Pulse producer Kenneth Smith, Ray, reads a North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Association program at the start of the 13th annual NDDPLA convention Monday afternoon in Minot.

Minding peas and lentils

Schedule

Today's North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Association annual convention at a glance:
8 a.m. - registration
9:30 a.m. - USDA/ARS pea, lentil and chickpea breeding update
9:15 a.m. - Legislative update. Farm policy issues
10:15 a.m. - Exhibitor's break
11:00 a.m. - Rep. Earl Pemeroy, D-N.D., speaks about the next farm bill
Food grade pulse marketing
Neon - Banquet and awards presentation
1:15 p.m. - Feed grade pulse marketing and research
2:15 p.m. - Crop insurance changes for 2006
2:30 p.m. - NDDPLA annual meeting

2006 North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Association convention celebrates growing industry

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Staff members were surprised as pulse producers continued pouring through the door Monday afternoon to open the 13th annual North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Association convention. By the time the first session began, nearly 300 people were seated in the convention hall.

Preliminary indications

The registration table was packed early Monday afternoon in the Holiday Inn to begin the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Association annual convention. Pulse producers, researchers and exhibitors made their way into the convention that continues through today.

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