archow discusses climate change

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At the International Forum on Monday, Sept. 24, University of South Dakota panelists found global warming to be a very hot topic.

"Global Warming: The Evidence Is In!" covered the scientific data pointing to global warming. But the panelists also acknowledged the political, social, economic and religious issues.

Climate change will directly affect agriculture and the way an exploding world population is fed, according to Dr. Meghann Jarchow, assistant professor of Sustainability in the Department of Biology.

The future points to intense, less frequent precipitation; and wetter winters and springs, along with drier summers, Jarchow said.

"We are seeing more events like 3 inches (of precipitation) followed by long periods of no rain, compared to spread-out rainfalls. That requires much adjustment," she said.

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decades, temperatures have cooled during the day and have risen at night, Jarchow said. The Midwest has seen dramatic swings in climate patterns in recent years, she added.

Looking to the future, southeast South Dakota is projected to see its winter temperatures rise around 7 degrees by the end of the century, while summer readings are projected to rise about 5 degrees.

Jarchow showed a crop map of Clay County consisting almost exclusively of corn and soybeans. In the future, farmers will need to produce a wider, more diverse range of crops, she said.

"We need more resilient, multi-functional ag systems," she said.

The current farm system and government policies focus on highly productive, specialized crops, Jarchow said. "It requires intensive, carefully-timed management," she said.

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Climate change will require a different way of thinking, even looking at raising a wider variety of crops year-round to adjust for seasonal weather shifts, Jarchow

"You need to handle the trends over time, including the unpredictability," she

She recommended a wider range of crops to reduce risks; government policies supporting diversification while continuing to provide risk protection such as crop insurance; and focusing on perennial crops.

Future practices and policies also need to take into account carbon sequestration, along with

regulation and purification, she said.

"We are going the other direction very quickly," she said. "Agronomists and farmers could respond if they were rewarded (with the right incentives).

Jarchow believes changing the conversation may create an atmosphere for finding solutions.

"If we talk about the effects as they are now, and the things we see, it's not as political," she said. "It's something we need

Jarchow earned her BA in Biology from Ripon College in 2002, followed

by here MS in Biology from the University of Minnesota, Mankato, in

as polarizing."

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Dr. Meghann Jarchow, assistant professor of sustainability, speaks about the

challenges facing agriculture because of climate change during Monday's inter-

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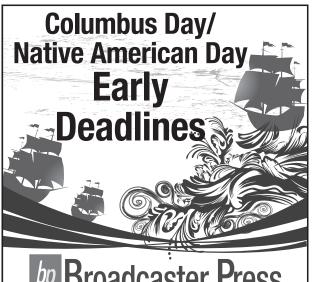
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