

# Message from President Cook

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Hello everyone.

We're kicking off the second week of the 2024 North Dakota tour here at the Agronomy Seed Farm in Casselton, North Dakota. We have another busy week ahead of us to learn about the amazing research happening at our REC here and across the rest of the state, to connect with people all across North Dakota.

Tonight, we'll take a look at some new red spring wheat varieties. We'll hear about changes to North Dakota soil fertility over the past 30 years, and we'll get an insect pest report.

On Tuesday (tomorrow), we'll make our way to the Carrington Research Extension Center for their 65th annual Field Day event. That should be a lot of fun.

The morning will include a livestock tour with some innovative agtech highlights, including an overview of a virtual cattle fencing research project to improve grazing efficiency.

There will also be a fruit orchard tour at the end of the day. I did it last year. It's a lot of fun.

After that trip, on Wednesday, we head to the North Central Research Extension Center near Minot where we will learn more about carbon capture, cover crops, weed control, and we'll get to see some really cool equipment demonstrations to wrap up the day.

I'll have another opportunity to meet with several community members near Minot, but before heading east to the Langdon Research Extension Center for their Field Day event on Thursday morning.

In Langdon, we'll hear about canola research, which, by the way, the canola across North Dakota is absolutely beautiful right now. Production, to disease management, to an insect update.

We'll also hear about the NDSU Woody Plants breeding program.

We end our two-week North Dakota tour in Grand Forks with the Bison Social, where we provide an opportunity for the community to learn about our successes in academics, all of our research, and of course, athletics, and celebrate all things NDSU.

Busy week ahead, but looking forward to it all.

Again, follow along on social media or connect with us along the way.

I can't wait to see you and everybody out there.

Go Bison!