

North Central Farm Management Extension Committee State Reports

State: Iowa

Date: September 2006

By: William Edwards

Staffing Changes:

None. Bob Wisner plans to retire in 2007. The College of Agriculture has not approved any hiring yet for this year.

Program Changes:

None.

Successful Activities:

“**Risk Management for Beef Cow Producers**” was a major effort funded by RMA. The materials used in workshops last winter are being turned into an on-line home study course as part of the Ag Management E-School (AMES). www.extension.iastate.edu/ames/ .

“**Farm Lease Arrangements**,” a series of about 30 local meetings for farm tenants and landowners, was carried out this summer. Area farm management specialists were instructors.

Ag Decision Maker website is now available on CD-ROM for \$80 per year. The site now contains 316 information files and 92 decision tool spreadsheets. The electronic newsletter is received by 1,137 people, and 200 people receive hard copies of the articles. www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/

New Publications:

FM-1876 “Organic Crop Production Enterprise Budgets” by Craig Chase, Margaret Smith and Kathleen Delate. FM-1876. Available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/pdf/a1-18.pdf>

“Wages and Benefits for Farm Employees,” an Iowa survey. By William Edwards. FM-1862, Available at www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/wholefarm/pdf/c1-60.pdf .

“2005 Iowa Farm Costs and Returns.” By Darnell Smith and William Edwards. FM-1789. Available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/wholefarm/pdf/c1-10.pdf>

“Considering Sustainable Agriculture on Your Rented Land.” By Diane Mayerfeld, Rick Exner and Margaret Smith. Available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/wholefarm/pdf/c2-33.pdf>

“Using Enterprise Budgets to Make Decisions.” By Craig Chase. FM-1875. Available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/pdf/a1-19.pdf>

“Livestock Gross Margin: A Risk Management Tool for Cattle Feeders.” By Ron Hook. Available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/livestock/pdf/b1-51.pdf>

Growing conditions update:

Some areas in northwest and southeast Iowa were quite dry. Pastures and were affected more than corn and soybeans in southern Iowa. Harvest is slow getting started due to wet weather.

NORTH CENTRAL FARM MANAGEMENT EXTENSION COMMITTEE
Fall 2006

State: *INDIANA*

1. Staffing Changes			
Type (a)	Name	Effective Date	Area of Responsibility
R	Steve Lovejoy	August 1, 2006	Natural Resources and Environmental Issues
N (new)	Search – prod. econ/ farm mngt – any level		Crop Production Systems (Ext./Research)

(a) Refers to new (N), retirement (R), change in assignment (C) or terminated (T).

2. Program Changes			
Subject Matter Area	Emphasis (b)	Brief Description	Contact Person

(b) Refers to new (N), redirected (R), increased (I), deleted (D).

3. Successful Activities
<p>Indiana Farm Management Association Tour – visited four farms on urban fringe of Indianapolis – approximately 400 attendees (Alan Miller)</p> <p>39th Top Farmer Crop Workshop – had about 115 registered (75 farms) for the 3-day in-depth workshop (Jess Lowenberg-DeBoer and Bruce Erickson)</p> <p>Fall Outlook – 5 staff members had about 17 county meetings and an IP video presentation to 15 sites for a total of about 1,000 attendees. A number of counties have moved their outlook meetings to early December (Chris Hurt)</p>

4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
Current publications	http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/extension/pubs/index.asp	
Outlook Summary	www.agecon.purdue.edu/extension/prices/pdfs/Outlook2007.pdf	

Weather, Growing Conditions & Miscellaneous Notes: Crops keep improving as the season progresses. Both corn (167 bu.) and soybean (50 bu) yields should be 2nd highest on record, 1 and 3 bushels respectively below 2004.

Submitted by: George Patrick

North Central Farm Management Extension Committee State Reports

State: Michigan

Date: 25 Sept 06

Staffing Changes:

Indicate name, effective date, nature of the change, and area of responsibility

Glenn Tonsor (recent grad from Kansas State), started as a new assistant professor as a livestock economist.

Lynn Hamilton, on leave from California Polytechnical University, San Luis Obispo in which she working part time on the Wind Energy Project and is teaching the Sales Management course.

Have recently hired Guan Zhengfei (University of Wageningen) for the open position in agricultural finance.

Kellie Raper has resigned her position in livestock marketing to take a position at Oklahoma State University.

In process of filling position in state local government (an endowed chair), two international development positions, and a food industry management position.

Program Changes:

Briefly describe the program and list a contact person and contact information

An increase in business succession planning workshops by the all five District FIRM Agents. Will be implementing the Iowa State University program by John Baker this winter.(Van Varner)

Several energy related activities, particularly working with the bio-diesel plant (Roger Betz & Steve Harsh)

Small wind educational program and anemometer loan program (Steve Harsh and Lynn Hamilton)

Energy efficiency in the greenhouse industry (Steve Harsh)

Joint programming thrust with the Dairy AoE team to address low milk prices (Chris Wolf)

A research/outreach effort with the Animal Science department on the use of DDGS (Roy Black, Glynn Tonsor, Chris Wolf, and Jim Hilker).

A Trade Adjustment Assistance program offer for Concord grape juice producers (Mark Longstroth)

Extension energy education coordinator (Steve Harsh)

Successful Activities:

Briefly describe the activity and list a contact person and contact information

Have been examining renewable energy options as value added enterprises for farms. In particular had been exploring the economics of digesters for livestock operations (both on-site and

regional units) and wind turbines. In the case of wind turbines, have a new grant to further explore the economics of these systems and conduct educational programs for farmers (Steve Harsh, Lynn Hamilton, Chris Wolf, Scott Loveridge, Dave Johnson).

"Peak Performance: Managing the People on Your Farm," a labor risk management workshop for swine producers (Vera Bitsch and Sarah Fogleman, Kansas State University).

Research and extension program on bio-fuels and co-products (Roy Black and Chris Wolf)

Publications:

List authors, title, date and source for recent departmental publications

In Labor Area:

Bitsch, Vera, et al. Peak Performance: Managing the People on Your Farm," Workshop notebook addressing swine producers labor risk management.

Bitsch, Vera Job attitudes of agricultural middle managers. Selected Paper, American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting,
http://agecon.lib.umn.edu/cgi-bin/pdf_view.pl?paperid=21213&ftype=.pdf.

Bitsch, Vera, 2006. Responding to interpersonal conflicts in dairy farms. Michigan Dairy Review 11 (7), 5, 14-5.

Reed, Susan and Vera Bitsch 2006. Labor laws and Michigan agriculture. Extension Bulletin E2966, East Lansing/MI, Michigan State University.

Bitsch, V. *Agricultural Labor Issues in Michigan*. Electronic Newsletter (contact Dr. Vera Bitsch to subscribe)

In Other Areas:

Several business analysis reports by type of farm. To obtain the latest report for dairy, swine, fruit, cash crops visit the following website: firmmgt.info

Land value survey. To obtain the latest report visit the following website: firmmgt.info

Hilker, J. "Market Outlook and Probabilistic Price Forecasts for Grain & Livestock." is updated bi-weekly and stored on the following website: <http://www.msu.edu/user/hilker/> or can be accessed from the website: firmmgt.info

Hadley, G. L. , C. A. Wolf, and S. B. Harsh. "Dairy Cattle Culling Patterns, Explanations, and Implications." *Journal Dairy Science*, pp. 2286-2296, June 2006.

Growing conditions update:

Indicate current crop conditions, livestock situation, and other topics of interest

Spring and summer growing condition were very good. The forecast is for record yields for corn and soybeans. Sugar beet yields are also very good. Cherry crop was of poor quality because of adverse weather conditions. An adverse Concord grape juice price resulted in a Trade Adjustment Assistance program being offered. Three new ethanol plants coming online to add to the existing one. A fifth one is being considered. These plants will be taking most of the corn currently being exported from the state. Two bio-diesel plants nearing completion and others being planned. In terms of the livestock industry, a low milk price is causing cash flow problems for some dairy operation. Hog and beef farms appear to be doing alright.

**NORTH CENTRAL FARM MANAGEMENT EXTENSION COMMITTEE
Fall 2006**

State: Missouri

1. Staffing Changes			
Type (a)	Name	Effective Date	Area of Responsibility
Resigned	Christie Guinn	April 2006	West Central Region Specialist
Resigned	Dinah Peebles	June 2006	So Central Region Specialist
New	Randa Brunkhorst	June 2006	Ag Business Specialist, Central Region
New	Michael Ouart	December 2006	Vice Provost for Extension and Director of Coop Ext.

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Several regional specialist are active in NACAA and attended the annual meeting in July, 2006. Mary Sobba received the Distinguished Service Award.

2. Program Changes			
Subject Matter Area	Emphasis (b)	Brief Description	Contact Person
Contract Hog Finishing	Increased	We have a project to help crop farmers consider contract hog production as a way in enhance income and diversify.	Ann Ulmer

(b) Refers to new (N), redirected (R), increased (I), deleted (D).

Weather, Growing Conditions & Miscellaneous Notes:

Drought occurred in the southwest quarter of the state. Very timely rains across the northern third of the state are making for excellent yields of corn and beans.

3. Successful Activities
<p>Commercial Ag Beef Tour</p> <p>Breimyer Seminar – Topic was Ethanol/Biodiesel. Attendance = 110</p> <p>ISEs Planning for Farm Marketing Business Opportunities (Sept 20-21). Annie's Project (Aug 21-22).</p> <p>Annie's Project – tentatively planned for 11 locations this fall and winter.</p>

3.**Successful Activities**

“Horizon Point: personalized weather advisories” continues to gain new subscribers and new advisories. Latest advisories deal with grain storage and fall fertilizer application.

4.**Publications**

Identification	Title	Date
MU Guide 427(rev)	Plain, Ron and Joyce White. “2006 Cash Rental Rates in Missouri”	May 2006
MU Guide G 9334	Lory, John, Ray Massey, Amy Schmidt, Marcia Shannon, Ann Ulmer. “Optimizing Fertilizer Value of Manure form Slurry Hog Finishing Operations.”	June 2006.
MU Extension. MP747.	Ulmer, Ann and Ray Massey. “The Impact of Livestock Production: A Case Study of Three Missouri Counties.”	July 2006.
MU Extension. MP748.	Ulmer, Ann and Ray Massey. “Animal Feeding Opertions and Residential Land Value: Summary of Literature.”	July 2006.
Ag Economics Newsletter FM 2006-1	Ron Plain and Joyce White. “Missouri Farm Land Values Opinion Survey – 2006”	Sept 2006.

Submitted by: Ray Massey

NORTH CENTRAL FARM MANAGEMENT EXTENSION COMMITTEE
Fall 2006

State: North Dakota

1. Staffing Changes			
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none			

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2. Program Changes			
Subject Matter Area	Emphasis (b)	Brief Description	Contact Person
Estate Planning	N	Farm Business Succession Planning	Dwight Aakre

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3. Successful Activities
Marketing Club and Extension Ag. Economics Team in-service conference for Extension agents and market club facilitators.
Coping with drought meetings for livestock producers. Tim Petry presented livestock marketing along with animal and range science specialist presentations. Held seven meetings in July.

4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
EC-1277	Pulse Crop Marketing Guide (George Flaskerud) http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extpubs/agecon/market/ec1277.pdf	Sept 2006
AAE 05003	Results of the North Dakota Land Valuation Model for the 2006 Agricultural Real Estate Assessment. (Dwight G. Aakre and Harvey G. Vreugdenhil) http://agecon.lib.umn.edu/cgi-bin/detailview.pl?paperid=23599	Aug 2006
Farm Mgt Planning Guide	What is the Value of Standing Corn for Grazing? (Dwight Aakre, Greg Lardy, and Karl Hoppe) http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/aginfo/farmmgmt/docs/GrazingCornCrop.pdf	Aug 2006
Farm Mgt Planning Guide	What is the Value of a Standing Corn Crop for Silage? (Dwight Aakre) http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/aginfo/farmmgmt/docs/ValueStandingCornCropAug06.pdf	Aug 2006

4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
AAE Report No. 588	Financial Characteristics of North Dakota Farms, 2004-2005. (Andrew L. Swenson) http://agecon.lib.umn.edu/cgi-bin/detailview.pl?paperid=23105	July 2006

Weather, Growing Conditions & Miscellaneous Notes:

Growing Conditions: An average year. Small grains, soybeans and minor oilseeds slightly below normal. Corn about an average crop. Edible bean yields all over the board. Sugarbeets may be a record high yield. Hay and pasture was short. South Central area was very short on hay and pasture. Four ethanol and two biodiesel plants are under construction.

Submitted by: Dwight Aakre

**NORTH CENTRAL FARM MANAGEMENT EXTENSION COMMITTEE
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State: Nebraska

1. Staffing Changes			
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2. Program Changes			
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Weather, Growing Conditions & Miscellaneous Notes:

June and July were hot and dry. Rain over much of the state in August and September. Too late to help non-irrigated corn but it helped soybeans fill. Corn yield is projected at 157 bu/ac, about 6% below record yield in 2004. Soybean yield is projected at 50 bu/ac, near the record of 2005. The western one-third of the state, including the Panhandle, is still 10 to 25% below normal rainfall for the year. Hence, no replenishing of reservoirs this year. Total wheat harvested was down about 20% from 2005. Corn harvest started the week of September 18 which is normal.

Undergraduate student enrolment continues to be the focus for the university. Enrolment university-wide is up slightly this fall but the total number of undergrad majors in the Department of Agricultural Economics is at a 25 year low.

3. Successful Activities
Women in Agriculture Conference, Kearney, NE, September 14-15, 2006. 350 registered participants Annie's Program, Nebraska Training Workshop, Lincoln, NE, September 7, 2006. Approx 12 Extension Educators participated.

Submitted by:

4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
EC872	Roger Selley et al." Nebraska Crop Budgets". Only available online at: www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/live/ec872/build/ec872.pdf	2006

4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
EC841	Rebecca Small, Darrell Mark, Richard Clark and David Goeller. "Beef Cattle Share Lease Arrangements". www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/live/ec841/build/ec841.pdf	2006
EC823	Douglas Jose and Sarah Malchow. "2006 Nebraska Farm Custom Rate – Part I". www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/live/ec823/build/ec823.pdf	2006
EC826	Douglas Jose and Sarah Malchow. "2006 Nebraska Farm Custom Rate – Part II". www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/live/ec826/build/ec826.pdf	2006

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State: Ohio

1. Staffing Changes			
Type (a)	Name	Effective Date	Area of Responsibility
C	Ian Sheldon		Andersons Professor of International Trade
C	Mario Miranda		Andersons Professor of Agricultural Risk Management

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2. Program Changes			
Subject Matter Area	Emphasis (b)	Brief Description	Contact Person

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Weather, Growing Conditions & Miscellaneous Notes: Generally above average to excellent growing year for most areas. Some areas did experience extra wet conditions in May that led to poor stands and stunted crops that did not recover fully. Small pockets of drought, although very limited this year. Wet conditions have slowed the start to harvest.

3. Successful Activities
<p>Ag Law Conferences The OSU Agricultural Law Conference presents regional educational sessions on laws applicable to both traditional and emerging agricultural issues in Ohio. Targeted audiences are rural landowners and residents, agricultural operators, local officials and local attorneys. OSU's Agricultural & Rural Law Program plans the conferences with the assistance of Extension Educators from the conference region, who help identify legal issues of concern in the area. Conference faculty includes OSU attorneys and external attorneys from Ohio Farm Bureau and private law firms. Farm Service Credit, Ag Credit, county Farm Bureau chapters and local banks have provided sponsorship. Rates for the day-long conferences average \$40. Nearly 400 people have attended the seven conferences held in the past two years. Evaluation responses have been positive, with over 90% of attendees rating the conference as "5—highly useful".</p>

3.**Successful Activities****Farm Science Review Activities – September 19-21****Farm Business Office /“Cost Increases Challenge Farmers” Display**

Knowing your input costs and how to manage them are a big part of farm profitability. Examining fuel and fertilizer costs and their impact on the bottom line was the focus of this exhibit. The Farm Business Office allows Review goers to interact one-on-one with Farm Management Specialists to seek advice on various farm business and management topics including farm transition planning, estate planning, retirement planning, farm record keeping and analysis, tax management, human resources management, budgeting, farmland rental and purchase issues, risk management issues and more. 1500 Review Attendees interacted with farm Business Office personnel, viewed the display and/or obtained OSU Extension/AEDE educational materials.

Energy & Bio-Fuels: Economic & Policy Issues Defining Agriculture

What needs there are and the true economics behind ongoing policy discussion. Seventy people attended this session.

“Question the Authorities”

Live interviews of Ohio State’s authorities on current economic, business and policy issues. OSU’s Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics sponsors this series of short interviews. One thousand people attended 50 sessions presented at the Farm Science Review.

4.**Publications**

Identification	Title	Date
	<p>“Ohio Cropland Values and Cash Rents 2005-06”, Ward http://aede.osu.edu/resources/docs/pdf/D8QOMB09-77MY-IDPZ-DST14X1DMQ007PS6.pdf</p> <p>“2007 Agricultural, Food, and Public Policy Survey: Ohio’s Outlook” Specht, Zulauf, Ward http://aede.osu.edu/resources/docs/pdf/UNT91BB4-IG5J-8M1U-PX6XTYA24SL4I2UG.pdf</p> <p>Ohio Farm Custom Rates -2006 - Ward http://ohioline.osu.edu/ae-fact/pdf/0011.pdf</p> <p>ExUrban Change Program – Elena Irwin and Jill Clark The Exurban Change Program analyzes economic, social, agricultural and land use change throughout Ohio’s townships, regions, and exurban/rural landscape http://aede.osu.edu/programs/exurbs/</p> <p>Ohio Environment Report – Brent Sohngen This site provides information on economic and policy issues related to local, national and international environmental issues. http://aede.osu.edu/people/sohngen.1/OER/index.htm</p>	

4. Publications		
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	<p>Energy Outlook – Matt Roberts http://aede.osu.edu/people/roberts.628/extension/index.htm</p> <p>The Agricultural and Rural Law Program at The Ohio State University – Peggy Hall http://aede.osu.edu/programs/aglaw/</p> <p>Direct Marketing of Season-Long Berry Enterprise – Batte, Ernst, Davis An Extended-Season Berry Production and Marketing System to Enhance Viability of Small Appalachian Farms and Rural Communities http://aede.osu.edu/programs/VanBuren/SmallFarmsAndCommunities/Index.htm</p> <p>2005 OHIO LANDSCAPE & NURSERY ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY – Ernst, Chatfield, Ward http://aede.osu.edu/resources/docs/pdf/PEL40PQJ-1MOH-CTRD-1JT7PH8GGWT2UGXI.pdf</p>	

Submitted by: Barry Ward and Don Breece

**NORTH CENTRAL FARM MANAGEMENT EXTENSION COMMITTEE
Fall 2006**

State: Oklahoma

1. Staffing Changes			
Type (a)	Name	Effective Date	Area of Responsibility
New	Jeff Vitale	5/06	Crop Economics
New	Brian Whitacre	7/06	Rural Development
Change	Joe Schatzer	1/06	Interim department head
New	Kelly Raper	10/06	Livestock Economics

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2. Program Changes			
Subject Matter Area	Emphasis (b)	Brief Description	Contact Person
	N	Census of Agriculture review	Damona
	N	Use of Technology in Beef Management, Integrating Livestock and Financial Records	Damona
	N	Annie's Project, women in agriculture	Bill Burton, NE
	N	Farm Transitions	J.C. Hobbs, NW
	N	Goats: Budgets, conference	J.J. Jones, SE
	I	SAEA	Damona

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3. Successful Activities
Drought management website: http://dasnr2.dasnr.okstate.edu/drought/

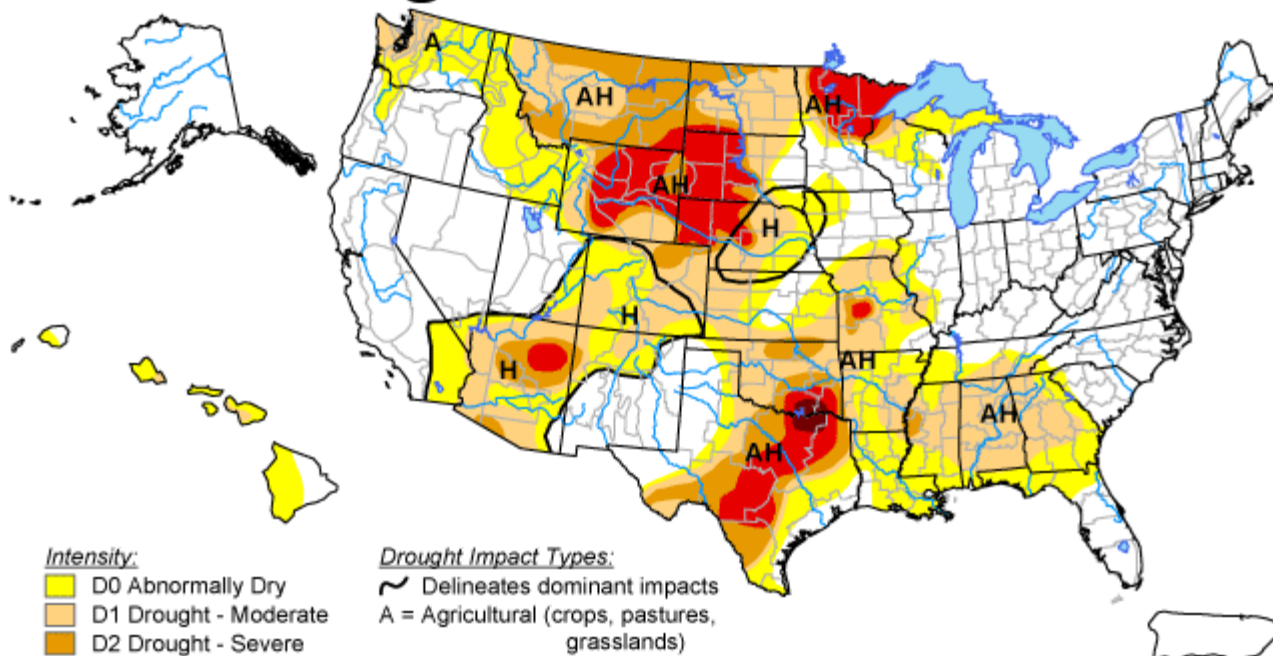
4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
Extension Facts F-2132	No-till wheat production in Oklahoma. Edwards, Jeff, Francis Epplin, Bob Hunger, Case Medlin, Tom Royer, Randy Taylor, and Hailin Zhang. http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-3125/F-2132web.pdf	May 2006
Kansas State University Report MF-2734	Great Plains Canola Production Handbook. Boyles, M. C., T. F. Peeper, and M. J. Stamm editors. www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/crpsl2/MF2734.pdf Goat Farm Budgeting, 2006 Goat Field Day proceedings, Langston University	July 2006.

4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
Newsletters	http://www2.luresext.edu/goats/library/field/sahs06.pdf Goat Farm Budgeting, Web-based Training and Certification Program for Meat Goat Producers http://www2.luresext.edu/goats/training/budgets.html	June 06 Sept. 06
	http://www.agecon.okstate.edu/quicken/Instructions&Newsletters.htm Quick Tips for Farm Financial Record Keeping." Volume 46 Quick Tips for Farm Financial Record Keeping." Volume 47	

Weather, Growing Conditions & Miscellaneous Notes:

U.S. Drought Monitor

September 19, 2006
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



- Intensity:**
- D0 Abnormally Dry
 - D1 Drought - Moderate
 - D2 Drought - Severe
 - D3 Drought - Extreme
 - D4 Drought - Exceptional

- Drought Impact Types:**
- Delineates dominant impacts
 - A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
 - H = Hydrological (water)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



Released Thursday, September 21, 2006

Author: Ned Guttman/Liz Love-Brotak, NOAA/NESDIS/NCDC

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

Submitted by: Damona Doye

NORTH CENTRAL FARM MANAGEMENT EXTENSION COMMITTEE
Fall 2006

State: South Dakota

1. Staffing Changes

No changes in Department of Economics or Economics Extension
One Extension Educator affiliated with Economics resigned to take position in Minnesota (Zach Rada). Search is underway.

Finalists in SDSU president search

Four men have been named as finalists in the search for a new South Dakota State University president. A search has been under way since early this year to replace Peggy Gordon Miller, who announced her retirement after serving as SDSU president since 1998.

The finalists are:

David Chicoine, vice president for technology and economic development at the University of Illinois.

William Marcy, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Texas Tech.

Norval Pohl, past president of the University of North Texas.

Colin Scanes, vice president for research and economic development at Mississippi State University.

2. Program Changes

Subject Matter Area	Emphasis (b)	Brief Description	Contact Person
Estate Planning	N	Farm Transitions Workshops	Pflueger

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Weather, Growing Conditions & Miscellaneous Notes:

Dry Summer (Drought), Wet Fall. No harvest reports at this time.

Gov. Rounds announces creation of Drought Tolerance Biotechnology Research Center at SDSU

During a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Innovation Campus at SDSU, Gov. Mike Rounds announced today that a sixth university-based research center will be created. The 2010 Research Center for Drought Tolerance Biotechnology at South Dakota State University will join five other highly-specialized research centers already in operation. Earlier this year, the legislature agreed to Gov. Rounds' request to create a fifth center, which focuses on Bio Processing, expanding on a successful effort begun in 2004 to target state investments in specialized research at South Dakota public universities.

SDSU Growth Partnership breaks ground on South Dakota's first research park

At groundbreaking ceremonies for South Dakota's first research park, known as the Innovation Campus at South Dakota State University, Gov. Mike Rounds went a step further than simply turning over a shovelful of sod. Rounds pledged almost \$3 million over the next three years for the park's Seed Technology Building to establish the 2010 Center of Excellence for Drought Tolerance Biotechnology.

The park itself will be the conduit for research and new ideas to move from land-grant university scientists, industry and entrepreneurs into the regional economy. The master plan for the 125-acre Innovation Campus at SDSU calls for 19 buildings, with a combined total of more than 1 million square feet of space. The plan includes a long-term private investment of more than \$200 million to complete the build-out of the research park. The master plan also includes space for support facilities such as a hotel and parking garage, green house facilities, a grain mill and wind turbine research facilities, all in a pastoral setting.

3. Successful Activities
Winning the Game Marketing Workshops will continue and expand – w/ UMN

4. Publications		
Identification	Title	Date
ExEx5044	Crop Insurance Alternatives for Hay in South Dakota	9/2006
ExEx2054	Top 10 Drought Management Tips for Ranchers	8/2006
ExEx5058	Livestock Risk Protection: Insuring Calves	8/2006
ExEx5041	Short on Feed? Move the feed to the livestock, or the livestock to the feed?	8/2006
ExEx5048	Pasture And Grazing Land Price Information	8/2006
ExEx5050	Economics of Managing a Livestock Enterprise During Drought	8/2006
ExEx5057	Crop Insurance and Soybean Rust	7/2006
FS937	Assessing Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle	7/2006
C271	South Dakota Farmland Market Trends 1991–2006: The 2006 SDSU South Dakota Farm Real Estate Survey	7/2006

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