

Dear SBARE,

AgCountry Farm Credit Services supports the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies (CAPTS) Program in Policy, Markets, and Impact Analysis. As a cooperative, AgCountry Farm Credit Services understands the importance of timely, specific guidance for farmers, ranchers, and policymakers.

The CAPTS Program in Policy, Markets, and Impact Analysis will deliver North Dakota-specific analysis with rapid turnaround when policy or market conditions change. Timely, Localized Market and Policy Insights Farmers often face sudden changes in markets, transportation, and policy. CAPTS will provide rapid, North Dakota-specific analysis so producers can make informed decisions about marketing, risk management, and planning—rather than relying on national averages that don't reflect local realities. With frequent updates from CAPTS on trade flows, transportation bottlenecks, and policy changes, farmers can adjust strategies to reduce risk—whether that means locking in prices, planning storage, or timing sales to avoid costly delays. Through research and outreach, this program will support innovation and adaptation, helping farmers remain competitive in global markets while navigating challenges such as shifting trade dynamics.

Stronger Voice in Policy By quantifying economic impacts and providing clear evidence, CAPTS ensures that North Dakota farmers' interests are represented in policy discussions. This means federal programs and investments are more likely to align with real needs on the ground.

Thank you for your consideration.

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