

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 <i>Northern Hotel</i>
4:30-5:30pm	Ag Safety Training
7:00pm	Vespers Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message by Tim Moullet • Entertainment by Orvin Solberg

Monday, November 13

6:45am	Century Club Members Only Breakfast <i>Keynote: U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke (invited)</i>
7:30-6pm	Registration & Trade Show Open <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>
8:00am	Opening General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Colors • National Anthem • President's Address • Keynote: Dr. Garry Lacefield, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky
9:10-10:30am	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Purchasing Preparedness for Beginning Farmers - <i>Colter DeVries, Bo Kombol & Kelsey Rhinehart, NWFCs and Bruce Johnson, FSA</i> • Women's Health on the Farm - <i>Carolyn Sheridan, Agrisafe</i> • Review of Plan to Complete Water Adjudication and Exempt from Filing Rights - <i>Julie Brown and Maddie Weisz, Montana Water Court</i> • Making the Pitch: Recruiting with Passion - <i>Melanie Swartz, Big Sky EDA & Tyler Wiltgen, Billings Clinic Found.</i>
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 <i>Keynote: Gary Brester, MSU</i>
1:15-2:30pm	YF&R Discussion Meet - Round 1
1:15-2:30pm	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telling Your Ag Story Panel - <i>Jennifer Bergin, Rhonda Boyd and Scott Blain</i> • Agriculture and Mental Health - <i>Brenda Roche, Billings Clinic</i> • Leadership in Ag - <i>Lindsay Calvert, American Farm Bureau</i>
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>Keynote: TBA</i>
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
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The Board of Directors will meet immediately following the resolutions session.

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REGISTRATION FORM

November 12-15 * Northern & DoubleTree Hotels * Billings

DUE NOVEMBER 3

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE(S):

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

☐ Voting Delegate

☐ Alternate

☐ Member

☐ Guest

REGISTRATION AND MEALS

Registration Fee (required to attend all events) \$40 x _____ = \$ _____

Monday Lunch (Dr. Gary Brester, MSU) \$20 x _____ = \$ _____

Tuesday Lunch (TBA) \$20 x _____ = \$ _____

Tuesday Dinner & Awards Banquet (Jolene Brown) \$40 x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT

_____ Check Enclosed (payable to MFBF)

_____ **You can register online with
a credit card at www.mfbf.org.**

LODGING INFORMATION

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!