

Message from President Cook

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Hello again everyone. This week I'm joining you from the Agronomy Seed Farm in Casselton where Kate and I will be hearing from our experts on a variety of topics including North Dakota winter wheat varieties, NDSU soybean research, insect pest and weed control updates, small grain diseases and corn disease research, and a whole lot more.

So, we're having a lot of fun out here today. My next stop will be at the Carrington Research Extension Center tomorrow. I'll get to learn about the Northern Hearty Fruit Evaluation project that was established way back in 2006 to introduce and demonstrate alternative, economically viable fruits that will grow in North Dakota. The agronomy, beef production and organic or sustainable agriculture tours, are also going to be taking place in Carrington. So, looking forward to getting out there tomorrow.

Then, my last Field Days stop will be at the North Central Research Extension Center near Minot. Loved it last year. I'll be learning about the Natural Resources Conservation Service cover crop programs, soybean breeding, and see John Deere and Case IH equipment demonstrations. Should be a really exciting kind of day, a couple of days, an exciting afternoon.

And then that evening, and I hope to see everybody there, we'll have a Bison Social event at Whiskey Nine which should be a lot of fun. It's an amazing restaurant there. I look forward to hearing all about the amazing research that continues to make an impact all across our state over the next couple of days. And then I'll end up the week in a beautiful Medora. I haven't been there yet so looking forward to that. I'm attending a two-day Ag Production Utilization Commission meeting, or what we call APUC, which are really important. I've done a number of those over the last year.

While all this is going on, back on campus there are hundreds of K-12 students on campus participating in the second week of the community-wide, one of our favorite, the STEM Kids Camp. So, thanks to our faculty, staff, and students for helping in inspiring these young minds. We really appreciate it. There are things like Rockin' Robots, DNA Detective, the Engineer meets Entrepreneur, and all kinds of other things. So, that sounds like a lot of fun. I wish I could go back to K-12.

So, prospective NDSU students are also getting to experience campus on Friday for Summer Visit Days so everybody can join in and welcome them. I hope they have a good visit and be sure to say hello and welcome them if you see them on Friday.

I'll end the video with a few kudos across campus. We've been busy, even though it's summer.

So, congratulations to Ramona Danielson, faculty member and NDSU Public Health Department, student Tahni Parisien, and alumni Jacob Davis for being part of a group named the Public Health Team of the Year at the Dakota Conference in June.

Also, congratulations to the NDSU Bison Pullers, a team of engineering students, who are in first place in a tractor design competition in Illinois last month So, way to go guys, to teach them how to do things in Illinois.

And then, congratulations to Rex Sun, NDSU agricultural and biosystems engineering associate professor, for recently being named RCA faculty fellow for unscrewed autonomous systems, which of course, is the future of agriculture engineering, and all the rest. So, excited to have a faculty fellow working in that space.

Congratulations to John Cox, NDSU professor of East European History, for receiving a Fulbright Scholarship Award to conduct research in Serbia where he will conduct research for a book on the history of literary translation from Serbian to English from 1875 to the present. So, I'm jealous I would love to be doing one of those as well, that was always one of my dreams as a young faculty member.

So, kudos. They're not easy to achieve whatsoever. Lots of great things happening both on campus and off campus, out across the state. I think it's time for me to get back to Field Days so I better get going but hope you all have a great week.

I hope to see you all out across the state and Go Bison!