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NCI Pasta Production and Technology Short Course is April 12-14, 2011

Fargo, N.D., USA – Northern Crops Institute (NCI) announces its first pasta short course of the year will be April 12-14. The “Pasta Production and Technology” Short Course will be at Northern Crops Institute, Fargo, N.D., USA.

This short course introduces pasta manufacturers to the fundamental and applied aspects of manufacturing extruded and sheeted pasta products. Raw material quality criteria, specifications, and processing variables and their impact on final pasta product quality are presented in detail.

Participants will have an opportunity to do actual hands-on pilot-scale pasta processing, followed by a cooking exercise to evaluate the final product. Group activities include an exercise in identifying pasta defects and processing causes. In addition, a field trip to a pasta manufacturer and a flour/semolina milling facility is scheduled. Lectures are supplemented with pilot-scale processing of traditional extruded pasta products. Quality tests employed in the evaluation of raw materials (wheat, semolina, flour) and finished products will be demonstrated.

Course faculty will include: Gabriele Cannata, DeMari Pasta Dies USA; Radwan Ibrahim, Ph.D., and Alexis Freier, Dakota Growers Pasta Company; Michael Ehr, Buhler, Inc.; Frank Manthey, Ph.D., and Elias Elias, Ph.D., both of North Dakota State University; and Brian Sorenson and Mehmet Tulbek, Ph.D., both of Northern Crops Institute.

Registration fee is \$900. Payment in full is due one week before the start of the course. Registration deadline is March 21.

A second pasta production course, “Pasta: Raw Materials and Processing Technology,” will be offered August 8-12, 2011.

For more information or to register, go to www.northern-crops.com and follow the educational link, or call 701-231-7736.

Northern Crops Institute is the international center for meeting and learning about crops produced in the four-state region of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. Situated on the campus of North Dakota State University, NCI exists as a forum to bring together customers, commodity traders, technical experts, processors and producers from all points of the globe for discussion, education, and technical service programs. Since 1983, the Institute has hosted visitors from more than 128 countries.

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