

# S.D. ag officials to visit China this month

Dual trade missions are taking two South Dakota agriculture officials to China later this month.

South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Walt Bones will be part of Gov. Dennis Daugaard's trade delegation to China, and Lucas Lentsch, Director of Ag Development in the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, will be part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture trade mission to China.

"At no other time in the history of our country has food production been more in demand. With seven billion people in the world, demand is

not going to diminish," Lentsch said. "Opening up trade conversations with the world's most populous country is a great opportunity for South Dakota's agricultural businesses."

The demand for protein, such as pork and whey, is increasing in China, and South Dakota is uniquely positioned to export those products.

The USDA trade mission will strengthen partnerships between U.S. and Chinese businesses and enhance job growth in the United States. The trade mission is expected to be USDA's largest to date, with representatives from more

than 40 U.S. agribusinesses and six state departments of Agriculture accompanying USDA Acting Under Secretary Michael Scuse.

Scuse will lead the trade mission to China from March 23-28, beginning in Chengdu, one of the most important economic, transportation, and communication centers in western China and home of USDA's newest Agricultural Trade Office. Participants will then travel on to Shanghai, a hub of global commerce and the most populous city in the world.

The goal of the mission is to position U.S. participants to

enter or expand their presence in China by getting firsthand market information, access to Chinese government decision makers and one-on-one meetings with business contacts, potential agents, distributors and importers.

China was South Dakota's third-largest trading partner last year, with \$105 million worth of goods exported from South Dakota to China. South Dakota's exports to China have increased 200 percent in the last five years.

The North Dakota Trade Office is assisting South Dakota delegation with the trade

mission.

"Working with our friends from North Dakota raises the profile for agricultural exports from this region," said Bones.

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## VCDC

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by the VCDC board demonstrated that the community needed funding to stimulate further economic development.

The banquet crowd was already in a very good mood before Preister's announcement. It had dined on a meal prepared by Pro's Bar & Grill and listened to the highly energetic Coach Glenn.

Glenn devoted most of his talk to simply entertaining his audience with his unique wit and humorous stories. Some of his tales included his wife, Michele, who sat just a few feet away from the podium.

"We were at a deal like this once, and as we were leaving, a lady came up to Michele and said, 'Boy, I bet you've heard your husband give a thousand

speeches.' Michele said, 'No, I haven't. I've heard him give the same speech a thousand times.'"

Glenn did devote a few moments of his talk to Coyote football.

"I need to tell you how happy I am about the coaching staff," he said. "Most of the guys stayed on here with us, and they are some fantastic young men. I've never been part of staff of guys who have worked this hard, who have so much energy, and are so personable and so pointed."

"That's why I absolutely think we are going to have success here in our time," Glenn said. "Recruiting was just a treat."

During the process of traveling throughout the Midwest to attract prospective players, and at times hosting young athletes in the community as they visited USD, "we really bonded tremendously as a coaching staff, and everyone made me feel

very, very welcome," he said.

Glenn said USD football competed directly with other teams in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, and did very well. "We got our fair share - I can't sit here and tell you that we got them all, but there's a tight end out of Omaha - Matt Miller - who signed here at South Dakota. He was offered at Ohio, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota State, and Illinois State, and he inked with us."

He added that another highlight of the recruiting season was signing a very athletic receiver from Ottumwa, IA.

"His selections were down to Army, to which he had already been appointed, South Dakota State, and he wanted (to study) business, so he chose the University of South Dakota," Glenn said. "Not because of me, but basically because of the

great job that our business school has done."

He credited the many positive developments that have occurred at the university in the past decade.

"Those of you who have been on campus know what I'm talking about," Glenn said. "The place is amazing. I haven't been here for a while, but I can point to (USD President) Jim Abbott and the people he's had working for him in the past 10 to 15 years. The university has just gone off the chart."

"It's really special, and I think it's a big part of everything we're doing here with the Chamber, and I'm proud to be part of it."

In remarks made at the start of Tuesday's festivities, Howe noted the positive influence that the VCDC has had on the Vermillion community.

"Our organization this year grew in membership, and we have had successful

events throughout the year," he said. "We continue to see increases in some of our indicators, such as visitor spending, and we've seen growth in new business and employment opportunities for our citizens."

"Right now, as an organization, I think we're banging on all cylinders,

and we're very proud of the accomplishments that we've had this past year," Howe said. "But the successes that we've had didn't occur in a vacuum. It takes people who are willing to work hard and sacrifice. It takes people who are willing to work as a team."

## Notice

The Fairview Township Board wants your input on a new maintainer. If you have comments, plan on attending an open meeting on Tuesday, April 10th, 2012 • 7 P.M. at the Burbank School.

Carolyn Carlson  
624-4742  
Fairview Clerk

**Very Nice, Ready to Move into, Single Story, 1-Bedroom Home in Burbank, SD**

**AT AUCTION**

**Tuesday, April 17th • 5:00 p.m.**

**Personal Property Sells at 4 p.m.**

**Located: 46896 Main St., Burbank, SD (1 Block North of Whimp's)**



**LEGAL:** Lot 12, Blk 8, Town of Burbank, Clay County, SD. Taxes are \$358.76  
Floor Plan of this home consists of kitchen with cabinets & appliances; living room; bedroom with closet; full bath; front and rear entrances with carpet throughout the home. There is also full basement. This home has a Lennox propane furnace and central air conditioning; both new in 2009. There is a gas water heater and a new septic tank in 2002. There is also a 1000gal LP tank on property that goes with the home. Property is connected to Clay Rural Water System. There is an unattached single car garage and also a storage shed. This is a very well kept home that is super clean and is ready to move into. If you are looking for a small home or a rental property in a quite community close to Vermillion, this home is for you. Make plans to attend an open house or call the auction company. Watch upcoming paper for personal property listing.

**TERMS:** \$5,000 nonrefundable down payment due day of auction with balance due on closing day of May 17, 2012. Possession on closing. Taxes prorated to day of closing. Title insurance and closing costs will be split 50/50 between buyer & seller. Clay County Abstract & Title Co is the closing agent. Auctioneers are acting as agents for the seller.

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Floor plan of this home consists of 3 bedrooms with closets, carpeted, full bath (recently updated); large living room with picture window, carpeted; dining area with carpet; kitchen complete with electric range, refrigerator and utility hookups. Full, unfinished basement with utility hookups. There is an over sized attached single car garage. Built in 1965, this home has 1,174 sq ft of living area. Home has asphalt shingles that are approx 5 years old; central air that is approx 6 years old; Lennox natural gas furnace and gas water heater. This is a very well kept home inside and out and ready to move into. The location is great being only 1 block from the high school, 1 block from Prentiss Park and 2 blocks to the hospital. If you are looking for a nice home in Vermillion; make sure you attend one of the open houses or contact the auction company.

**LEGAL:** The East 102' of the West 198' of Lot HD-1 in the SE1/4, SW1/4, Sec 18-92-51, Clay County, South Dakota. Taxes are \$1,733.40.

**TERMS:** 10% nonrefundable down payment due day of auction with balance due on closing of May 16, 2012. Title insurance and closing costs will be split 50/50 between buyer and seller. Taxes prorated to day of closing. Possession on closing. Clay County Abstract & Title Co is the closing agent. Auctioneers are acting as agents for the seller.

**Owner: Donald M Ahrendt Estate, Larry Ahrendt - Personal Rep**



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