EduConnect 2024

Educator Workshop + Conference, \$250 Stipend available Fargo, ND | June 13-14, 2024

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About EduConnect

EduConnect aims to bridge the gap between (middle and high school) educators and the industry by connecting them with advanced agriculture technologies, professionals from diverse fields, and regional resources. This two-day event will address key challenges in education, such as the lack of awareness in AgTech, outdated curriculum in agriculture education, resource constraints, and the need for greater diversity and inclusivity. Join us to explore solutions, foster collaboration, and empower educators to enhance their teaching practices in alignment with current industry needs.

Goals of EduConnect

Support & upskill educators by:

- Connecting educators with global industry professionals and cutting-edge agriculture technologies
- Supporting educators with professional development credit
- Touring contemporary operations/projects in farming, livestock, international trade, and indoor ag

Agenda

♦ Thursday, June 13th

8 am - 5 pm | Cultivate Conference

• Learn more about Grand Farm's Cultivate Conference here!

& Friday, June 14th

8 am - 5 pm | Educator Bus Tour, featuring:

- Panel discussion + Q&A with experts from the farming, livestock, indoor ag, and international trade industries
- Lunch provided, with a presentation by Shannon Bueche from <u>Turkey Road Farm</u>
- Tours of <u>Grand Farm's Innovation Campus</u> research plots, <u>SB&B Foods</u>, <u>Great Plains Greens</u>, and NDSU's <u>Beef Cattle</u> <u>Research Complex</u>

Professional Development Credit

Educators will receive **1** Professional Development Credit by attending Cultivate and EduConnect. Please register on NDSU's <u>Distance & Continuing Education website</u>. You must also register for the Cultivate Conference on the Eventbrite <u>registration page</u> by using the promo code "**EDUCATOR**".

Grand Farm will offer a full stipend (\$250) to the educators taking the course for professional development credit. Enrollment is limited to 50.



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Workshop Speakers



Dr. Ruchi Joshi Bhardwaj EduConnect Host

Senior Program Manager of Education & Research, Grand Farm



Dr. Katie Tyler EduConnect Moderator Extension Specialist and Program Director Rural Leadership North Dakota, NDSU



Shannon Bueche Speaker Owner, Turkey Road Farm Products

Tours







Dr. Zac Carlson Technical Service Manager Ruminants at Danisco Animal Nutrition & Health, IFF



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