



Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative

83550 County Road 21, Renville, Minnesota 56284

SMBSC Production Seminar
Thursday, February 5, 2026
Willmar Best Western Conference Center

<u>Time</u>	<u>Presentation</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration	
8:30 – 8:35 a.m.	Welcome	Mark Bloomquist
8:35 – 8:50 a.m.	SMBSC Update	Paul Fry
8:50 – 9:10 a.m.	Sugar Beet Disease Management	Dr. Ashok Chanda
9:10 – 9:30 a.m.	Cercospora Leaf Spot Infection Dynamics and Fungicide Resistance in Field Trials	Dr. Eric Branch
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	SMBSC CLS Management and Research Overview	David Mettler
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 – 10:40 a.m.	Cercospora Leaf Spot Q&A Panel	
10:40 – 11:30 a.m.	Climate Trends and Projections in Minnesota's Beet-Growing Areas	Dr. Kenny Blumenfeld
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	Turning Point: Production Practices Survey	Gavin Johnson
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:20 p.m.	Extractable Sugar Per Acre	Cody Groen
1:20 – 1:40 p.m.	Agronomic Practice Database Update	Lynsey Lies
1:40 – 2:30 p.m.	Getting Rid of Weeds Using Multiple Control Tactics	Dr. Tom Peters
2:30 – 2:40 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Jerry Trotter

*Certified Crop Advisor CEUs: 1.0 – Crop Management and 2.5 – Integrated Pest Management.