

News Release

High School Students Welcome to Annual Ag and Natural Resources Day Scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2008, at the U of M Crookston

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Crookston, Minn. (November 14, 2008) – It is a competition that has been held on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus for more than 25 years. Ag and Natural Resources Day, formerly known as Ag Activities Day, is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, and will bring some 1,300 high school students to the Crookston campus.

Faculty in agriculture and natural resources oversee the more than 20 contests ranging from horticulture and forestry to ag mechanics, livestock, and sales. "Students come from all over northwest Minnesota for the Ag and Natural Resources Day competition," said Ron Del Vecchio, head of the Agriculture Department. "We enjoy having the students here and look forward to it every year. Offering them this opportunity to compete with their peers in the field of agriculture and natural resources is a great time for everyone, especially the students."



An awards ceremony culminates the day. Scholarships, plaques and certificates are awarded to school teams and individuals for each contest. More than \$32,000 in scholarships are available to award-winning students. Last year, \$750 UMC scholarships were awarded for the high individual in each contest; \$600 UMC scholarships were awarded for the second place individual; and \$450 UMC scholarships were awarded.

The event is sponsored by the Crookston campus Agriculture and Natural Resources Departments. If you would like more information regarding Ag and Natural Resources Day events, contact Amy Lubarski at 218-281-8101 (lubarski@umn.edu).

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