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# Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop

**Jan. 27-28, 2026**

**Holiday Inn**

**I-29 and 13th Avenue South  
Fargo, ND**

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## Audience

This is an advanced workshop for agricultural professionals, including crop consultants, agronomists, Extension agents and agribusiness representatives, who advise farmers with recommendations on crop production.

## Agenda

### Tuesday, Jan. 27

9 a.m. **Registration** (Atrium) and refreshments (Royale)

9 a.m. Pest Identification Quiz begins (Royale) *all day*

10 a.m. **General Session:** Introduction (Royale)

10:10 a.m. **General Session:**  
**Make Every Input Count in 2026** (Royale)  
*Chris Johnson, Janet Knodel, Bryon Parman, Lynn Paulson, Tom Peters*  
*Moderators: Miki Miheguli, Sam Markell*  
Panelists will share their perspectives on agronomic inputs necessary for 2026 and how to reconcile agronomic recommendations and economics. (1.5 CEU-CM)

11:40 a.m. **Lunch** (Royale)

12:25 p.m. **General Session:**  
**Necessary and Recommended Herbicide Adjuvants** (Royale)  
*Bryan Young*  
Understanding how adjuvants maximize herbicide efficacy. (1.0 CEU-PM)

1:15 p.m. **Break**  
*Participants will be able to attend two of three concurrent sessions during the day.*

1:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

1. Alternative Weed Technologies (Executive)
2. Fertilizer Facts and Myths (Board)
3. Crop and Trade Outlook (Directors/Conf.)

3 p.m. **Break**

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

1. Alternative Weed Technologies (Executive)
2. Fertilizer Facts and Myths (Board)
3. Crop and Trade Outlook (Directors/Conf.)

4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

### Wednesday, Jan. 28

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Royale) and **Registration** (Atrium)

7:30 a.m. Pest Identification Quiz continues (Royale) *until 9 a.m.*

8 a.m. **General Session:**  
**Staying Grounded: Managing Stress and Supporting Mental Wellness in Agriculture** (Royale)  
*Monica McConkey*  
Practical strategies for recognizing and managing stress, maintaining mental wellness, and supporting others in the agricultural community. Learn to build resilience, maintain balance during peak seasons, and create a healthier work-life mindset while navigating the unique stresses of the ag industry. (1.0 CEU-PD)

9 a.m. **Pest Identification Solutions and Awards** (Royale) (0.5 CEU-PM)

9:30 a.m. **Break**  
*Participants will be able to attend two of four concurrent sessions. **Bolded sessions are offered only once.***

9:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

1. **Insect Pests** (Executive)
2. Diseases and Tools (Board)
3. Weed Management (Directors/Conf.)

11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

1. **Soil Compaction** (Executive)
2. Diseases and Tools (Board)
3. Weed Management (Directors/Conf.)

1:00 p.m. **Lunch** (Royale)

1:30 p.m. **Workshop Ends**

# Concurrent Sessions

## Tuesday, Jan. 27

### Alternative Weed Management Technologies (Executive)

Noel Anderson, Mike Ostlie

Harvest weed seed destruction, robotic weeders, cover crops, and many other non-traditional herbicide technologies will be discussed. (1.5 CEU-PM) *This session is offered twice on Tuesday.*

### Fertilizer Facts and Myths (Board)

Brady Goettl, Lindsay Pease, Szilvia Yuja

Many fertilizer products promise impressive crop results, but do they really deliver? This session will explain how N, P, and S cycle in the field and review recent research evaluating whether products live up to their claims. (1.5 CEU-NM) *This session is offered twice on Tuesday.*

### Buckle Up! 2026 Crop Market and Trade Outlook (Directors/Conference)

Frayne Olson

This session will provide an update and outlook on key issues impacting 2026 crop market prices. (1.5 CEU-CM) *This session is offered twice on Tuesday.*

## Workshop Planning Committee

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## Wednesday, Jan. 28

### Emerging and Resistant Insect Pests in Soybean, Wheat and Corn (Executive)

Janet Knodel, Fei Yang

This session will cover biology and Best Management Practices for armyworm and bean leaf beetle, new MN corn pests, recent findings regarding Bt resistant corn borers and cold tolerance, and rotation resistance of Western and Northern corn rootworms. (1.5 CEU-PM) *This session is offered only once.*

### Field Crop Diseases and Disease Forecasting Tools (Board)

Sam Markell, Wade Webster

Plant pathologists are using the disease triangle and current/forecasted weather conditions to predict disease pressure and target management strategies. Better understand new decision support tools such as the SCN Profit Checker Calculator, NDAWN White Mold Risk Maps, and the Crop Disease Forecasting Tool. (1.5 CEU-PM) *This session is offered twice on Wednesday.*

### What It Takes to Improve Weed Management (Directors/Conference)

Tom Peters, Jeff Stachler

Learn how herbicide application parameters, hand weeding, field perimeter weed management, water quality, adjuvants, and many other factors contribute to weed control. (1.5 CEU-PM) *This session is offered twice on Wednesday.*

### Soil Compaction and Soil Health (Executive)

Jodi DeJong-Hughes

Soil compaction impacts crops; learn how best to mitigate current compaction and review proven strategies to minimize future compaction risk. (1.5 CEU-SW) *This session is offered only once.*

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## Preregistration

Preregistration (including fee payment) is required by Jan. 25. The workshop fee is \$200 per person (\$150 for one-day attendance). The workshop is limited to 150 people. Walk-in registrations will be accepted with a fee of \$250.

## CEUs

Certified crop advisers will have the opportunity to receive 10.0 continuing education units (CEUs) by attending both days of the workshop. CCA CEUs are available in the following categories:

CM = Crop Management

NM = Nutrient Management

PM = Integrated Pest Management

SW = Soil and Water Management

## Hotel

The Holiday Inn is offering discounted room rates for workshop participants. If making a room reservation, identify yourself as an Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop participant. Holiday Inn: 877-282-2700 or 701-282-2700 [www.fargohi.com](http://www.fargohi.com)

## Workshop Instructors

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## Preregistration Form

### Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop

Electronic registration and credit card payment can be submitted at

[www.tinyurl.com/payCREC](http://www.tinyurl.com/payCREC)

or

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Fee: \$200 per person required by Jan. 25.

Fee for one-day attendance is \$150.

If one day, indicate day of attendance:

Jan. 27 or Jan. 28

Please make check payable to:  
Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop

Return form and fee to:  
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