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NDLA LIVESTOCK

SUMMIT

January 30, 2024



10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn

4351 17th Ave S

Fargo, ND 58103

10:00 am

Welcome Message - Ballroom

- Emcee Travis Hoffman, NDSU Extension and ND Lamb and Wool Producers Association



10:15 am

Living Life Left-Handed

- Doug Bichler, Bichler Simmental, Linton, ND
Bichler shares the brilliant innovations made on his family's seedstock beef and lamb operation following a farm accident that resulted in the loss of his right arm.



11:00 am

Livestock Programs and Cost-share Incentives

- John Schneider, Department of Agriculture
- Cassie Ahmed, USDA NRCS

The ND Department of Agriculture and USDA NRCS share their programs and incentives to encourage livestock development and innovation.



11:45 am

Trade Show and Networking Break

ND Pork Council Annual Meeting - Tulip Room

12:30 pm

Lunch

1:15 - 2:30pm

Breakout Sessions • Rose, Lily & Tulip Rooms

2:30 pm

Trade Show and Networking Break

3:15 pm

Keynote Address - *Building North Dakota's pig future: respecting tradition with a passion for innovation*

- Dale Stevermer, National Pork Board and Trails End Farm
Stevermer recognizes the value of innovation while building on the practices of generations before him. Growing corn and soybeans alongside a swine finishing operation does not happen without challenges. They have enhanced farm productivity, better care for pigs, long term financial viability while lessening environmental impact on their operation. Hear from his first-hand experience with adopting new practices while evaluating ROI on new technologies.



4:00 pm

Door Prize Drawings & Ajourn

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

1:15 pm - 1:45pm

US Swine Health Improvement Plan (USSHIP)

Rose Room

- Dr. Ethan Andress, State Veterinarian

Dr. Endress will explain the USSHIP program: a proven platform for safeguarding, certifying, and bettering animal health through biosecurity, traceability and disease surveillance.



Manure Brings Big Beet Benefits: Best Practices for Application

Lily Room

- Travis Moser, Spring Valley Farms of Morris, MN

Travis will share lessons learned of applying livestock manure in a diversified crop rotation, including sugarbeets, to maximize yields and build soil health.



Expansion = Opportunity: Soy Processing Brings Options for Feed ND

Tulip Room

- Bill McBee and Zach Spilker, Soybean Processors, LLC

The increase of soy processing plants in ND brings unique economic opportunities for livestock development, with an influx of soybean meal and soyhull pellet products.



BREAKOUT SESSION 2

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Finance programs and incentives for livestock producers

Rose Room

- Kevin Sonsalla, ND Department of Commerce
- Jim Leier at Bank of ND

The ND Department of Commerce and Bank of North Dakota share their program opportunities for livestock producers in North Dakota.



New options for farm families: Farm Bureau Health Care Coverage

Lily Room

- Daryl Lies, President, ND Farm Bureau

NDFB is pursuing a new option for healthcare coverage made available to its members. Lies explains how this exciting new possibility may be able to help you, your family, and/or business.



NDSU/Univox/CerroZone Partner to support ND pork producers

Tulip Room

- Curtis Olafson, Univox founding Partner & former ND Senator
- Dr. Christopher Byrd, NDSU Department of Animal Sciences

NDSU's Department of Animal Sciences has been awarded a research grant to study the impact of indoor contaminant eradication technology on piglet health in the farrowing and nursery phases.



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