8:15  Registration

8:30 – 8:45  Welcome
Doug Steele
Vice President for External Relations and Director of Extension

8:45 – 9:05  U.S. and World Agriculture Status
Myles Watts, Professor
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

9:10 – 9:30  Montana Agriculture Status
George Haynes, Agriculture Policy Specialist
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

9:35 – 9:55  Government Debts and Deficits
Doug Young, Emeritus Professor
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

10:00 – 10:20  Farm Bill and The Debt Crisis
Vince Smith, Professor
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

10:20 – 10:35  Break (Sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services)

10:35 – 10:55  Commodity Price Volatility
Anton Bekkerman, Assistant Professor
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

11:00 – 11:20  Livestock Price Volatility
Eric Belasco, Assistant Professor
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

11:25 – 11:45  Input Price Volatility
Duane Griffith, Farm Management Specialist
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

11:50 – 12:05  Montana Economic Outlook
Patrick Barkey, Director
Bureau of Business and Economic Research

12:10 – 12:25  Department of Agriculture Update
Ron de Yong, Director
Montana Department of Agriculture

12:30  Invite to MSU Ag Fair and College of Agriculture Update
Jeff Jacobsen, Dean
College of Agriculture

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