.ag/calvingschool25 or call 701-857-6444.

The North Central Research Extension Center is at 5400 Highway 83 S in Minot.

Agricultural Market Situation and Outlook Webinars

For those trying to keep (somewhat) on top of markets, a group of NDSU Extension specialists hosts a month webinar on Agricultural Market Situations and Outlooks. The next webinar is on **March 13** from 1-2 pm, and recordings of previous webinars are available as well.

Webinar topics will vary month-to-month, but each will include coverage of the agricultural economy, farm financial conditions, and crops and livestock markets. Farm program updates also will be covered as they are announced. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each webinar.

Regular webinar contributors will include:

[Jon Biermacher](#) - NDSU Extension Livestock Development Specialist

[Ron Haugen](#) – NDSU Extension Farm Management specialist

[Frayne Olson](#) – NDSU Extension crops economist

[Bryon Parman](#) – NDSU Extension agricultural finance specialist

[Tim Petry](#) – NDSU Extension livestock economist

[David Ripplinger](#) – NDSU Extension bioproducts/bioenergy economist

Webinars are open to anyone interested, but registration is required at <https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/events/agricultural-market-situation-and-outlook-webinar>

NDSU Extension Seeking On-Farm Research Participants

The North Dakota On-Farm Research Network, in partnership with the University of Illinois Data-Intensive Farm Management program, is inviting farmers to participate in on-farm research during the 2025 growing season. The research will focus on variable-rate nitrogen application in corn and hard red spring wheat within soil health management systems. Fields no-tilled for 10 years or longer qualify as soil health management systems.

This research serves as a pilot project for the ND-OFNRN, says Rob Proulx, NDSU Extension agriculture technology systems specialist and ND-OFNRN coordinator.

“There has been interest in on-farm research within NDSU Extension and among our stakeholders for many years,” says Proulx. “With this pilot project, the ND-OFNRN team aims to learn valuable lessons we can use to grow and expand the ND-OFNRN.”

Participating farmers will receive a financial incentive for implementing the trial and be fully reimbursed for treatments that lose money, such as yields lost due to zero N rates, making this a risk-free opportunity. The research will be implemented entirely with precision agriculture equipment, and each farmer will receive an individualized report at the end of the season.

Requirements for participation are access to variable-rate fertilizer application equipment, a grain combine with both a calibrated yield monitor and yield mapping capability and at least one field in a no-till system for the past 10 years or longer.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact Proulx at 701-231-5389 or rob.proulx@ndsu.edu, Carlos Pires at carlos.pires@ndsu.edu or Brady Goettl at brady.goettl@ndsu.edu.

