

# Father of the Green Revolution

**W**e may be going through the start of a “Green Revolution” in our society today, but did you know that the father of the original Green Revolution was born in Northeast Iowa, just a few miles west of Protivin?



Not only did he help save millions of people worldwide during the mid-20th century, he is one of five people in history to have won the Nobel Peace Prize (1970), the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1977) and the Congressional Gold Medal (2007). Quite the accomplishment for a rural Iowa boy growing up during the depression era.

Norman Borlaug helped to discover semi-dwarf, high-yield, disease resistant wheat varieties along with introducing modern agricultural

production techniques to Mexico, Pakistan and India. This helped change worldwide humanitarian efforts to try and put an end to human starvation.

Norman Borlaug was born March 25, 1914 and currently resides in Texas. He may have retired from his career, but that didn't slow down his interest in teaching at Texas A&M University, his ongoing research and activism as well as being the guest speaker at numerous global humanitarian conferences and events.

## **Want to tour the boyhood farm of Norman Borlaug?**

Make plans to attend the **Norman Borlaug Harvest Fest** in Cresco during the weekend of September 25-27th. There will be guided tours and educational sessions of the original farm that the Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation is currently renovating to help preserve the Borlaug legacy. This includes preservation of

the house, barn and one-room school house on the property. Volunteers from all over the country worked one week in August to help with the efforts. Many original Borlaug artifacts have been placed back in the home.

People are also encouraged to participate in the CROP Walk during the Harvest Fest. It is an event sponsored by Church World Service that raises funds and awareness for world hunger, international relief and development, as well as for local hunger fighting. The walk will be held on Sunday starting at the Norman Borlaug Statue in Beadle Park in Cresco. This event also helps commemorate the achievements of Dr. Borlaug in his fight to stop world starvation by saving over 245 million lives worldwide.

Visit [www.crescochamber.com](http://www.crescochamber.com) for more information about the event.

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