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25th Annual Reorganizational Meeting-2

Locations/Times

Our annual reorganizational meetings have been set for Wednesday July 18th, 2018 at **8:00 a.m. on the Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Moorhead Campus, (Old Moorhead Tech) Room A121.** Please park in the West parking lot. **Or at the Frandsen Bank Board Room in Ada at 1:00 p.m.** We request **ALL** of you to attend, and if you cannot attend, please give us a call.

Agenda for meeting:

- **Allison Thompson**-Money Farm-Current Markets and Future Market Outlook
- **Ron Dvergsten**-NCTC-Changes to the tax law that affect farmers and farm operations in 2018.
- **Register** for new fiscal year.
- Distribute the **2018 Farm Business Management 3-ring notebook.**

The breakfast meetings will resume in the Fall.

- **2018 Cost of Production Worksheet:**
Now that planting has been completed, this would be a good time to update your cost of production worksheet. I am sure crop acres have changed, plus some of your inputs should be known at this time. Give us a call and we can do the update quickly over the phone to provide a more accurate break even for marketing.
- **Rural Mental Health Outreach:**
The Mental Health Outreach Program is a multi-faceted approach to addressing the importance of mental health in helping farm families achieve their business and family goals. It is free to farm families enrolled in FBM. Ted Matthews is available to help. He has worked with rural issues in counseling for over 20 years. He has been director of mental health services during two natural disasters in the 1990s.

Ted also has extensive counseling experiences in the areas of crisis intervention, family issues, suicidology and domestic abuse. He can be reached at 320-266-2390

- **Fixing Trade Dispute Takes Time and Trust –**
The Trump Administration won't sell farmers short on trade. That's the message Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross delivered to eight North Dakota farmers in a White House trade meeting Friday. Campbell Farms co-owner Tom Campbell says the Administration understands farmers and Rural America helped get President Trump elected, but there is concern about the trade deficit and the tit-for-tat trade game. "For something that's been happening for 30 years, to correct it in one week or one month or one year, I think it needs to be corrected over a period of time instead of all of a sudden fixing it. It may take a few years to fix it."
- **FBM Summer Contact:**
When farm business management questions arise, please contact us. Remember to utilize your FBM program throughout the year. We know this is a busy time of the year for all of you, but good farm management requires that your records be kept up to date.

Ron's Scheduled Work Days in Moorhead for the month of July 2018:

July 17 & 18

The best way to contact Ron is by e-mail or at his cell phone# (218) 686-5448.



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