

Testimony for S.B. 2020 Senate Appropriations Government Operations Division-2025 session

My name is Mark Seastrand and I am a fourth generation farmer from Sheyenne North Dakota.

I am also the vice president of the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association and a former employee of the North Dakota State Seed Department. It is with these experiences that I ask you for your support of a new seed conditioning plant at the Landon Research Center.

The State Board of Ag Research (SBARE) has selected this project as it's #2 priority. The current seed cleaning facility is well past it's use by date and in fact will have its equipment placed in a museum when it is replaced. The Langdon Research Center supplies not only relevant ag research to farmers of North Dakota but also new seed genetics which are developed at NDSU. Having proper seed conditioning equipment is important to the future of agriculture in Langdon and the entire NE area of the state. An example of this is the increase in pulse crops grown in the area. Currently crops like peas cannot be conditioned at the center because of improper equipment.

I am asking for your support to build a new seed conditioning plant at the Langdon Research Center to help secure the future of agriculture in the state of North Dakota.

Respectfully Submitted

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