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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 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.

- **A Huge Vote on Sugar** – When the farm bill comes back to the floor, the language is not expected to change significantly. The recent farm bill debate included a surprising vote on sugar policy. “We had a huge vote on sugar,” explained Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Collin Peterson. “We turned over 30 members that were against us on sugar last time that switched their vote in favor of sugar this time.” Peterson credits the alliance between food stamps and farm programs. “I leveraged the goodwill I had with urban members because I called out the extreme stuff that was being done to the sugar program. I think this may be the last time they come after us with sugar.”

- **FY19 Ag Appropriations Bill Approved by Senate Committee** – The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved the agriculture spending bill. The bill maintains support for crop insurance and other farm bill programs. It fully funds the expected demand for Farm Service Agency direct and guaranteed loan programs. There is language preventing USDA from closing county FSA offices and provides money for additional FSA loan officers. There’s \$8.7 million for the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative and research dollars for sugarbeets, small grains, pulse crops and more.

- **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 June 2018:

June 13th and 14th or by appointment only

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

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