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2018 Young Ag Leadership Conference

October 5-7 * Big Horn Resort * Billings, MT



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*TOGETHER: Shaping the Future
of Montana Agriculture*

Welcome...

to the 15th Annual Young Ag Leadership Conference. On behalf of the planning committee, organizational staff and sponsors, we would like to thank you for coming!

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For more information on how you can support Montana 4-H and for upcoming events, please visit: www.mt4hfoundation.org.

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Schedule of Events

Friday, October 5

12:30-5:30 PM

Area Ag Tours
*Town & Country Fertilizer Plant,
Northern Ag Network,
Coors Elevator*
**Sponsor: Yellowstone County
Farm Bureau**

4:00-7:30 PM

Registration Open
Convention Center Lobby

6:00 PM

Social
Convention Center Lobby
Sponsor: Northwest Farm Credit

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Dinner
Trivia Night!
Ballroom 1
Sponsor: Independence Bank

Saturday, October 6

7:30 AM-5:00 PM

Registration & Trade Show Open
Convention Center Lobby

8:00-9:00 AM

Breakfast & Opening Session
Ballroom 1
-Keynote Speaker: Mary Jo
Irmen, Fiscal Bridge, LLC
"Changing Your Financial Story"
Sponsor: BAYER Crop Science

9:15-10:30 AM

Workshops
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**Practical Application of Drones
on Your Farm and Ranch**
Korey Fauque, KW Insurance
Madison Room

**Working with the Media-How
to Tell Your Story**
Jim Sargent-"Sarge", STAR Radio
Broadcaster
Big Horn Room

Raising Dogs With Jobs: Herding and Guardian Dogs

Marvin Dunster and Carrie Bigelow, 5R Stockdogs
Broso Room

10:30-11:00 AM

Coffee Break and Trade Show
Convention Center Lobby
Sponsor: Rob-See-Co

11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Workshops
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Farming Without the Bank

Mary Jo Irmen, Fiscal Bridge, LLC
Madison Room

Who is the Future of your Business?

Ryan Hughes, Alltech/Hubbard
Big Horn Room

Adaptive Management - Keeping Your Operation Viable

Dave Scott, Livestock Specialist with NCAT
Broso Room

12:30-1:30 PM

Lunch
Ballroom 1
-Keynote Speaker: Mark Sinnard, MT FFA Foundation Board
"Life-Style"...Living Your Dream!
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1:45-3:00 PM

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Intercropping: The Ins and Outs of Growing Mixed Crops and Insurance

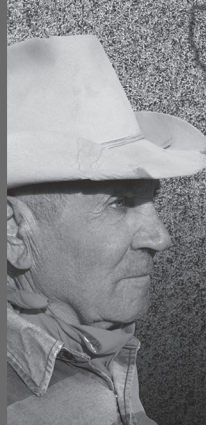
Korey Fauque, KW Insurance
Madison Room

Risk Management - Hoping for the Best, Preparing for the Worst
Kelsey Rhinehart & Maggie Miller, Northwest Farm Credit
Big Horn Room

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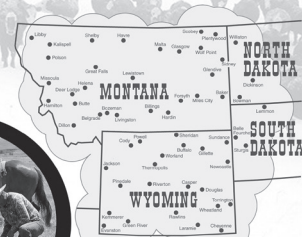


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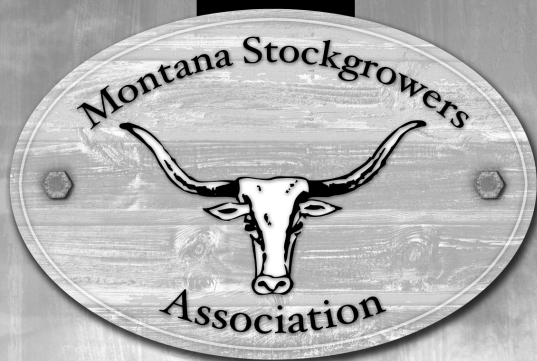


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Ag Policy and How to Use Your Knowledge to Testify

Michelle Erickson-Jones, MGGA President
Broso Room

3:00-3:30 PM

Root Beer Float Break and Trade Show

Convention Center Lobby

Sponsor: Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance

3:30-5:00 PM

Entrepreneur Spotlight
Ballroom 1

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Yard Games and Entertainment
by Wild Rag Music Productions
Reception Garden

Sunday, October 7

9:00-10:30 AM

Closing Breakfast
Ballroom 1
-Keynote Speaker:
Michelle Erickson-Jones, MGGA
President - "Finding Your Voice:
How to Find Your Passion and
Advocate for Ag"
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MONTANA, INCLUDING THREE NEW
CHAPTERS THIS YEAR IN DODSON, HOT
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Workshops

Practical Applications for Drones and Technology on Your Farm and Ranch

Korey Fauque, Farmer & KW Insurance Inc.

Applying a practical approach to new technology in agriculture—Learn how to Integrate technology into your farm or ranch and your office. Weather permitting; this breakout will have a live drone demonstration.

Working with the Media - How to Tell Your Story

Jim Sargent, Staradio

Have you had the opportunity to represent agriculture in a video or radio interview? Were you prepared and sure of yourself? It's more important now than ever to be a confident advocate and comfortably portray your message. Join us and learn how to get the correct message across about your industry; Working with, not against, the new and old media sources.

Raising Dogs with Jobs: Herding and Guardian Dogs

Marvin Dunster and Carrie Bigelow, 5R Stockdogs

Detail on how 5R Stockdogs raises their working dogs. Learn about what to consider when choosing a puppy, how to reinforce training, and how to care for an addition of a new dog to your operation. Spoiler alert: Marvin and Carrie will be bringing puppies to the event! This will be an interactive session, so be ready to ask questions and soak up tips from knowledgeable breeders!

Farming Without the Bank

Mary Jo Irmen, Fiscal Bridge, LLC

Farming and ranching is not an easy business to be in; market prices fluctuate while expenses steadily rise. Join Mary Jo as she focuses on how farmers and ranchers can use an infinite amount of banking concepts to finance operations...without the bank.

Who Is The Future of Your Business?

Ryan Hughes, Alltech/ Hubbard

A look at whom and what influences your agricultural business. From where you sit today, what does your operation look like? What drives your decisions? Who drives your decisions? How does your operation compare to other businesses? What does the future look like?

Workshops

Adaptive Management - Keeping Your Operation Viable

Dave Scott, Livestock Specialist

A look at the many faces of our business, Montana Highland Lamb, from 1982 to 2018. How we have adapted to the challenges of ag business along the way.

Intercropping: The Ins and Outs of Growing Mixed Crops and Insurance

Korey Fauque, Farmer & KW Insurance Inc.

Personal experience and lessons learned growing mustard, chickpeas, lentils, flax, smooth peas, and cover crops while intercropping on a dryland farm. Successes and setbacks while farming and 'need to know' information about crop insurance.

Risk Management- Hoping for the Best, Prepared for the Worst

Kelsey Rhinehart & Maggie Miller, Northwest Farm Credit Services

An overview of the strategies and tools available for farmers and ranchers to proactively mitigate risk on their own operation. This presentation will explore various lending tools and crop insurance strategies that will help their operations succeed.

Ag Policy and How to Use Your Knowledge to Testify

Michelle Erickson-Jones, Montana Grain Growers Association

Learn the basics of policy advocacy from Montana Grain Growers Association President Michelle Erickson-Jones. A quick overview on grassroots policy advocacy as well as a step by step guide to preparing testimony for the Legislature, Congress, and other departmental hearings.