

North Dakota expands ag relief programs

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North Dakota officials are authorizing the Bank of North Dakota to further expand the largest agriculture disaster relief program in the bank's history. The North Dakota Industrial Commission agreed to authorize the state-owned bank to allocate an additional \$100 million to the 2026 Farm Financial Stability Program, created last fall to help ag producers to restructure their debts. The three-person commission, which includes the governor, attorney general and agriculture

commissioner, also closed a second ag relief program, the Grain Inventory Loan Program, and transferred the remaining \$12 million to the low-interest loan program. "This is why we exist," said Gov. Kelly Armstrong. "If we can't do this, we're not doing it right." The state's agriculture producers have been hit by a fourfold storm of low commodity prices, high costs, storms and high interest rates in recent years, said bank CEO Don Morgan. The total value of the two relief programs will rise to \$500 million as a result

of these actions. "This would, I believe, at this point in time, be the only additional allocation we would be asking for through ag renewal season," Morgan said, referring to the time of year when farmers and ranchers work with their local lenders to renew annual operating loans. Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said the program has been a good idea and "helps lessen the burden that a lot of these guys are dealing with." Nearly 600 agriculture producers have applied for nearly \$480 million in relief through the Farm

Financial Stability Program since December, according to Bank of North Dakota documents. Just shy of \$93 million has been approved and distributed as of March 16. "It may not cover every single application. In fact, it probably won't, but that's OK," Morgan said. "In working with our bank partners, we feel comfortable that this is the right amount moving forward." The low-interest loans are designed to allow farmers and ranchers to restructure existing debt at a lower interest rate, convert operating losses into

repayment schedules and ensure they have cash going into this year's planting season. The deadline for farmers and ranchers to apply for low-interest loans through the program is June 30. Applications are accepted through local banks and credit unions in the state. The Grain Inventory Program, a short-term financing initiative to help farmers hold leftover inventory from 2025 until prices improved, has been utilized less than expected. Applications through the program include \$2.5 million for producers in Hettinger County.

PUBLIC Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF HETTINGER IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Probate No. 21-2026-PR-00003
In the Matter of the Estate of Kathleen A. Zimmerman, deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Lloyd W. Zimmerman, 502 Illinois Ave, Mott, ND 58646, Personal Representative, or filed with the above-entitled court at Mott, ND 58646.
Dated this 12th day of March, 2026.
/s/ Lloyd W. Zimmerman
502 Illinois Ave
Mott, ND 58646

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Airport Board of the Mott Municipal Airport Authority of Mott, N.D. Bids shall either be MAILED to: Derek Mayer, 9118 Highway 21, Mott, North Dako-

ta 58464 or be HAND DELIVERED immediately prior to the bid opening at the Airport Terminal Building, Mott Municipal Airport until 1:30 p.m. (local time) on the 21st day of April, 2026, and then be publicly opened and read, for furnishing all equipment, labor, and materials as set forth in the specifications and performing all work, incidental thereto for Asphalt Pavement Maintenance, Mott Munic-

ipal Airport, Mott, North Dakota.

Base Bid
Primary Work: Approximately 5,660 Ft Route and Seal New Cracks, 16,730 Ft Reseal Existing Cracks (Overbanding), 39,530 SqYd Emulsified Asphalt Seal Coat, Temporary and Permanent Pavement Markings, 4,430 SqFt Major Crack Repair, and various other items of related construction.
1. Plans and Specifications: Copies of the Plans and Specifications are available for inspection at:
Office of Helms and Associates, 416 Production Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
Plans and Specifications may be obtained, at the Office of the latter, upon payment to Helms and Associates for shipping and handling in the amount of \$100 for an 11" x 17" size set of plans and specifications.
Plans and Specifications may be retrieved by registering with the Issuing Office at <http://www.helmsengineering.com/biddocs.html>. Following registration, complete sets of Plans and

Specifications may be downloaded as portable document format (PDF) files. Users who have downloaded the Plans and Specifications will be mailed an invoice of \$20.00. All payments are non-refundable.
2. Bid Guarantee: Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid, and drawn on a solvent State or National Bank, or a ten percent (10%) Bid Bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota and payable to the Mott Municipal Airport Authority, Mott, North Dakota.
3. Contract Bonds: Separate Payment and Performance Bonds guaranteeing faithful performance of the Contract and payment of all labor, materials, rentals, etc., will be required for an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the Contract. All bonds must be issued or co-signed by a licensed resident agent of North Dakota.
4. Commencement and Completion: The Engineer will set the beginning date in a written "Notice to Proceed with Construction." The Contractor shall begin the work within ten (10) days of the date set forth in the written "Notice to Proceed" and shall complete the work within the number of calendar days, working days, or completion date or dates as shown in the Specifications.
5. Title VI: The Mott Municipal Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertise-

ment, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
6. Minimum Wage Rates: The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Federal Labor Laws, including the minimum wage rates decision of the United States Department of Labor.
7. Affirmative Action: A Contractor who may be awarded a contract of \$10,000 or more and subcontractors who may be awarded a subcontract of \$10,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the advertised specifications.
8. Award of Contract: The right is reserved, as the interest of the Mott Municipal Airport Authority, may require, to reject any and all bids, to waive informality in bids received, and to accept or reject any items of any bid, unless such bid is qualified by specific limitation.
9. The contractor will certify that he and any of his subcontractors meet the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 29, regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion as further described in these specifications.
10. The contractor will certify that he and his subcontractors will comply with the 49 CFR, 30.17, regarding Foreign Trade Restrictions as further noted in project specifications.
11. The contractor will certify that he and his subcontractors will comply with "BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATION (JAN. 1991)" as further noted in project specifications.
12. The contractor will comply with "BUY AMERICAN-STEEL AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (JAN. 1991)" as further described in project specifications.
13. If an applicant (corporation) has either unpaid Federal tax liability or has been convicted of a criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, the applicant is ineligible to receive an award unless the sponsor has received notification from the agency suspension and debarment official (SDO) that the SDO has considered suspension or debarment and determined that further action is not required to protect the Government's interests.
MOTT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BY
/s/ Owen Blickensderfer
Airport Authority Chairman
Advertising Date: March 26, April 2, April 9, 2026

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Hettinger County Planning/Zoning Board has received an application for a conditional use permit for upgrading a feedlot to include holding ponds. The location is 35-135-94 – St Croix Township.
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 80 a.m., in the commissioners room of the Hettinger County Courthouse, 336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, N.D. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 701-824-2515.
Hettinger County Auditor
Jeri G. Schmidt
Published March 27, April 2

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026-2028 fishing proclamation.

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Walleye, Sauger, Saugueye, or Combination ^a	5	10
Northern Pike	5	10
Yellow Perch	20	40
White Bass	30	60
Bluegill	10	20
Crappie	10	20
Trout	3	6
Salmon	5	10
Burbot (Ling)	10	20
Channel Catfish	East of ND Highway 1 ^b	5
	West of ND Highway 1	20
Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass or Combination		
Muskellunge (pure or hybrid)	1	1
Paddlefish (legal snagging only)	See proclamation	
Nongame Fish (Other than legal live baitfish)	no limit	no limit
Legal Live Baitfish ^c	150	150
Leeches	300	300
Smelt	5 gallons	5 gallons
Frogs	50	50
Salamanders	50	50
Crayfish	50	50
Snapping Turtle ^d	One annually	

^a-Zander are included as part of the walleye, sauger, saugeye combination in Spiritwood and Alkali lakes (Stutsman Co.).
^b-In the Red and Bois de Sioux rivers, the limit is 5 catfish regardless of the number of state or provincial licenses purchased by the angler.
^c-Aggregate of all legal snagging species (see Section 4 of proclamation).
^d-Only one snapping turtle may be harvested with hook and line equipment between July 1 through November 15 of each fishing year.

HOOK AND LINE, BOW (ARCHERY), SPEAR AND UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING
Hook and line, bow, spear and underwater spearfishing is legal from Apr. 1 - Mar. 31 of each fishing year. See proclamation for species legal to take.

DARKHOUSE SPEAR AND BOW (ARCHERY) FISHING
Darkhouse spear and bow fishing is legal from ice up through Mar. 15 of each fishing year.
See proclamation for species legal to take.
Darkhouse spear & bow fishing is legal only on certain waters.

PADDFISH SNAGGING
Paddlefish snagging is legal May 1 through May 21 of each fishing year, in certain areas of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. Snaggers must possess a valid tag.
Snagging paddlefish shall be legal only from 7 am to 7 pm (Central Time) each day. Snaggers must immediately release all paddlefish on Snag and Release Days and immediately tag their one paddlefish on Harvest Days.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 2026-2028

- Allows for the use of white sucker as legal live baitfish on the Missouri River System, Lake Audubon, Devils Lake and Stump Lake.
- Allows for the harvest of chinook salmon with the reinitiation of a snagging season. Also, allows for the harvest of salmon with archery and spearing equipment during the new snagging season.
- The requirement to register before participating in darkhouse spearfishing is eliminated.
- The white bass daily and possession limits are increased to 30 and 60, respectively.
- Paddlefish tags are available for purchase online and at the Bismarck, Dickinson and Williston offices from 8 am-5 pm., Monday through Friday. Online purchases should accommodate for appropriate delivery time.

EXCEPTIONS TO STATEWIDE FISHING LIMITS	
Red and Bois De Sioux Rivers up to the first vehicular bridge or crossing on any of their tributaries	NORTHERN PIKE - Daily 3, Possession 3 WALLEYE, SAUGER, SAUGUEYE, OR COMBINATION - Daily 3, Possession 3
McDowell Dam	ALL SPECIES - Catch & release only while ice fishing.
OWLS Dam	ALL SPECIES - Catch & release only.
State Fair Pond	ALL SPECIES - Catch & release only from Apr 1-July 31.

FREE FISHING DAYS Residents of North Dakota may fish without a resident fishing license on Jun. 6-7, 2026, Dec. 26-27, 2026, Jun. 5-6, 2027 and Dec. 26-27, 2027.

A complete 2026-2028 Fishing Proclamation listing all regulations is available from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095. (701) 328-6300.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF HETTINGER IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Adeline Kirschmann, Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dustin Kirschmann has filed herein a petition for formal appointment of personal representative.
2. Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 7th day of May, 2026, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of the above-named Court in the City of Mott, County of Hettinger, State of North Dakota.
3. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person appearing for the purpose of objecting to any matter or item contained within the above-mentioned petition for formal probate of will shall file herein and serve upon the undersigned counsel for the Petitioner their written objections to the same not later than seven (7) days prior to the above scheduled hearing.
Dated this 27th day of March, 2026.
/s/ Morgan Jacobs
Morgan M. Jacobs, Attorney
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38 2nd Avenue East Ste. A
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