



Hannah's Favorite Activity: Pollinator Hot Cocoa

Mix up a cup of hot coco and learn how your favorite cozy drink is made possible thanks to pollinators!

Ingredients:

- Hot Cocoa Mix/Chocolate Syrup
- Pepermint Candy Cane
- Marshmallows
- Whipped Cream
- Sprinkles



What ingredients require pollination? Trick question, they all do! Here are some fun facts about pollinators:

- $\frac{1}{3}$ of our food needs pollinators to be produced.
- Dairy cows often eat alfalfa, which is pollinated by bees, and healthy cows use nutrients from alfalfa to produce milk!
- Cacao plants need tiny pollinators called chocolate midges.
- Insects aren't the only pollinators. Birds, bats, lizards, and lemurs can also be pollinators!

Text a photo to 701-209-0347 of your family enjoying a cup of cocoa this winter, brought to you by pollinators!

Slope-Hettinger Soil Conservation District

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Get To know

Hannah Nordby

Education Program Coordinator



Hello! I'm hoping to be a relatively familiar face to most folks being a Slope County native, graduate of New England Public High School, and former neighboring Extension agent in Adams County. Regardless of how familiar you are with me in previous roles, I'm excited for this next venture as a part-time Education Program Coordinator for the Slope-Hettinger Soil Conservation District! Based on community input, youth education has been identified as a huge priority for the Slope-Hettinger SCD. I'm looking forward to working with community members and organizations to bring unique and engaging opportunities to our youth that expand their understanding of agriculture and conservation!

Something I learned early on as an Extension Agent is the importance of identifying and understanding the unique needs of your community, and then figuring out how to help meet those needs. I'm hoping to take a similar approach in this new role!

Please reach out to me by emailing slopehettengerscd@gmail.com, or stop by the USDA office in Mott. Make sure to call ahead though, as I'm only in this role on a part time basis and I would hate to miss you!

Stuart Nielsen was recognized for 30 years of service as a supervising board member for the Slope-Hettinger Soil Conservation District. Over the years Stuart has assisted in numerous conservation programs. From helping complete water sampling for local watershed assessments to implementing conservation practices on his own farm.



In 2025 he hosted an NRCS training where NRCS professionals from across SW ND learned first hand about high-tunnels and tree plantings. Thank you Stuart for all your years of service to the SCD!

Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

February:

- 10th- Pesticide Training, Mott
- 18th- Slope-Hettinger SCD Monthly Meeting, Mott
- 27th- Tallow and Tales, Mott

March:

- 5th- Pesticide Training, NE
- 17th- Flower Frenzy: Small Scale Ag, New England
- 28th- Tree Pruning Workshop, Mott

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