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Mitchell—The South Dakota Center for Farm/Ranch Management at Mitchell Technical Institute is pleased to announce a new partnership with North Central Farmers Elevator. As part of SDCFRM's Beginner Farmer program, NCFE will pay 50% of the first year tuition cost for two of their clients from each of their 17 service locations in north central South Dakota and south central North Dakota.

The program begins in January 2012 and is available to any producer, although beginner farmers, those who have been in business less than ten years, are the focus of the program.

Dawn Melikant, instructor for the program, will provide monthly individualized instruction to the new students. The program, which has been offered through MTI for more than 30 years, has a newly designed curriculum and is being expanded to the northeast quarter of the state. Instructors are also located in the Brookings/Madison region and in Mitchell. Expansion to a West River location is planned for July 2012.

According to NCFE Director of Communications, Subrena Green, "NCFE wants to help our young producers be successful through education. Our young producers are agriculture's future as well as NCFE's."

For information about the South Dakota Center for Farm/Ranch Management, email Dawn Melikant at sdcfm@mitchelltech.edu or call 605-995-7164. If you are interested in applying for the NCFE scholarship, please contact Subrena Green, Director of Communications at sgreen@ncfe.coop or call 605-426-6883.

