

Thank you SBARE for supporting the NCREC.

My name is Kendon Faul from McClusky ND. I currently farm with my family and up until recently, I was the Agronomy Manager at the Co-op in McClusky.

For several years I have relied on the NCREC for information to give to my growers, address their concerns as well as better my Farm operations. I have a deep appreciation for the entire staff at the NCREC. These individuals dedicate many hours doing research to make our farmers more sustainable in what they do.

I am writing to you, SBARE, to ask for your financial support for the NCREC. It takes a lot of funding to keep the NCREC running and to continue to be an asset to the farmers and Agronomy personal in our region.

I serve on the Visitor Board and am the current chair. We have had meetings and realize the struggles that the center is having. Several of the Key researchers have to spend a fair amount of time trying to find grants to fund their research or to get funding to allow them to get individuals to help them with their research. I truly believe that their time would be better spent on research rather than trying to find funding. Secure operating funds and funds for research (Agronomy) would allow them to spend more time on the research that is viable to our farmers.

Another area that needs funding is our seed warehouse. Improvements have been made to the NCREC, but we are in need of further updating our facilities so that the workers are as efficient as they can possible be. A bigger warehouse that can protect the seed is very necessary. There have been times when seed goes out of condition in seed totes because the facility is no longer able to keep weather and rodents out. Building a new building that is sealed up; large enough for the growing seed operations and everything in the same building is a much needed resource.

SBARE, I know that funding is a difficult situation. There are a lot of places that money could be used for; however, Agriculture is key in our great State. Giving the NCREC these funds means you are also supporting the future of Ag in ND. I have a great appreciation for the information I get from these great individuals. It is uncensored and unbiased. It is truly an important part of my operation and for the people that call me day after day looking for advice.

So please help support our Research Center and the many people that make the Center so valuable.

Thank you

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