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North Dakota State University is pleased to support this year's edition of "*North Dakota Agricultural Statistics*." The partnership between the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service continues to be a vitally important alliance. The statistical information and services that are provided greatly enhance our ability to address issues and challenges facing today's producer and the agricultural industry in general.

The detailed crop and livestock statistics found in this publication are especially useful as we plan and develop our program initiatives. The data helps us to focus on strategies that will negate the adverse economic impact of low commodity prices as well as weather and disease-related problems. It also enhances discussion about research initiatives to promote technological advances and diversification of North Dakota agriculture.

We applaud the dedicated efforts of the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service and look forward to our continued partnership with them. By working together to minimize the uncertainties and risks associated with a rapidly changing agriculture, we can bring opportunity and promise to the people of North Dakota.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Jensen".

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