

**AGVISE was Founded in April
of 1976 by Dr. Ed Lloyd**



The Original Focus of AGVISE was.

1. Crop Consulting
 - Field Scouting
 - Soil Sampling
2. Field Research



Why Did Dr. Lloyd Start a Lab

Samples Sent to the Lab
(Fall 1976)

Calendar - September 1976

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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To
Lab

Calendar - October 1976

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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From
Lab

Results 4 to 6 Weeks Later

Ed's Thoughts "Maybe I should Start a lab?"



**First AGVISE Building
(now Valley Oil)**

I was hired to start the Soil
Test Lab--April 1, 1976

wise, Inc.



New Building
Winter Feb 1978



Open house March 1979





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AGVISE now in Benson

An agricultural advising service, which was organized in North Dakota three years ago, has located a branch in Benson and already is operating in preparation for the 1979 crop season.

AGVISE, Ltd. with headquarters in Northwood, N. C., and in operation since June 1976, is currently located in the small, white building behind McCarthy Lumber, east Highway 12, Benson.

It was Tuesday, Jan. 30, that AGVISE originally visited Benson and at that time announced there was the possibility of locating here, which would mark the corporation's third rural location. In addition to headquarters in Northwood, AGVISE also is located in Cooperstown, N. D.

John Nordgaard, 26, a five of Bottineau, N. D., and 1970 graduate of high school here, is in charge of Benson operations, saying he will shortly add a secretary and one or two pest management specialists to handle business and provide service.

Nordgaard said AGVISE, Ltd. will be located behind McCarthy Lumber for the

probably within a year.

"We've had a lot of requests out of this area ever since we started in 1976 in Northwood," answered Nordgaard, asked why AGVISE located here. "We've had people from this area that have called us and it's kinda a natural for us,

because you have very similar crops here as we have in North Dakota.

"That was a couple of the reasons. Also, we knew a couple people in this area. We evaluated this town and several other towns around, but things just seemed to click

a little better in this area and that's why we're here."

One of the persons responsible for enticing AGVISE to Benson was Duaine Flanders, a member of the District 777 faculty, a Benson councilman, a past president of the Benson Chamber of Commerce and member of the future development committee, plus a part time farmer himself.

He first learned of AGVISE while attending a meeting last fall with Leon Carlson, District 777 ag instructor. After the meeting Flanders had an opportunity to speak with Nordgaard and Dr. Ed Lloyd, AGVISE president.

Flanders said he was most impressed by the AGVISE presentation that day and then the discussion with Nordgaard and Dr. Lloyd.

"They were very sincere and seemed and appeared to be very dedicated to their job," explained Flanders. "I looked on it (AGVISE locating here) as being a very favorable thing for the community, because I found out they were investigating coming to the west central area.

AGVISE INC.
FULL MANAGEMENT

| MONITORING | TESTING | MANAGEMENT |
|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Insects | Soil | Fertility |
| Seeds | Seed | Pest Control |
| Diseases | Tissue | Rotations |
| Herbicides | Water | Moisture |
| Plant Growth | Cultures | Research |

JOHN NORDGAARD, PLANT pathologist and AGVISE, Ltd. manager in Benson.

John Nordgaard



First Benson Location

Small white building behind McCathy lumber
on Highway 12.



Building Purchased

AGVISE Host Lab Tour—Benson September 1980



AGVISE Seminars in the Old Days

Whitefish 1987



No CCA Credits Granted!!!!!!

Soil Sampling Pickups



Crop Consulting and Soil Sampling for Growers was **Discontinued** in 1988.

Soil Sampling for Dealers was **Discontinued** in 1989.



Grinding
Room
1992



Dec 1996- Fire!!



Sold

Following the Fire, Dr Lloyd sold his interest in the laboratory division of AGVISE to the Employees.



Sample Receiving 2000



New Office 2003



August 2007 The Morning After



Did you find those samples
I was going to test today??





04/22/2006



Temp Lab Goes up Within Weeks



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New Lab in Benson 2009



Lab Automation



More Automation



New Grinding Addition 2012





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Over the Years!!
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