



Planning for Climate Resiliency January 20, 2017

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Resiliency to weather risk is, on one hand, a topic that farmers and ranchers are already familiar with, but now climate change is adding new uncertainties that make it difficult to know the best practices for the future. Scenario planning is a method of risk assessment that allows Extension and agricultural system stakeholders to come together using the latest climate science to discover robust management options, highlight key uncertainties, prioritize Extension programming needs, and provide an open forum for discussion for this sometimes controversial topic. These risks can then be incorporated into a farm's decision making process using the newly developed Adaptation Planning Guide. This webinar will cover the basics of the scenario planning process, highlight the results of using scenario planning with the Northern Plains Beef industry, and discuss the use of the Adaptation Planning Guide. *An application for continuing education credit for Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and members of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) will be submitted.*

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For More Information

- * Animal Agriculture in a Changing Climate <http://animalagclimatechange.org/>
- * Adaptation Planning Guide: <http://animalagclimatechange.org/wp-content/uploads/2016-Planning-Guide-FINAL-web.pdf>