

## Crops

# Crop calculator gets upgraded

**T**HE Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory's Crop Sequence Calculator 3.0 is now available. The calculator provides information on grain and forage economics, disease risk, soil water use and soil quality for many crop sequences utilized in the northern Great Plains.

You can review the results of crop sequencing decisions utilizing barley, buckwheat, canola, chickpea, corn, crambe, dry bean, dry pea, flax, grain sorghum, proso millet, safflower, soybean, spring wheat and sunflower at the laboratory at Mandan, N.D., from 1999 to 2005.

To calculate potential economic returns from the various crop sequences, you can use the Mandan experimental data or modify it for soil, weather and other local conditions that may differ from the research location.

The laboratory has provided more than 12,000 copies of earlier versions of the Crop Sequence Calculator at no cost to producers and educators worldwide.

This new CD-ROM contains both version 2.2.5 and 3.0 to assist producers with predicting results under various anticipated moisture conditions.

The new CD-ROM is available at no cost on the Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory Web site at [www.mandan.ars.usda.gov](http://www.mandan.ars.usda.gov).



**BEST SEQUENCE:** Canola, corn, then wheat? The Crop Sequence Calculator developed by the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory at Mandan, N.D., can help you discover which combination might work best on your farm.