

Forage Matters: Bull Management From The Sale To The Pasture

By James Rogers, Forage Crops Production Specialist, NDSU Extension
Bull sales are prevalent this time of year, and current sale averages are setting records. Taking care of that bull investment from the time of purchase until he is turned in on pasture for the breeding season is critical. Forage plays an important role in this transition period.
Bulls from weaning to yearling age are often managed to measure their genetic growth potential. The type of feed ration they are developed on during this time can contain a high percentage of concentrates and a low percentage of forage to maximize growth rate. At the end of this feeding period, some bulls may be "over conditioned," which can affect their fertility and ability to settle cows.
Bulls that are over conditioned will have a body condition score

(BCS) of 7 or higher on a scale of 1-9. Young bulls should be at a body condition score of 6-6.5 at the start of the breeding season to compensate for weight loss during the breeding season. Bulls that are actively breeding can lose up to 200 pounds during the breeding period. Bulls at a BCS of 7 or higher can have fat deposits in the scrotum that interfere with temperature regulation, which can affect semen quality.
Evaluation of over conditioned bulls at the University of Georgia found that only 41 percent passed a breeding soundness examination compared to an 81 percent passage rate of bulls in adequate condition. Bulls that are over conditioned may also lack the stamina required to work through an entire breeding season.
There are several management strategies that can ease the transition of bulls from being over conditioned

to breeding-season condition. When new bulls are brought into your operation, consider biosecurity. Ideally, bulls should be quarantined for 30 days or at least two weeks before being introduced to other animals. This reduces the risks of introducing disease into your herd.
Provide an area where bulls can exercise, with fresh water available.
Give bulls time. A 90-day transition period is the best. This gives the bull time to adjust to different feeds, surroundings and routines. Another benefit of a 90-day transition period is that it fits the spermatogenesis cycle, which lasts approximately 60 days. If there are any problems with the bull's semen quality, 90 days is enough time for a new cycle to complete and resolve any problems.
Know what the feed ration was that the bull was developed on prior to purchase. Initially, after purchase, if he can continue to be fed a similar ration to what he has been used to, this will reduce stress and help to keep him healthy.
Avoid rapid and dramatic changes in diet. If bulls have been developed on high-concentrate diets, the change to a forage-based diet should be gradual. Replace concentrate with forage at a rate of 10 percent a week over several weeks. While we don't want young bulls to put on excessive condition, we still want them to grow.
A daily weight gain of 1.5-2.0 pounds per day should be the target. To do this, bulls will need access to a good supply of quality forage. Forage quality should be 10 percent crude protein and 60-70 percent total digestible nutrients (TDN). Good grass hay or a grass legume blend will work well to stimulate rumen microbial development. Avoid feeding pure alfalfa hay that might cause bloat or other digestive issues. Aim to have the bull transitioned to a forage-based diet 2-3 weeks before the start of the breeding season. The goal is for him to be ready to consume and digest pasture and range forages.
Once bulls are out on pasture, they should be monitored for excessive weight loss or physical problems that can prevent them from breeding. If possible, provide bulls with supplementation to keep them growing and in good breeding condition.

NDSU Extension To Host 2026 Horse Management Webinar Series

North Dakota State University Extension will host its 2026 Horse Management Webinar Series, offering horse owners, stable managers and equine enthusiasts the opportunity to learn practical management strategies from veterinary and equine health professionals. The free online webinars will be held at noon CT on March 11 and March 18.
"Our goal with this webinar series is to give horse owners practical, research-based information they can use right away," says Mary Keena, NDSU Extension livestock environmental management specialist. "Whether it's recognizing early signs of an eye issue or understanding what to expect with neurologic concerns, these sessions are designed to help owners feel more

confident in caring for their horses."
During each session, presenters will share research-based information to help participants improve everyday care and decision-making for their horses.
Topics will include equine ocular (eye) health and equine neurologic conditions.
On March 11, Dr. Lynn Martin with the University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center will break down the most common equine eye issues, such as corneal ulcers, squamous cell carcinoma and equine recurrent uveitis, into actionable knowledge for everyday horse owners. Attendees will learn how to recognize early warning signs and provide safe first aid while awaiting veterinary care.

The March 18 session will be led by Dr. Sally DeNoita with the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Neurologic conditions can affect both performance and pleasure horses. This webinar will review common neurologic issues that might affect horses and discuss veterinary diagnostic options if a horse owner suspects neurologic involvement.
Registration is required to attend. Visit ndsuaq/horsewebinar26 to register for the Zoom webinars.



Hoeven Secured Legislation To Renew Homelessness Service Grants For YWCA

Senator John Hoeven last week held a roundtable with YWCA Cass Clay CEO Erin Prochnow and members of the YWCA Board of Directors discussing efforts to renew grants for homelessness service providers in North Dakota under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) program. North Dakota received \$3.3 million in CoC funding last year, which was leveraged by service providers across the state to make more than 1,600 beds available to those facing homelessness. By working to renew this funding, Hoeven's efforts will support the continued operations of facilities like the YWCA and Fraser Ltd. in Fargo, Abused Adult Resource Center in Bismarck, Grand Forks Housing Authority and the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center in Dickinson.
Specifically, as a member of the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Committee, Hoeven:
• Passed legislation as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 funding bill directing HUD to renew CoC grants for one year, beginning with grants that expire in the first quarter (Q1) of 2026.
• Grants expiring in Q1 must be renewed no later than March 31, with those expiring in Q2 and Q3 to be reviewed and renewed starting April 1 and July 1, respectively.
• Is working with HUD Secretary Scott Turner, Regional Director Tim Geitner and Deputy Assistant Sec-

retary for Special Needs Assistance Caitlyn McKenney to ensure the grants are renewed in future years to provide certainty to the YWCA and others.
Hoeven spoke with Turner and Geitner on this priority earlier this week, following the senator hosting Turner in North Dakota last year.
During that visit, Hoeven and Turner toured Lantern Light, a 23-bed supportive housing facility in Fargo operated by the YWCA that utilizes CoC funding to serve low-income women, their children, and domestic violence survivors, with the senator making the case for continuing to support facilities like this.
The senator also organized a meeting between Turner and local housing advocates and service providers, including the YWCA, to help coordinate federal and local housing efforts.
"The \$3.3 million in CoC funding that North Dakota received last year helped ensure more than 1,600 beds were available across the state, providing safety and a supportive space for families and individuals struggling with homelessness. That's why, when these grants started to lapse, we went to work through my role on the THUD Appropriations Committee to get these funds renewed for another year," said Hoeven. "We will continue working with Secretary Turner to get these grants renewed now and in the years to come so facilities like Lantern Light can be certain this funding will be in place when needed."

Minutes Of The Stanley School District No. 2

STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2026
PRESENT: BOARD PRESIDENT MATT RULAND; VICE PRESIDENT DYLAN ENGER; DIRECTOR ROBBY NICHOLS; DIRECTOR MEGAN FRITEL (VIA PHONE); DIRECTOR BETH DEAN; SUPERINTENDENT TIM HOLTE
VISITORS: NONE
President Ruland called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
Pledge of allegiance was recited.
Permission for Business Manager to join ND Association of School Business Managers (NDASBM)
Motion to approve made by Enger, seconded by Nichols. All in favor, motion carries.
Permission for Business Manager to enroll in NDSBA Business Manager Certification Program
Motion to approve made by Nichols, seconded by Dean. All in favor, motion carries.
Permission for Business Manager to enroll in NDSBA Mentorship Program
Motion to approve made by Dean, seconded by Nichols. All in favor, motion carries.
President Ruland adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.
Matt Ruland, Board President
Beth Hall, Business Manager

STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2026
PRESENT: BOARD PRESIDENT MATT RULAND; VICE PRESIDENT DYLAN ENGER; DIRECTOR ROBBY NICHOLS; DIRECTOR MEGAN FRITEL (VIA PHONE); SUPERINTENDENT TIM HOLTE; ASST BUSINESS MANAGER DAVID WILLIAMS; ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL BROOKS STAFSLIEN; HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ALECIA PULVER
VISITORS: MARY KILEN AND KAREN COLBENSON
STUDENTS: JACKELYNE HERNANDEZ AND ERIKA LITTLEFIELD
President Ruland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
Pledge of allegiance was recited.
Enger moved to approve the agenda. Nichols seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
Dean moved to accept December 17, 2025 regular board meeting minutes with one change to the wording of the oil & gas revenue, was "Oil & gas production for November", but should be "Oil & gas production YTD through November..." and January 7, 2026 special board meeting

minutes.
Dean moved to approve the consent agenda including the General Fund, Capital Project, Activity, and School lunch expenses. Enger seconded motion. All in favor, motion carried.
GENERAL FUND:
ACELLUS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LLC 1,343.00; BLICK ART MATERIALS 199.72; BRAVERA VISA 168.53; BRAVERA VISA 4,685.51; BRAVERA 16.00; CITY OF STANLEY 1,055.88; COBORN'S INC. 73.76; DAKOTA TRUCK & FARM SERVICE 3,671.70; DEMCO, INC. 573.16; EDU TECH 20.00; ELLVANGER PLUMBING 750.00; ETSYSTEMS, INC 785.00; FARGO GLASS & PAINT CO. 567.05; FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE 803.82; H. A. THOMPSON & SONS 13,694.84; HILL ENTERPRISES, LLC 219.43; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 549.99; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC 489.31; IXL LEARNING 4,050.00; JAY'S ALIGNMENT AND REPAIR INC 1,623.92; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 965.68; JORGENSON LUMBER 89.60; K SQUARED ELECTRIC 6,129.98; MEIERS OIL CO. 3,622.23; MENARD'S 179.39; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 22,906.99; MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER 200.29; MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER 276.30; NASCO - FORT ATKINSON (ARISTOTLE CORPORATION) 57.24; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 2,977.00; ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEAD 275.00; ND ENVELOPE CO 511.00; ND PERS 25.00; ND SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER 550.00; CERTIFICATION PROGRAM NDSBA 715.00; NETWORK SERVICES COMPANY 548.88; NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL 40.00; NORTH DAKOTA COUNSELING ASSOCIATION 280.00; NOVA FIRE PROTECTION, INC. 200.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 69.95; PEARCE DURICK PLLC 213.75; PINNACLE 4,250.44; POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC 1,987.72; PROSAFE PEST CONTROL 215.00; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. 333.39; REALLY GOOD STUFF, INC. 59.78; RTC NETWORKS 4,052.31; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC 113.77; SOUNDTRACK YOUR BRAND USA INC. 582.00; STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK PARTS 539.75; STANLEY HARDWARE ACE 1,501.54; SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION CO 1,720.50; SUMMIT PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 0.00; TECTA AMERICA DAKOTAS LLC 2,522.67; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 381.60; VERIZON WIRELESS 400.43; WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER 1,133.05; WENGER, MICHELLE 50.00; TOTAL: 94,027.85
FOOD SERVICE FUND:
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO OF FARGO, LLC 1,414.18; COBORN'S INC 99.44; FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE 31.90; GRAY'S DAIRY 3,888.50; PAN O GOLD BAKING CO. 621.70; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC 9,630.59; TOTAL: 15,686.31
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND:
BRAVERA VISA 321.89; BRAVERA VISA 1,868.58; BSN SPORTS 820.44; CI SPORT 938.04; CUSTOMINK, LLC 993.15; ENGER, JANA 154.13; JOURNEY EQUINE, LLC 900.00; KENMARE HIGH SCHOOL 250.00; LITTLECREEK, GEORGE 500.00; LIVESTOCK JUDGING.COM 300.00; MINOT RESTAURANT & SUPPLY 97.05; MORELLIS DISTRIBUTING - MINOT 458.10; NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 799.00; ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEAD 900.00; ND HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION 25.00; NDCCA 1,140.00; PEPSI COLA BOTTLING 2,887.90; PINNACLE 416.02; RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS 703.28; RUGBY HIGH SCHOOL 250.00; SKARSGARD, ASHLEY 510.00; STANLEY SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND 3,684.35; STANLEY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES 395.75; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC 1,333.35; TOTAL: 20,646.03
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:
BRAVERA 10.00; EAPC 4,188.65; H. A. THOMPSON & SONS 16,500.00; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 212.67; MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TREASURER 17,063.49; MOUNTRAIL WILLIAMS ELECTRIC 297.25; NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 45,000.00; PROTECH INTEGRATIONS LLC DBA SECURITY PLUS 75.00; RTC NETWORKS 5,350.00; STANLEY HARDWARE ACE 678.99; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 17,090.00; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 14,422.50; TOTAL: 120,888.55
Superintendent Holte delivered the Financial Report:
* Bank pledge of securities should have next month
* EAPC bill/budget discussion. 100% paid with January bill.
* Fund 3 budget discussion, construction related
Comstock
EAPC
Tecta
Gym floor maintenance - getting bids
Asphalt paving options
Bus barn doors installed
Keep in mind for equipment purchase requests later
Nichols moved to approve the financial report. Dean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
Student Council Update: Erika - Student Body President; Jackelyne - Jr. Class President.
* Blood drive

* Snowball dance
* Dog walk upcoming
* Spring fling in February
* Blood drive in April
Superintendent Holte discussed the High school building projects
* New greenhouse quote received
* Credit science from counter tops pending
* Ruland final walk-through timing discussed
* 11-month warranty walk-through coming up
Superintendent Holte discussed the Building Committee Proposals
* Change proposal discussing winch in meat room plus meat rail extension. Contingency fund discussion. Building Committee recommends winch only proposal. Winch only revision bid was recommended by the Committee.
Enger moved to approve recommendation. Nichols seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
* Heat pump out in Elementary. Installed in 1983-1984. Music room needs a larger pump, bigger room.
Nichols moved to approve bid for heat pump replacement. Dean seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
* Discussion held - Holte is acquiring quotes for one of each size of the heat pumps to have on hand to reduce cost per unit & down time.
* Discussed High School classrooms 12, 13, 43, 44, & 45 audio enhancements.
Dean moved to approve sound systems. Enger seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
* Discussion regarding custodial requests for two Tornado Scrubbers for Elem & HS. \$6,400 each building. Used on tile floors.
Nichols moved to approve purchases of Tornado Scrubbers. Dean seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
* Winter Summit discussed: NDSBA hosts. Used to be negotiations, will now be combined with elections and other topics. Board members to let Tim or Beth know if they want to attend.
* Discussed policies to be amended per NDSBA recommendations:
Updating some current ones with clearer definitions & stronger language to meet NDSBA recommended updates.
AACA - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
BAA - Employing Board Members
FDE - Education of Special Education & Disabled Students
HCBA - Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure
* Discussed policies to be adopted:
ABCD - Records Retention
BAB - Board Conflict of Interest
Enger moved to approve the first reading of amended and adoption of new policies. Dean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
* Destruction of Records to be shredded:
Payroll Records: 1099's prior to 2012
Payroll Records: W-2's, W-4's, and W-9's prior to 2012
Operational Documents & Agreements: Contracts with Vendors, Leases, Bids 6 years after Termination of contract
Enger moved to approve the first reading. Dean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
* 2026 School Board Election
Authorize business manager to hire election workers
Dean moved to approve hiring election workers. Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
* 2026-2027 School Calendar discussion. Teacher development day first day after Christmas/New Year's break.
Superintendent Report:
* Current enrollment at 775, down by 1.
* Oil & gas revenue is down from budgeted 1.3M. May have to cut budget somewhat. Current YTD revenue is \$550,100.67.
* Current debt is \$13,308,892.01
* Steffes auction discussion. Net proceeds \$88,874.40.
* Safe routes to school grant discussion. Tim attended City Council meeting. Sidewalk installation approved. Expected 2027 construction.
* Discussed State of ND special legislation regarding school lunch proposal.
Principal Reports:
Pulver Report:
* Alternate school discussion, continuing to do research & plan.
* Talked about classes for next year, goal is to have student schedules completed by March 2026.
* Camie attended PowerSchool training for YE closing accuracy. Transitioning to Infinite Campus. Must have accurate records prior to transition.
* Discussed the need for hiring subs. Desperate need.
Brown Report:
* Discussed schedule for adding curriculum/textbooks needs for 2026-2027.
* Math & PLC needs new texts and some updates.
* February 9-Choir pop concert
Stafslie Report:
* Discussed winter concert. It went well with good attendance during the school day.
* Used hudl camera, will continue to use, worked well.
* Discussed Stop signs by Elementary School - SRO recommended changes to stop signs on east side of Elem building.
* Talked about 4-way stop signs by the Lutheran Church and 2-way by the Sibly Center.
* With cold weather there are plans for inside activities
* Discussed that they have been busy enrolling new students.
General discussion regarding cold weather preparations.
No public comments.
Ruland adjourned 5:53 p.m.
Matt Ruland, Board President
Beth Hall, Business Manager

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Banner Township Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of Banner Township will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of the Clerk. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers, and discussion of any new business for the coming year.
Kathy Onstad, Township Clerk

Mountrail Township Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of Mountrail Township will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of the Clerk. There will be an election of officers, and any other business to come before the Board.
Deidre Goedeken, Township Clerk

Bicker Township Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of Bicker Township voters will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2026 at the home of the Clerk. The purpose of the meeting will be the election of officers, and any other business brought before the board.
Patty Jensen, Township Clerk

Myrtle Township Annual Meeting
Myrtle Township will hold its Annual Meeting at the home of the Clerk on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. There will be election of officers and any business brought before the Board will be acted upon at this time.
Meghan Lalim, Township Clerk/Treas.

James Hill Township Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of James Hill Township will be held on Thursday, Mar. 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hollinger shop. The purpose of the meeting will be election of officers, and to conduct any other business which may come before the Board.
Kendra Hollinger, Township Clerk

Palermo Township Annual Meeting
The Palermo Township Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the clerk, 6481 72nd Ave. NW, Palermo. There will be election of officers and any other business which may properly come before the Board.
Kendra Evensvold, Township Clerk

Kickapoo Township Annual Meeting
The Kickapoo Township Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, Mar. 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Clerk. There will be election of officers and any other business to come before the Board.
Stacey Ringoen, Township Clerk

Van Hook Township Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of Van Hook Township will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the shop at the home of the chairman, Jay Snyder. There will be elections and any other business that may come before the Board.
Jay Snyder, Township Chairman