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To Todd West and Others Concerned With the NDSU Greenhouse Issue

Hello Todd,

I am very concerned and disheartened to hear of the possible demise of the NDSU Horticultural Greenhouses. It is hard to realize how any Agricultural Institution, particularly an Educational and Research Facility, and particularly a Horticulture Department, could intellectually exist without functional and modern Greenhouses and associated facilities. As a native of North Dakota having worked and managed the Taylor Nursery, and as a Plant Physiologist and a former professor at Colorado State University and the University of Minnesota for 25 years and as an owner and president of a large container nursery, and now as a Consultant for the Nursery and Landscape Industry for the last 21 years, I am well aware of the excellent Horticultural Education, Research and Extension work accomplished by such prominent Educators and Researchers as Neal Holland, Dale Herman, Todd West, Chiwon Lee, and other associates. I have worked with all of these Researchers and Educators and know that their work is very meaningful, applicable, excellent and critical for the Food and Environmental aspects for colder climates of the United States. Dr. Jim Ozbun, Former Head of the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Horticultural Science Department and past President of NDSU, is very knowledgeable of the great need for and the contributions of, the NDSU Horticulture Department. I would recommend that Dr. Ozbun be contacted in support of this endeavor.

Horticultural work at NDSU provides much needed work on cold and adverse growing conditions over and above what the University of Minnesota, Crookston, Grand Rapids and St. Paul can or are doing in this regard. The NDSU Researchers have capitalized on the uniqueness of North Dakota's harsh growing conditions and the significant need for answers to satisfy the high demand for this information in North Dakota, the entire Midwest and beyond. This includes Plant Breeding, Production and Cultural Operations and Best Management Practices. Their track record is excellent and must continue for the economic and environmental welfare of the Nursery, Landscape, Fruit, and Vegetable Industries as well as the state of North Dakota itself. Many great nurseries exist in North Dakota which require and rely on NDSU Horticultural Education and Research which in turn, makes a considerable economic contribution to the State and to the people.

Again, it is incomprehensible to think that a prestigious institution such as NDSU with an active Horticulture Department would be expected to provide critical Agricultural and Horticultural Research and Education information and assistance to the Industries and the people of North Dakota and beyond, without adequate, if not State-of-the Art Greenhouse facilities. Up-to-Date Facilities and Current Technologies are critical to provide this much needed information. With proper Greenhouse facilities, NDSU can meet this demand.

Professionally and intellectually I would strongly support and recommend that The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, and the Legislature support and fund the construction of new Greenhouse facilities for the NDSU Horticulture Department so their critical mission and contributions can continue and expand for the welfare of North Dakota

and beyond.

Respectfully,

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