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Good morning. My name is Donnie Buckmier and I am a small grains and row crop farmer from the Minnewaukan/Maddock area. I have been on the advisory board at the Carrington Research Center for 2 years. Even before I was a board member, I used the information from the research centers to help me make decisions for my farm. Some of those decisions include variety trials... what variety works best in what soil at what population. Where else would I find the information that tells me what works best in my soil, in my area. This also includes crop nutrition, nitrogen stabilizers, biologicals, farming practices (no till, conventional till, strip till) crop rotation, and soil salinity which I have worked extensively with the research centers trying to fix unproductive land. ... the list is lengthy of all the benefits provided to us from the research center. All this information is available to all farmers either thru the research center's annual publication or ag hub. I find the annual publication and Ag Hub website extremely beneficial resource. Every year I look forward to the book coming out so I can find out the results of the prior years research. In addition, I would also like to mention the benefits of additional funding for the SBAR priority #2. This priority is needed to make sure inflation does not affect the work of NDSU research of nitrogen stabilizers and biologicals which are done at the Oaks site.