

# North Dakota: Top Producer of Honey, Sugar, Wheat, Sunflowers, Potatoes, Barley, Flaxseed, Beans, and Canola

**North Dakota agriculture feeds people every day. North Dakota is one of the top producers of many types of crops and leads the nation in honey production. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting North Dakota's crop and honey production.**

## Archival Collections

### 10111 Edwin Fremont Ladd Papers Papers

Papers document Ladd's activities as chief chemist and Food Commissioner of North Dakota and consist of correspondence, sugar beet seed applications, and the "Benzoate of Soda Controversy" questionnaires. Correspondence deals with administration of the chemistry department at the Agricultural College and details such activities and interests as ordering laboratory equipment and books, testing chemicals, soil, water, and food for nutritional value, experimentation in sugar beet seed cultivation, food additives, pure food and drug laws, life insurance matters, agricultural exhibitions in various cities, paint laws, illegal products, meat preservatives and food additives, personal recommendations for employment, beverage registration, honest advertising, and legislation.

### 10274 North Dakota Farmers Union Records

News releases, speeches, committee reports, printed material, biographies of union officers, records relating to the educational and cooperative Union of America - North Dakota division subject files, scrapbooks, local minutes and financial records, newspaper clippings, educational material, film, videocassettes, photographs, publications, and audio recordings.

### 10289 Bismarck (N.D.) Area Chamber of Commerce Records

Minutes, scrapbooks, photographs, audits, subject files, committee files, annual meeting files, by-laws, bulletins, news releases, annual reports, rosters, Bismarck Centennial files, Miss ND Pageant files, correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, articles of incorporation, promotional material, memorabilia, and printed materials. Records relate to administration, conventions, programs and projects, community development, and legislation concerning business and municipalities.

## Useful Search Guidance

### Subjects

- American Crystal Sugar Company
- Sugar beets
- Honey
- Durum wheat
- Spring wheat
- North Dakota State Elevator and Flour Mill
- Sunflower oil
- Potatoes
- Cavendish Farms
- Campbell Farms
- Red River Valley Potatoes

### People

- Doug Goehring

### Locations

- Hillsboro, North Dakota
- Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Jamestown, North Dakota
- Grafton, North Dakota
- Red River Valley

## Journal Articles

*North Dakota's 2020 Rank Among the States*  
*North Dakota Blue Book 2021-2023* Page 557

### *Agriculture*

*North Dakota Blue Book 2009-2011* Page 53

### *North Dakota Crops*

*North Dakota Blue Book 2001-2003* Page 559

### **10307 Occident Elevator Company, Alamo (N.D.) Station Records**

Records consist of letters, bulletins, receipts, and certificates of grade, weight, and dockage.

### **10328 National Sunflower Association Records**

Minutes, by-laws, correspondence, studies and reports, newspaper clippings, printed materials, and records of the North Dakota Sunflower Council and the Sunflower Association of America.

### **10440 Williston (N.D.) Chamber of Commerce Records**

Minutes, correspondence, subject files, committee files, budgets, financial statements, annual reports, audit reports, by-laws, photographs, memoranda, programs, printed material, and memorabilia. Records relate primarily to administration of the Chamber, promotional activities, community celebrations, tourism, area businesses, public relations, reclamation, oil and gas industry, economic and industrial development, and Garrison Dam.

### **10478 North Dakota Farm Bureau Records**

Records consist of board of directors minutes, committee minutes, subject files, publications, correspondence, audits, financial statements, policies, scrapbooks, reports, publications, photographs, audio recordings, programs, promotional material, memorabilia; records of the NoDak Mutual Insurance Company, 1946-1980s, including audits and annual statements; and minutes of the North Dakota Wheat Growers Association, 1951-1953. Records relate to administration of the Bureau and the NoDak Mutual Insurance Company, annual conventions, legislation, and farm issues.

### **10787 Arthur A. Link Congressional Records**

Records reflect the day to day operations of Congressman Link who served as a representative from North Dakota to the 92nd Congress and consist of correspondence relating to House committees, politics, personal letters, invitations and greeting cards, and constituent concerns, statements by Link to the House and Senate committees, speeches, news releases, legislative and lobbyist materials, ephemera, maps, pamphlets, and radio tapes and scripts. 1961 Custer National Forest Little Missouri River National Park and Grassland Map.

### **10958 William E. "Bill" Shemorry Papers**

The collection consists of office files (research, newspaper and magazine clippings, article drafts, and published articles), slides, photographs, negatives, and glass plate negatives related to Shemorry's career as a newspaper publisher, photographer, reporter, historian, researcher and author in Williston, N.D.

### **10993 Don Levingston Short Papers**

Files relating to the legislative activities of the 86th, 87th, and 88th Congress. Includes correspondence with constituents and other legislators, newspaper clippings, copies of bills, and the Congressional Record. Some folders address bills written by Short or other members of the North Dakota delegation and others deal with congressional committees and federal offices.

**11116 North Dakota Humanities Council, Larry Remele Memorial Fellow Reports, Box 1, Folder 51**

Collection consists of audiocassettes, papers, programs, and reports to the people of North Dakota tabloids by Larry Remele Memorial Fellows of the North Dakota Humanities Council.

**11255 State and Local Agriculture Literature Preservation Project Records [microfilm]**

Consists of microfilmed material relating to North Dakota's agriculture and rural life prior to 1946.

**11497 Eastgate Family Collection**

Notecards filed alphabetically with agricultural information such as inventory, yields, threshing, expenses, equipment, grain elevator receipts, recipe for homemade chick mash, manure hauled, etc. for various crops including alfalfa, sweet clover, flax, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, and corn. There are several receipts, miscellaneous notes, bills and correspondence intermingled with the notecards.

**20352 North Dakota Wheat Producers Association Records**

Minutes, constitution, financial statements, and articles of incorporation.

**20568 Wayne K. Swanson Papers**

Photocopy of a Dickinson State College history paper entitled "The History of Wheat in the Red River Valley Region." The history describes the history of wheat cultivation in the Red River Valley, development of wheat seed varieties, and bonanza farming.

**30347 Mill and Elevator Association, North Dakota. General Manager Files**

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, and printed material concerning administration, production, sales, marketing, and the milling industry.

**30380 Potato Council. Administrative Files.**

Series consists of correspondence, reports, memoranda, and financial records relating to administration, research, and promotion of cultivation of North Dakota Irish potatoes

## Books

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### *Coal and Sugar Beets in North Dakota*

1891 - E. J. Babcock; issued by the State Commissioner of Agriculture  
Call Number: 333.822 B114

### *Economic Contribution of the Sugar Beet Industry to the Economy of North Dakota and Minnesota*

1993 – Dean A. Bangsund and F. Larry Leistriz  
Call Number: 338.1 N814 305

### *Marketing North Dakota Honey*

1981 – Gordon W. Erlandson and Jerry L. Hauff  
Call Number: 338.1 N814 148

### *Beekeeping in North Dakota*

1929 – J.A. Munro  
Call Number: 638.1 N814 1929

### *Sunflower Processing: Factors in Domestic Competition*

1979 – Incorporated Experience; prepared for North Dakota Department of Agriculture, North Dakota Business and Industrial Development Department, and North Dakota Sunflower Council  
Call Number: 664.369 Ex71s

### *Straight From the Sun*

1979—North Dakota Sunflower Council  
Call Number: 664.726 N814s

### *International Marketing Operations of Major Exporters of United States and North Dakota Wheat*

1978—Heiko de B. Wijnholds  
Call Number: 330.9784 B898 20

### *North Dakota Wheat Transportation Knowledge for Market Enhancement*

2010—Kimberly Vachal, Mark Berwick, Doug Benson  
Research here provides some fundamental knowledge about market trends that is based on existing data sources.  
Call Number: 388 M928 10-224

### *North Dakota Potato Industry*

2001 – Mark Berwick; et al.  
Call Number: 388 M928 01-123

### *Wheat*

General Information File

### *Honey--North Dakota*

General Information File

## Online Resources

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### [Celebrating Agriculture](#)

Kate Johnson—Beulah Beacon editorial from March 7, 2019

### [SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

### [Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

### [WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

## External Resources

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### [American Crystal Sugar Company](#)

Current website of the American Crystal Sugar Company

### [Red River Valley Potatoes](#)

Current website of the Red River Valley Potatoes company

## State Archives

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For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email [archives@nd.gov](mailto:archives@nd.gov) or call (701) 328-2668.



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