

About the Pest Management School

Hosted by North Dakota State University Extension, the school helps prepare individuals to be successful field scouts and will update agricultural professionals on research and crop production recommendations for major and minor crops grown in North Dakota.

For further information about the content of this program, contact Barbara Nilles, 701-231-6285, barbara.nilles@ndsu.edu, or Victor Gomes, 701-456-1100.

Continuing Education Units

The following credits have been **approved** as continuing education units (CEUs) for the Certified Crop Advisers program:

SW	PM	CM	NM	PA	TOTAL
0.5	6	2	1	0	9.5

Registration Information

We strongly recommend you register early by using the form in this brochure, registering online or downloading the registration form at <https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/events/2026-western-crop-and-pest-management-school> to ensure a spot in the workshop. **The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 27 or when the school is full.** Registration fee is \$100.

College students can register at a discounted rate of \$75. **Extension Agents:** Contact Barbara Nilles for a discount code for \$25 off registration.

Lodging

A block of hotel rooms is available at the Grand Williston Hotel. Call the hotel directly at 701-609-5000 and ask for the Western Crop and Pest Management School block before Feb. 27 to get your discounted room.



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2026 Western Crop and Pest Management School



March 11-12, 2026

Grand Williston Hotel
3601 2nd Ave W
Williston, North Dakota

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Wednesday, March 11

9 a.m. **Registration opens**

9:20 a.m. **Welcome and housekeeping**

9:30 a.m. **Status of Herbicide Resistant Weeds in North Dakota**
Zack Bateson

10 a.m. **Weed Control Research Update (wheat and pulses)**
Brian Jenks

10:30 a.m. **Herbicide Resistant Weeds Management (soybean and corn)**
Joe Ikley

11 a.m. **Break**

11:10 a.m. **Weeds Panel**
Joe Ikley, Brian Jenks, Zack Bateson, Charlie Lim and Daniel Melaas

Noon **Lunch**

1 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
Attendees broken into groups A-D to rotate to concurrent sessions. Please follow sequences below for each group when moving through sessions.

Time	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1 p.m.	Weed ID		Crop Disease Diagnosis	Insect ID
2 p.m.			Insect ID	Crop Disease Diagnosis
3 p.m.	Break			
3:15 p.m.	Insect ID	Crop Disease Diagnosis	Weed ID	
4:15 p.m.	Crop Disease Diagnosis	Insect ID		

1-5:15p.m. **Session 1 (group A & B start)**
Weed Identification
Brian Jenks

Session 2 (group C start)
Insects ID
Anitha Chirumamilla and Patrick Beauzay

Session 3 (group D start)
Crop Diseases Diagnosis
Venkat Chapara and Michael Wunsch

3 p.m. **Break**

3:15 p.m. **Sessions Resume**

5:15 p.m. **Wrap-up Day 1**

Thursday, March 12

7:30 a.m. **Coffee and Food**

8 a.m. **Pulse Disease Management Research Update**
Michael Wunsch

8:30 a.m. **Soil Fertility Management Outlook**
Jeannie Rude

9 a.m. **Acidic Soils Management**
Chris Augustin

9:30 a.m. **Soils Panel**
Jeannie Rude, Chris Augustin and Ryan Blees

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:25 a.m. **Spring Weather Outlook**
Mark Ewens

10:55 a.m. **Wheat Stem Sawfly Research Update**
Anitha Chirumamilla

11:15 a.m. **Economics Panel**
Frayne Olson, Dave Ripplinger, Bryon Parman and Tyler Schau

12:15 a.m. **Dismiss**



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A \$25 late fee will be added after this date.

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Name(s) _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____

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Registration fee: # Attending

\$100 Registration fee for non-college students _____

\$75 Registration fee for college students _____

If not registered by Mar. 4 add an additional \$25 _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Extension Agents: Contact Barbara Nilles for a discount code for \$25 off registration.

Please submit payment with the registration form.
Checks should be made payable to NDSU Extension.

If paying by personal check, North Dakota requires your birth date on the check.

Register online at
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