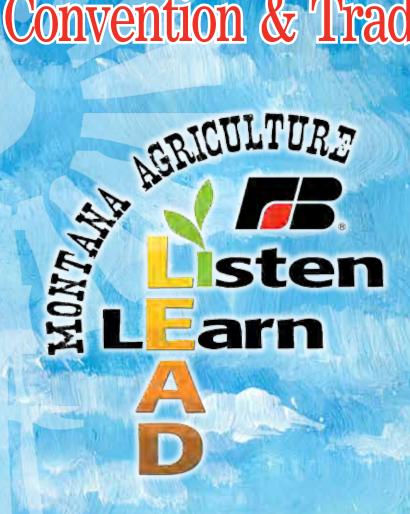
98th Montana Farm Bureau Annual Convention & Trade Show



November 12-15, 2017
Northern and DoubleTree Hotels
Billings, MT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 12

11-12:30pm Promotion & Education Committee Mtg

1-3pm Women's Leadership Committee Mtg

1:30-3pm Commodity Advisory Committee Mtgs

3pm MFBF Board of Directors Meeting

3:30-5pm Commodity Advisory Committee Mtgs

4-7pm Registration Open Northern Hotel

4:30-5:30pm Ag Safety Training

7:00pm Vespers Service

Message by Tim Moullet

• Entertainment by Orvin Solberg

Monday, November 13

6:45am Century Club Members Only Breakfast

Keynote: U.S. Secretary of the Interior,

Ryan Zinke (invited)

7:30-6pm Registration & Trade Show Open

DoubleTree Hotel

8:00am Opening General Session

Presentation of Colors

National Anthem

President's Address

• Keynote: Dr. Garry Lacefield, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky

9:10-10:30am Workshops

• Land Purchasing Preparedness for Beginning Farmers - Colter DeVries, Bo Kombol & Kelsey Rhinehart, NWFCS and Bruce Johnson, FSA

• Women's Health on the Farm - Carolyn

Sheridan, Agrisafe

 Review of Plan to Complete Water Adjudication and Exempt from Filing Rights - Julie Brown and Maddie Weisz, Montana Water Court

 Making the Pitch: Recruiting with Passion - Melanie Swartz, Big Sky EDA & Tyler Wiltgen, Billings Clinic Found.

9:10-11am YF&R Committee Meeting

10:30-11am Coffee Break

11:00am Audit Report

11:15am Open Resolutions Session

12-1:15pm Lunch hosted by YF&R Committee

Keynote: Gary Brester, MSU

1:15-2:30pm YF&R Discussion Meet - Round 1

1:15-2:30pm Workshops

• Telling Your Ag Story Panel - Jennifer Bergin, Rhonda Boyd and Scott Blain

 Agriculture and Mental Health -Brenda Roche, Billings Clinic

• Leadership in Ag - Lindsay Calvert,

American Farm Bureau

2:30pm Ice Cream Social

3-5pm District Caucuses

5:30pm YF&R Discussion Meet - Final Round

6pm MFBF Social

7pm YF&R Social & Dinner

Tuesday, November 14

6:45am Presidents & Secretaries Breakfast

8am General Session

Insurance Report

Exec Vice President's Address

Roll Call of Delegates

• Credentials Committee Report

Nominating Committee Report and

Introductions

10:30am Resolutions Session

11:45am-1pm Lunch hosted by Women's Committee

Keynote: TBA

1-5pm Resolutions Session continues

5:30pm MSU Alumni/College of Ag Social

6:00pm MFBF Social

7:00pm Awards Banquet

9:00pm Entertainment: Jolene Brown

Wednesday, November 15

8:00am Resolutions Session

The Board of Directors will meet immediately following the resolutions session.

98th MFBF Annual Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

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Due November 3

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Registration Fee (required to attend all events)			40 x	=	\$
Monday Lunch (Dr. Ga	Monday Lunch (Dr. Gary Brester, MSU)			=	\$
Tuesday Lunch (TBA)		\$2	20 x	=	\$
Tuesday Dinner & Awards Banquet (Jolene Brown)		Brown) \$4	40 x	=	\$
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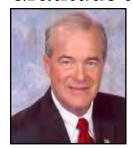
Attendees are responsible for making their own room reservations. Call the Northern Hotel at (406) 867-6767 or for overflow, contact the DoubleTree Hotel at (406) 252-7400 and request the MFBF room block for special conference rates. Be sure to book your room by **October 23**!

Please return registration form by **November 3** to:

Montana Farm Bureau Federation, 502 S. 19th Ave, Ste 104, Bozeman, MT 59718 or fax (406) 587-0319 Call the MFBF office at (406) 587-3153 or e-mail info@mfbf.org with questions.

Convention Highlights!

Gratitude and Patriotism



Dr. Garry Lacefield, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky will focus on seven major areas that he along with many Americans take for granted. Food, Farmers, Family, Friends, Faith, Freedom and Country. Join us on Monday morning to hear his inspiring message and be

reminded of all the things we have to be thankful for. Garry is a native of McHenry, Kentucky and grew up on a crop-livestock farm.

Comparing U.S. and EU Crop Yields: The Effects of the EU Ban on GM Technologies

Dr. Gary Brester is Professor Emeritus in the Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Economics at MSU. He was raised on an irrigated sugar beet and malting barley farm near Laurel. Over 90% of U.S. corn, cotton, and soybeans are planted



with genetically-modified (GM) seed varieties. Recently, several authors have claimed that yield trends have not differed between the U.S. and the EU even though the latter has banned GM technologies. Dr. Brester will discuss the results of his research that show evidence to the contrary. Don't miss Monday lunch and the always entertaining Dr. Brester!

Polaris Ranger Up For Grabs

Polaris and the Young Farmer & Rancher Committee are upping the ante again this year! The winner of the 2017 MFBF Discussion Meet will take home a brand new Polaris Ranger 570 plus an expense paid trip to Nashville, TN to compete in the national YF&R Discussion Meet. All voting members ages 18-35 are eligible to compete for



this amazing prize package. Encourage members from your area to attend the convention on Monday, November 13 for a great day of events for YF&R-aged members. For more information contact, Sue Ann at sueanns@mfbf.org.



"It's a Jungle Out There"

Jolene Brown will entertain the crowd with humor and insight. They're lurking in the jungle... regulations, consumer demands, competitive markets and more! It's time we blaze a new trail because the pace, the people, the process and the products for agriculture have all changed. Have we? During this fun-filled presentation, we'll learn the value of what we do is in the eye of the purchaser, not the producer. With lots of humor, real life stories, and a celebration of your hard work through Farm Bureau, we'll laugh and discover the joys of blazing trails in agriculture's "jungle!"



Take in the Trade Show

Don't miss this unique opportunity to get one-on-one face time with the over 25 ag-related businesses and government agencies on hand to talk to Montana Farm Bureau members. The trade show opens on Monday morning and will run through Tuesday afternoon. Take time out of each coffee break and social hour to learn more about the businesses that came to support our convention. Don't forget to check out the equipment parked outside as well!

See you there!