



**NORTH DAKOTA**  
**STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**

August 10, 2021

**(updated November meeting  
location October 4, 2021)**

Greetings,

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) was established by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly to work closely on needs assessment with the ND Agricultural Experiment Station (NDAES) and NDSU Extension. As outlined in ND Century Code, SBARE provides the Legislature and Governor with recommendations on how critical state needs can be addressed by the NDAES and NDSU Extension, and ensures that their investments on behalf of North Dakota citizens will yield great long-term dividends.

The NDAES research goals are to: (1) find solutions to problems faced by farmers and ranchers in the state; (2) discover opportunities that enhance the quality of life, sustain food, feed, fiber and fuel production; and (3) protect the great land and resources of North Dakota. NDAES researchers are located at the Main Station at Fargo and at Research Extension Centers strategically placed throughout the state.

NDSU Extension extends research-based education to North Dakota residents of all ages and walks of life. You will find Extension at work in your county, at Research Extension Centers and at the main campus of NDSU. Extension's efforts have a special emphasis on strengthening agriculture and developing the potential of youth, adults and communities.

We are initiating the process of preparing recommendations by receiving input from stakeholder groups and individuals in planning for the 2023 Legislative Session. You have a vital stake in North Dakota's future and are invited to join us by providing your thoughts on critical needs and concepts for solutions. Specifically, we ask you to provide your input in a format that works best for you as outlined below. Stakeholder groups and individuals providing verbal testimony are encouraged to provide input at an earlier session to ensure availability.

**APPEAR BEFORE AN SBARE INPUT SESSION**

To set up a time to present 10-15 minutes of testimony at an input session, **please contact Melissa Schwengler at 701-231-7656 or [melissa.schwengler@ndsu.edu](mailto:melissa.schwengler@ndsu.edu)** to reserve a time slot on one of the following sessions:

- **November 2-3, 2021** – Prairie Rose Room NDSU Memorial Union, 1401 Administration Ave, Fargo ND
- **December 7, 2021** – Dickinson Research Extension Center, 1041 State Ave, Dickinson ND

**PROVIDE WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Send a letter to SBARE, NDSU Dept. 7520, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050

**PROVIDE TESTIMONY BY EMAIL OR ONLINE SUBMISSION**

Send email message to [ndsu.sbare@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.sbare@ndsu.edu) or submit testimony online at [www.ndsu.edu/vpag/sbare/stakeholder\\_input\\_request](http://www.ndsu.edu/vpag/sbare/stakeholder_input_request). In your remarks, please describe your agricultural research and/or Extension needs and potential solutions.

For more information on SBARE, please see attached sheet or go to the website at [www.ndsu.edu/vpag/sbare](http://www.ndsu.edu/vpag/sbare). Your input is vital to the process. We encourage you to attend one of the sessions above or submit your testimony to SBARE. This process is open to any North Dakota citizen or entity. Please feel free to share this information and schedule with others who may be interested!

We encourage and look forward to your participation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark Birdsall".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Greg Lardy".

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