Annual Program Review

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Year: 2025-2026
Program: Farm/Ranch Management

A. Program Learning Outcomes
   1. Date of Review: 8/14/2026
   2. Explain how program outcomes were reviewed this year: Outcomes were revised in 2025-26 by faculty so that outcomes are differentiated between the three levels of the program.
   3. Outcomes are not up-to-date in Coursedog, and they need to be updated on the MTC website to match the current outcomes.

B. Enrollment

   Does the most recent year's data meet the benchmark? Yes. The program's enrollment goal is 24 students per instructor. The fall 10-day enrollment was 49, exceeding the benchmark.

C. Retention

   Does the most recent year's retention data meet the 75% benchmark? No, the program's retention rate of 74% just missed the benchmark by 1 percentage point. Previous years' retention was 80-90%, and we attribute the drop in retention to faculty turnover. We expect that the 2026 retention will also suffer from turnover, but as the program stabilizes under Blaine's leadership we expect to begin to bounce back to see more consistent and positive retention rates.

D. Student Satisfaction

   N/A. The program's student satisfaction survey was not administered this year. It will be sent out in spring 2027.

E. Professional Development
   1. Instructors worked win the Minnesota FBM instructors on professional development activities. Faculty attended the benchmark training in Minneapolis and also North Dakota.
   2. These activities by providing faculty with networking opportunities in neighboring states. We are able to utilize different pieces of their program with our students, which greatly benefits the MTC program and its students.

F. Professional Organizations

   Faculty belong to professional organizations associated with this program, and make their students aware of these organizations for the students' benefit.

G. Advisory Board Recommendations

No formal advisory board meeting was held in 2025-26. However, board members were made aware of changes to the program through individual meetings (phone calls, emails, etc.). Board members continue to have great interest in keeping the farm business program functioning in South Dakota and are willing to look at other options.

H. Program Improvement Plans and Budget

No budget requests at this time.