



**MINNESOTA AREA II POTATO GROWERS
33rd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP**

Thursday March 5th, 2026

River City Extreme

3875 School Blvd, Monticello, MN 55362

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PROGRAM:

8:30 Registration, light breakfast with coffee.

9:00 Welcome, MN Area II Potato Growers Update

Jocelyn Schlichting, MN Area II Secretary

9:10 National Potato Council Update

Mike Wenkel, COO at National Potato Council

9:30 Developing New Clones for Minnesota Growers

Dr. Laura Shannon, U of M

9:50 Potato Disease Appetizers: Updates on Current Research

Dr. Julie Pasche, NDSU

10:10 When rain takes over: Potato varietal responses to irrigation and nitrogen

Dr. Carl Rosen, U of M & Dr. Vasu Sharma, U of M

10:50 Break

11:10 NDSU Potato Breeding Efforts: An Update

Dr. Susie Thompson, NDSU

11:30 Potato agronomy research trial results for 2025

Dr. Andy Robinson, NDSU-U of M Extension Agent

11:50 Dual faces of *Streptomyces*: From Scab pathogens to biocontrol agents

Dr. Ashish Ranjan U of M

12:10 Beetle Resistance & Aphid Reconnaissance

Dr. Ian MacRae U of M

12:30 Minnesota Area II Annual Meeting

1:00 Lunch: Sponsored by The Minnesota Area II Potato Associates



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