



The Dakota Lakes Research Farm has been at the core of a transition in agricultural practices in central South Dakota that has increased diversity, improved environmental quality, and enhanced productivity. The changes are seen as merely the beginning of what we can do and need to do as we go forward working together.



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ABOUT

The Dakota Lakes Research Farm is located adjacent to the Missouri River in central South Dakota. Irrigated and dryland research is conducted at the 480 acre main station. Work is also done on 360 acres of Opal-Promise soils at the North Unit and under many different conditions at farmer-cooperator sites. From its inception in 1990 the primary focus of the research program has been addressing the farmer's needs. The Dakota Lakes Research Farm is now recognized world-wide as one of the leaders in designing farming systems that produce healthy food, clean water, living soils, and abundant wildlife, along with profits for the farmer. Much of the credit for this success can be attributed to the unique relationship that exists between the farmer-owners of the Dakota Lakes Research Farm and South Dakota State University's Agricultural Experiment Station.

DAKOTA LAKES CORPORATION

The owner of Dakota Lakes is the Dakota Lakes Research Farm Corporation. It's a not-for-profit corporation formed by farmers. This corporation manages the production enterprise in a manner that optimizes appropriate long-term research, demonstration, and development activities. It also provides revenue for some projects, aids equipment upgrades, and infrastructure enhancements.

DAKOTA LAKES OPERATION

The South Dakota State University Agricultural Experiment Station manages the research enterprise by providing the research manager and some of the on-site staff. The research manager and the corporation's Board of Directors work with SDSU and USDA-ARS personnel in setting research programs and priorities. Research funding is obtained from government agencies, commodity councils, grant funding sources, and from the production enterprise.

GOALS

The Dakota Lakes Research Farm Corporation is in the process of making infrastructure and operational changes to reach the goal of being fossil fuel neutral by 2026. This includes offsetting all the energy used for fertilizers, transportation, irrigation, manufactured inputs, etc. Integral to this goal is livestock integration, on-farm energy production, and energy conservation.

MEMBERSHIP

Individuals, organizations, and groups may become voting members of the Dakota Lakes Research Farm Corporation. Major contributions are permanently recognized on a plaque in the headquarters building and by a posting on the web page. These are lifetime memberships. Please see back panel for more details.

