

**SBARE ASK:** Program Support Funds for**Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR)**

**An increase in operating funds is needed to sustain ND's agricultural leadership. These funds allow us to "Take the University to the People"—turning research into real-world results in every county.**

Operating funds lag behind costs for travel, materials, printing and training. Recruiting and developing new agents requires sustained investment. Without increased support, Extension's ability to deliver high-impact programming will be limited.

## North Dakota Agriculture: Strengthening Our Future

### Agriculture Powers North Dakota

- **\$41 billion** annual contribution to the state economy
- **24,000+** farmers and ranchers driving rural prosperity
- ND ranks **#1 nationally** in spring wheat, durum, canola, rye, oats, flaxseed, sunflower, edible beans and honey
- **Top producer** in sugarbeets (#3), potatoes (#5), soybeans (#8), beef cattle (#8) and corn (#10)

### Real Economic Returns from Your Investment

- **Soybeans:** +2 bu/acre × 6.7M acres × \$9.50/bu= **\$125 million** added farm income
- **Spring wheat:** +10 bu/acre × 5.26M acres × \$5.50/bu= **\$300 million** value increase
- **Total:** **\$425 million** in new income reinvested in ND communities.

### Diversification and Innovation

Producers are **diversifying** with sunflower, dry edible beans, peas, lentils, and chickpeas. **Value-added processing**—like ethanol and soybean crushing—creates local jobs and keeps profits in-state. **Collaboration** with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and commodity groups keeps North Dakota competitive and innovative.

### The Human Impact of Extension

- **8,000+** trainings and **150,000 participants** statewide
- **Farmers** improving yields and cutting costs with nitrogen calculator
- **Master Gardeners:** 60+ pollinator gardens, 23,000 lbs of produce donated
- **Disaster response:** Support after blizzards, wildfires, EF5 tornado and data used to get federal disaster aid.
- **Livestock insurance education:** \$12M in producer indemnities
- **4-H youth:** 40,188 North Dakota youth trained

### Together, We Grow North Dakota

**Your investment** = Stronger farms and ranches • Resilient communities •  
A prosperous future for North Dakota

**GROWING THE FUTURE TOGETHER.**

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