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

Approved for 6 CEUs in Pest Management (NDCCA)

**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 Asmundson, Ag Research Technician, NDSU Ext.
Ben Carlson, Farm Bill Pollinator Conservation Planner, Xerces Society

**Event Details:**
NDSU North Central Research Station, Minot, ND
9:00 am - 4:30 pm CST

**AGENDA**

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<td>REGISTRATION (Liebig &amp; Cihacek)</td>
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<td>9:00-9:25 AM</td>
<td>Welcome, Introductions and Announcements (Shana</td>
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<td>9:25-10:00 AM</td>
<td>Overview of Conservation Biocontrol (Eric)</td>
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<td>10:00-11:00 AM</td>
<td>Designing and Restoring Habitat for Beneficial</td>
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<td>11:00-11:10 AM</td>
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<td>NRCS Conservation Practices &amp; Programs: (Lena)</td>
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<td>11:30-12:00 PM</td>
<td>Common Beneficial Insect Groups (Eric)</td>
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12-12:30 PM  Lunch
12:30-1:05 PM  Farm Practices for Beneficial Insects (Eric)
1:05-1:45 PM  Citizen Watch – Bumble Boosters: (Doug)
1:45-2:00 PM  Intro to Habitat Assessment Tool for Beneficial Insects (Ben)

FIELD – Research Station Farm Sites – Moderator – TJ Prochaska
2:00-2:10 PM  Travel to sites
2:10-4:10 PM  Field habitat assessment (site 1) and insect monitoring activities (site 2) – With Eric Mader, Doug Golick, Chris Asmundson, and Travis “TJ” Prochaska.
4:10-4:20 PM  Wrap-up & Evaluations
4:20-4:30 PM  Head back to North Central Research Station Classroom