

Farming with Beneficial Insects for Pest Control: Conservation Biocontrol Short Course

****Tentative Agenda for North Dakota Course ****

August 22, 2017

9:00 am – 4:30 pm CST

Instructor:

Eric Lee-Mäder, Pollinator Program Co-Director, Xerces Society

Guest Speakers:

Doug Golick, Assistant Professor Entomology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Lena Bohm, District Conservationist, NRCS

Travis “TJ” Prochaska, Area Extension Specialist/Crop Protection, NDSU Ext.

Chris Augustin, Area Extension Specialist/Soil Health, NDSU Ext.

Chris Asmundson, Ag Research Technician, NDSU Ext.

Event Details:

NDSU North Central Research Station, Minot, ND

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AGENDA

CLASSROOM

9-9:25 AM	Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
9:25-10:00 AM	Overview of Conservation Biocontrol (Eric)
10:00-11:00 AM (Eric)	Designing and Restoring Habitat for Beneficial Insects
11:00-11:10 AM	Break
11:10-11:30 AM	NRCS Conservation Practices & Programs: (Lena)
11:30-12:00 PM	Common Beneficial Insect Groups (Eric)
12-12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30-1:00 PM	Farm Practices for Beneficial Insects

- 1:00-1:45 PM Citizen Watch – Bumble Boosters: (Doug)**
- 1:45-2:00 PM Intro to Habitat Assessment Tool for Beneficial Insects**
- 2:00-2:10 PM FIELD – Research Station Farm Sites
Travel to sites**
- 2:10-4:10 PM Field habitat assessment (site 1) and insect monitoring
activities (site 2) –With Eric Mader, Chris Augustin, Chris
Asmundson, and Travis “TJ” Prochaska.**
- 4:10-4:20 PM Wrap-up, Evaluations and Raffle**
- 4:20-4:30 PM Head back to North Central Research Station Classroom**

