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2020 Williston Research Extension Center Field Days To Be Held Online



The 2020 WREC Field Days will be held online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (submitted photo).

By Anna Dragseth

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's North Dakota State University (NDSU) Williston Research Extension Center (WREC) Dryland and Irrigated Field Days will be conducted online. NDSU WREC staff members have prepared short pre-recorded videos that include information on dryland and irrigation research being performed at the research center. These videos will be available for viewers to watch on July 8 at www.ag.ndsu.edu/willistonrec.

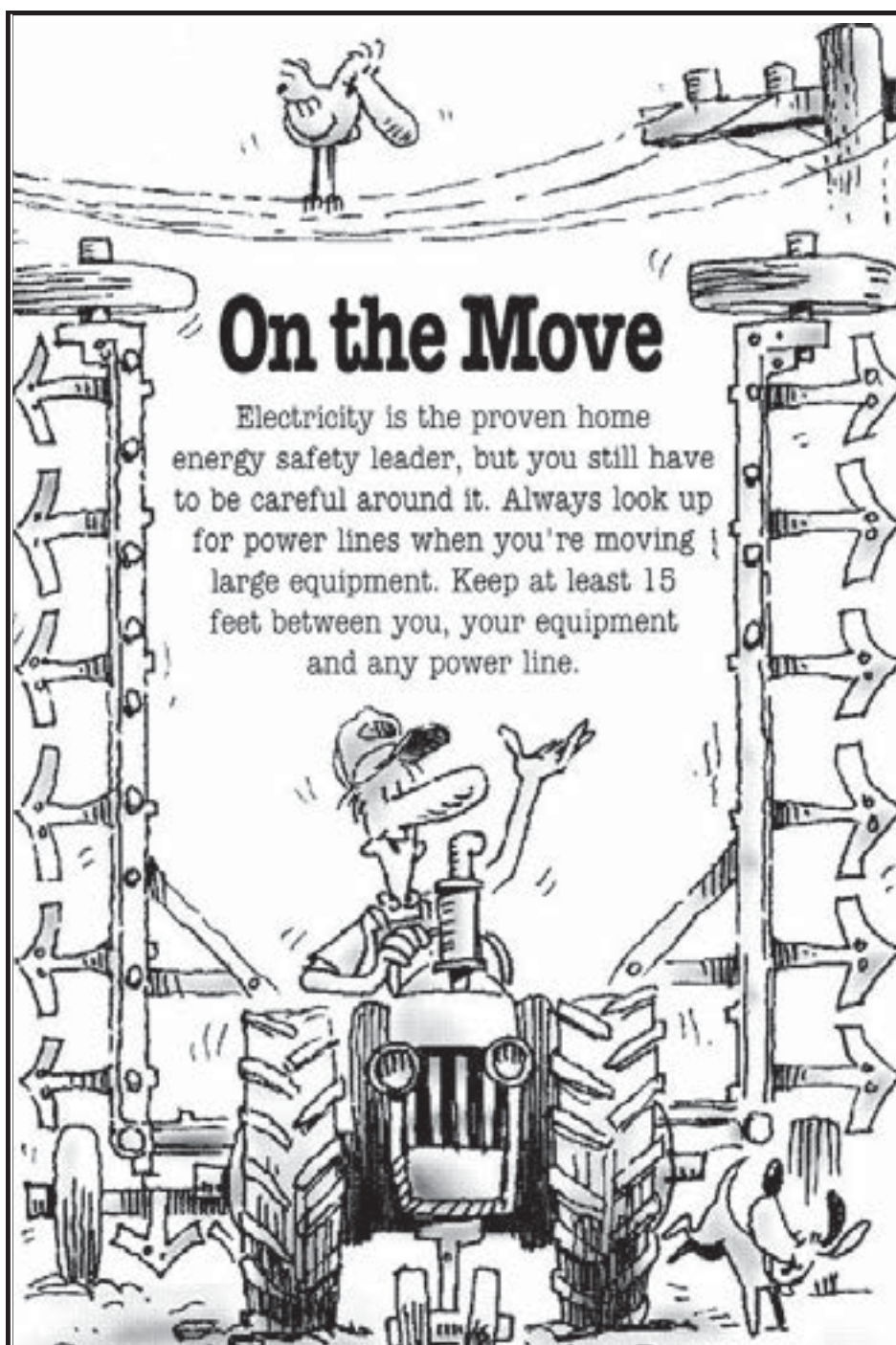
Researchers will be discussing a variety of topics during the virtual Field Day, which will include: Tyler Tjelde, WREC irrigation agronomist, discussing Irrigation in Western North Dakota, Justin Jacobs, WREC irrigation research specialist, talking about Intercropping peas/canola and chickpeas/flax, Meridith Miller, WREC dryland specialist, and Nick Birkhimer, NDSU graduate research assistant, will be providing information on the Pipeline Reclamation Project, Dr. Gautum Pradhan, dryland agronomist at WREC, will be discussing the application of unmanned aircraft systems in small plot experiments. Cameron Wahlstrom, WREC dryland research specialist, will inform viewers about dryland variety trials at the WREC and Dr. Audrey Kalil, WREC plant pathologist will be talking about Ascochyta blight on chickpeas.

In addition to these videos, Taheni Gargouri-Jbir, WREC plant pathology research specialist will be talking about Fusarium root rot, Kyla Splichal, the WREC horticulture research specialist, will provide information on the WREC horticulture

garden, Dr. Clair Keene, the extension cropping systems specialist will be informing viewers on Kernza: a new dual-use crop for the MonDak region or intercropping chickpeas and flax. Kyle Dragseth, WREC farm manager, will talk about the WREC foundation seed program and Dr. Jerry Bergman, WREC director, and Tom Wheeler, WREC-EARC (Montana State University's Eastern Agricultural Research Center) Joint Advisory Board chairman, will provide an update on the WREC foundation seed condition facility.

Agricultural research conducted at the WREC is intended to increase the producer's net profit, support crop diversification, and encourage more intensive cropping and irrigation development. Research on soil and crop management systems for sprinkler irrigation, on alternative irrigated high value and value-added crops and western malting barley programs are conducted for the region. WREC also performs a variety of development research on safflower, winter wheat, and durum and variety evaluations in cooperation with NDSU Main Station scientists. WREC produces and supplies foundation seed to area farmers of new and old varieties adapted to the region.

All producers, industry representatives, extension educators, research staff, and anyone interested in learning more about agricultural research in the MonDak area is encouraged to view the virtual Field Day. For additional information on the Field Day, contact the WREC office at 701-774-4315.



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Forage Seeding Crop Insurance Deadline Nears In Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, And Wyoming

Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

Submitted by Karen Korenko

Billings, MT - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming that for the 2021 crop year

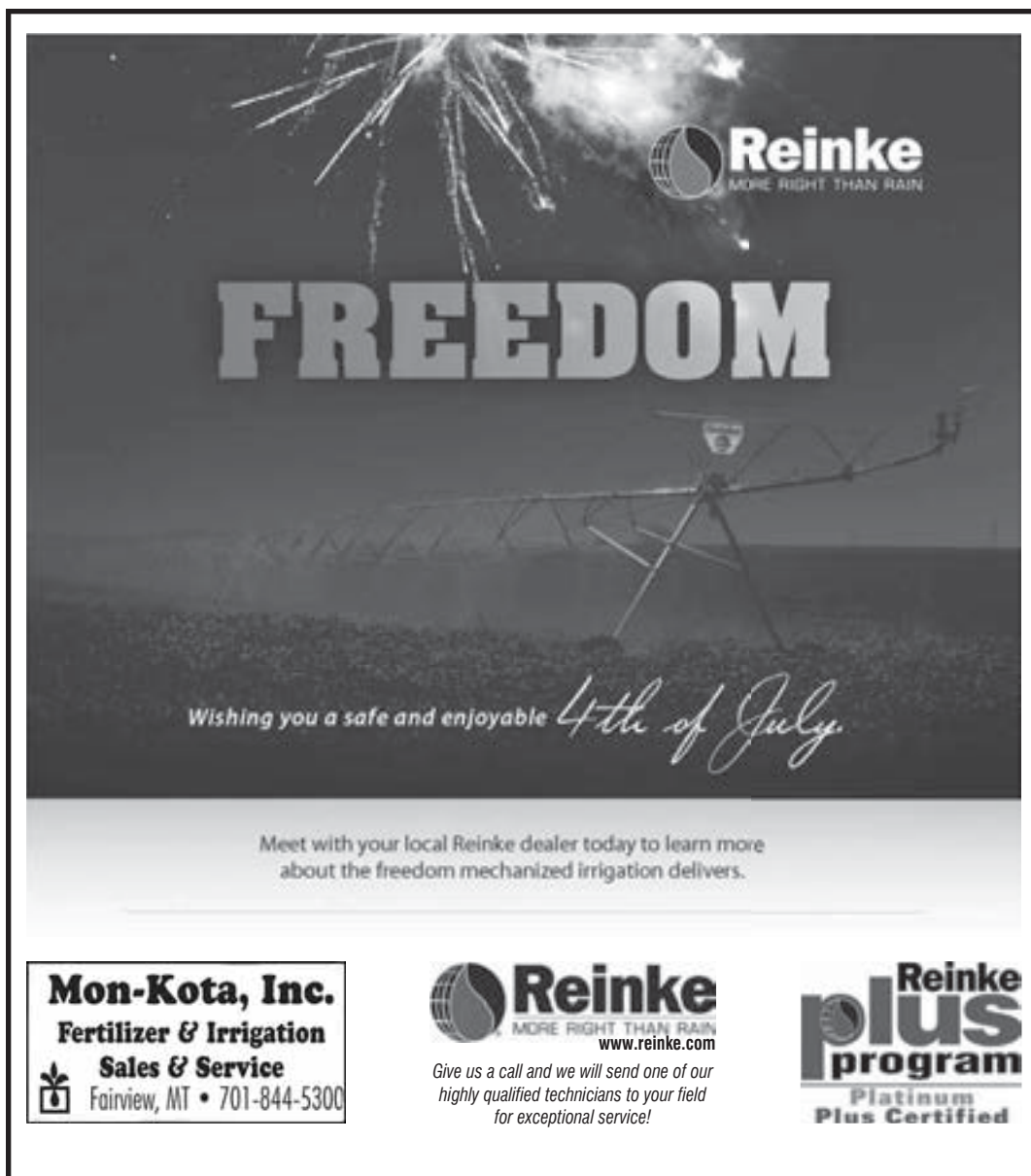
a Fall Seeded Practice has been added for: 1) Irrigated Alfalfa Forage Seeding in all Montana and Wyoming counties; and 2) for Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Alfalfa Forage Seeding in all North Dakota and South Dakota counties. The Forage Seeding crop insurance policy insures newly established forage stands during the initial crop year of establishment. The final date to purchase or make changes to Fall Seeded Forage Seeding crop insurance in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming is July 31.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthen the rural economy. Producers may select from several coverage options, including yield coverage, revenue protection, and area risk policies.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2021 crop year. Agents can help producers determine what policy works best for their operation and review existing coverage to ensure the policy meets their needs.

RMA is authorizing additional flexibilities due to coronavirus while continuing to support producers, working through Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to deliver services, including processing policies, claims and agreements. RMA staff are working with AIPs and other customers by phone, mail, and electronically to continue supporting crop insurance coverage for producers. Farmers with crop insurance questions or needs should continue to contact their insurance agents about conducting business remotely (by telephone or email). More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Producers can use the RMA Cost Estimator to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at www.rma.usda.gov.



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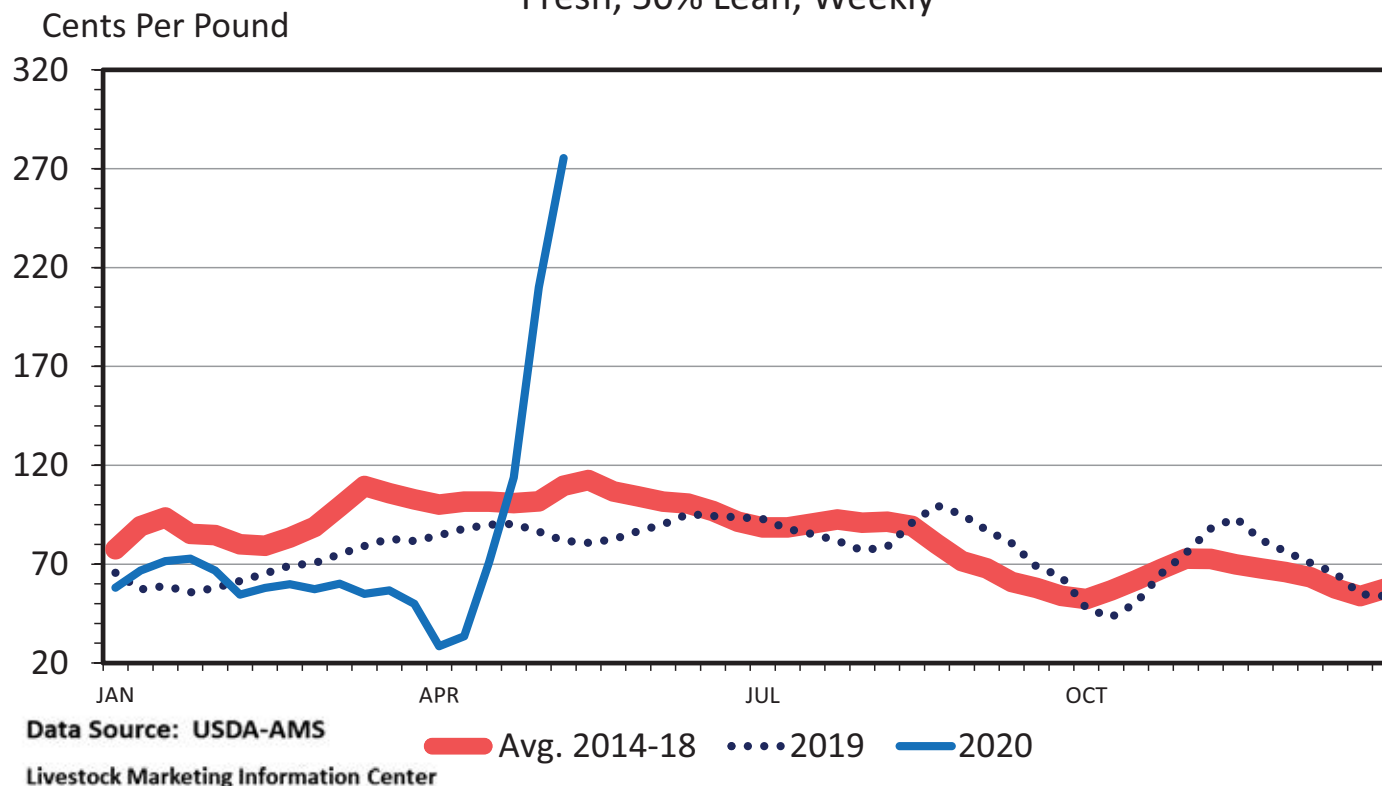
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COVID-19 Makes Huge Impact on U.S. Economy

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have launched a
newsletter called
**Agriculture By the
Numbers.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused severe disruptions throughout the U.S. red meat and poultry industry.

As a result, consumers may find limited availability of some meat items at grocery stores, while meat and poultry producers may not be able to find a market for livestock and poultry ready to harvest. Plus, consumers may see higher prices for preferred meat products.

"The function of the price system is to prevent shortages and surpluses," says Tim Petry, North Dakota State University Extension livestock economist. "That works very well until a sudden shock such as the pandemic unexpectedly disrupts the system."

In the U.S. Department of Agriculture's April 9 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, the USDA was projecting record U.S. beef, pork, chicken and total meat production in 2020. Just one month later, the May 12 WASDE report estimated declines in meat production for 2020 due to COVID-19-related issues. Expectations now are for beef production to decline 5%, with pork production down about 1% and chicken production off only slightly, with total meat production declining 1.6%.


More information about COVID-19's impact on the red meat and poultry industry is available in a new monthly newsletter, *Agriculture By the Numbers*, written by Extension specialists in NDSU's Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department. Other topics in the first issue are the short- and intermediate-term food demands and consumer spending related to COVID-19, the immediate impact of COVID-19 on the U.S. corn ethanol industry, and the challenge of trying to anticipate what market adjustments will occur because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Each issue will tackle current events related to agricultural issues in North Dakota and the Upper Great Plains region, as well as how national issues may affect state agricultural and energy issues," says Bryon Parman, NDSU Extension agricultural finance specialist.

To receive the newsletter, contact David Ripplinger, NDSU Extension bioproducts/bioenergy economist, at david.ripplinger@ndsu.edu.

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Safflower Technologies International, LLC Receives \$16,000 For Feasibility Study



By Anna Dragseth

This year, Safflower Technologies International, LLC (STI) will be conducting a local safflower refinery feasibility study. This study will determine whether or not an area safflower refinery would be profitable in the McKenzie County area. The McKenzie County Job Development Authority (JDA) and the McKenzie County Commissioners have both granted \$8,000 each in funds to financially support the study.

The McKenzie County JDA fosters primary sector economic growth for McKenzie County. They expressed that if the study proves a refinery to be feasible, the refinery would diversify McKenzie County's economy and add value to crops grown by area producers.

"In this study, we will be researching how much it will cost for a safflower refinery by looking at how much it would cost per pound to refine the product, which would determine whether or not it would be cost-effective," said Dr. Jerald Bergman, co-owner of STI.

Bergman explained that they would be starting the study soon, and they hope to complete the study over a period of four months. "The refinery would be significant to this area because it would assure that we could grow more safflower for a bigger market," stated Bergman. The refinery's proposed site would be in western McKenzie County, specifically in East Fairview, North Dakota.

STI has previously completed a feasibility study for a cold-press processing plant for safflower and other oil crops, but the next step is conducting this safflower refinery feasibility study. "We did a feasibility study on a cold press plant where we extracted the crude oil from the seed and filtered it, and that process proved to be feasible. But based on last year with all the rain and sprout damage, none

of the seeds would have made the oil standard because of the dark color and the free fatty acid content. The germination had started, and it broke down the oil to free fatty acid, and that can't be over 0.5% to meet the oil standard. So we are considering a refinery which would filter and distill to get rid of the odor, color, and the free fatty acid - that way we would be able to have a product every year - even if the weather was bad during the seed ripening and seed development period," explained Bergman.

STI has over 30 years of safflower plant breeding, research, and production experience. Their identity-preserved safflower products include NutraSaff™ (Golden Safflower) and White Hybrid Safflower (Jumbo Size) birdseed, edible oils, livestock feed and supplements, bio-fuels, and bio-lubricants.

STI offers a high oleic and low saturate safflower oil, called Healthola, developed in the USA by Dr. Bergman and released by Montana State University. This natural/non-GMO oil contains 0% trans fatty acid, low total saturates (6%), and contains higher oleic fatty acid (up to 85%) than any other olive, canola, or safflower oils.

STI product attributes offer consumers a virtually flavorless and colorless oil of the highest quality and consistency, surpassing other vegetable oils. STI offers high linoleic safflower oil that is excellent oil for cosmetics,

non-yellowing paints and varnishes, in the manufacture of CLA. STI believes that because of safflower oil's unmatched health benefit qualities, there is an excellent opportunity for safflower oil to be used in cooking oil, infant food, snack food, spray food coatings, cosmetic, pharmaceuticals, and nutritional supplement markets- which would make a safflower refinery a great addition to McKenzie County.

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SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 11:00 A.M.



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Trump Administration Praises MT Water Rights Protection Act As Creating Jobs, Protecting Farmers And Ranchers From \$1.3 Billion In Costs

Submitted by Shelby DeMars

Helena, MT- At a hearing on June 24, Senator Steve Daines presented his Montana Water Rights Protection Act to the members of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. The legislation, which is co-sponsored by Senator Jon Tester, will define the federally reserved water rights of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes and settle the legal claims of the Tribes against the federal government.

The Montana Water Rights Protection Act marks a historic move towards settling the century-long dispute by providing protections for existing water users across Montana and preventing costly litigation. The legislation also invests much needed financial resources into Montana infrastructure projects and updates to the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project, which will create over 6,000 jobs in Montana.

During the hearing, Trump administration officials with the U.S. Department of the Interior cited that this legislation is the best, and least costly, path forward for Montanans, and would protect Montana's agriculture industry against a \$1.3 billion hit if the legislation is not passed.

“We appreciate the work and time that both Senator Daines and Senator Tester have put into this agreement and we are excited that a solution to provide water right certainty to Montanans is now fully supported by the Trump Administration and is finally moving forward in Congress,” said FARM Co-Chair Lorents Grosfield. “This legislative solution will create jobs, protect our economy, and will ensure the availability of water for future generations of Montanans, while saving Montana taxpayers, farmers and ranchers millions of dollars.”

The CSKT Water Compact, which is a component of the settlement legislation, has received broad support from every major agriculture and water use group in the state, as well as irrigators, businesses, and local governments.

Farmers and Ranchers for Montana (FARM) is a grass-roots coalition committed to fair water policies and the implementation of the Montana Water Compact that secures water resources for all Montanans.

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- Kernza: a new dual-use crop for the MonDak or intercropping chickpeas and flax - Clair Keene, WREC Extension cropping systems specialist
- WREC foundation seed program - Kyle Dragseth, WREC foundation seed/farm manager
- WREC foundation seed conditioning facility update - Jerry Bergman, WREC director, and Tom Wheeler, WREC-EARC (Montana State University's Eastern Agricultural Research Center) Joint Advisory Board chairman

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- 1979 Chevy ¾ ton Pickup, 2x4, auto

- BOAT, MOTORCYCLE, ATV'S, SHOP & MISC. -

- Maxum 17' Boat w/90 hp Mercury Force Engine
- Pioneer XF250 Motorcycle, saddle bags, windshield, 270 miles
- Polaris 500 HO AWD ATV
- Kawasaki 250 Bayou 4x4 ATV
- White Garden Tractor w/tiller & mower
- Portable Air Compressor w/Honda GX160 motor
- Portable Predator Pro Welder/Generator
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Bovine Emergency Response Plan Prepares First Responders

The plan helps emergency personnel know how to assess an accident involving livestock, make critical decisions, and keep themselves and the public safe.

By NDSU Agriculture Communication

Several hundred thousand head of cattle are on U.S. roadways every day, and given the volume of cattle being transported, the likelihood of a truck being involved in an accident is high.

However, first responders and law enforcement officers aren't always trained in how to handle an incident with cattle.

As a result, North Dakota State University Extension specialists joined university and Extension faculty from across the country in developing the Bovine Emergency Response Plan (BERP) and teaching curriculum as a way for emergency responders to learn how to address accidents involving cattle transport vehicles more appropriately.

The plan includes standardized recommendations, suggestions and materials for emergency personnel in taking emergency calls, scene arrival and assessment, containment and security, extraction and relocation of cattle, disposal of dead animals, securing the wrecked transport vehicle, euthanasia and debriefing.

"Imagine that a semi loaded with cattle has crashed and rolled over," says Lisa Pederson, Extension livestock specialist at NDSU's Central Grasslands Research Extension Center near Streeter and one of BERP's developers. "It's dark outside and cattle are injured inside the semitrailer and loose on the scene. Our plan helps emergency personnel know how to assess the situation, make critical decisions, and keep themselves and the public safe."

The training is for farmers, ranchers, veterinarians, first responders such as firefighters and ambulance personnel, county emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, tow truck drivers, Extension agents, auction market owners, truck drivers hauling cattle and anyone else interested in first responder and public safety, and animal welfare.

BERP participants take part in classroom training, table-top exercises, demonstrations and practice. The participants learn how to:

- Improve response to emergency incidents involving cattle
- Recognize potential hazards and issues related to responder safety, public safety, and animal care and welfare

The program also encourages the development of customized plans that fit a jurisdiction's unique needs. Plus, participants learn how to do a better job of informing the public about what happened and how the situation was handled, which leads to the public better understanding actions involving cattle.

The program was developed with grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Beef Checkoff program, and is partially funded by the North Dakota Beef Commission

Extension agents have hosted BERP training programs in several locations throughout North Dakota.

"We also covered basic cattle-handling principles with hands-on cattle handling work at our local sale barn for those who had never been around livestock before," says Yolanda Schmidt, NDSU Extension's agriculture and natural resources agent in Pierce County. "Additionally, we had a hands-on euthanasia practicum."

First responders contacted Penny Nester, Extension's agriculture and natural resources agent in Kidder County, about holding a BERP training program in 2017 after responding to four accidents involving cattle semi-trailers on major highways.

"We learned really quickly the mistakes we made when responding to that accident," Jim Albrecht, the county's emergency manager, says about one of those incidents. "We didn't really know what to do and how to communicate interagency."

NDSU Extension launched the BERP program in North Dakota in 2017 by holding training sessions at four locations in the state. One of them was in Steele.

Emergency managers, law enforcement officers, first responders, producers and others take part in Bovine Emergency Response Plan training hosted by NDSU Extension. (NDSU photo)



"Speakers covered a variety of topics related to crashes, including protocols for who does what, assessing the scene, containment, getting cattle out of trailers, humane euthanasia and disposal of cattle, relocation of cattle, debriefing of responders and more," Nester says.

Less than a month after that BERP training in Steele, Kidder County first responders were called to the scene of a semi-trailer fire with Canadian cattle on board.

"With the help of the local sheriff's department, emergency manager, veterinarian, and state and local brand inspectors, the scene was secured quickly and all animals were successfully unloaded and accounted for without any loss of life, either human or animal," Nester says.

Knowing how to respond properly to an incident involving cattle is very important, according to Paul Johnson, a member of Bisbee Fire and Rescue who took BERP training in December 2019.

"It's usually a big situation when it does happen, and it's the cooperation of the first responders that makes it either go smoothly or makes it go terribly, so we're just trying to make it go as smoothly as we can," he says.

Breana Kiser, Extension's agriculture and natural resources agent in Dickey County, is happy that the BERP training in her county brought together emergency coordinators, law enforcement officers, volunteer firefighters, livestock producers, brand inspectors and cattle haulers from multiple counties.

"It started the discussion of what the accident protocols are in each county, what is the level of livestock experience among the emergency personnel, and also networking for knowing who would be able to help with housing loose livestock and helping with the accident cleanup (righting the truck, having equipment on hand)," she says.

"It was excellent training in the fact we now at least have a starting point on how to handle cattle truck accidents - the basic to-do and not-to-do awareness that none of us had before - and quarantine rules, truck seals, etc., which is not included in any of our usual discipline training we receive," says Charlie Russell, Dickey County emergency manager.

He took the training with firefighters, emergency services personnel and law enforcement officials.

"I think the training is excellent and I would take it again in a heartbeat," he says.

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