8:30  Registration

9:00 – 9:05  Welcome  
Waded Cruzado, Montana State University President

9:05 – 9:25  Montana and U.S. Agriculture Outlook  
George Haynes, Agriculture Policy Specialist  
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

9:30 – 9:50  Cattle Cycles  
Gary Brester, Professor  
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

9:55 – 10:15  Impacts of Drought on Cattle Inventory  
Eric Belasco, Assistant Professor  
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

10:15 – 10:35  Break

10:35 – 10:55  Montana Elevator Industry Changes  
Anton Bekkerman, Assistant Professor  
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

11:00 – 11:20  Implications of the Canadian Wheat Board Reform  
Vincent H. Smith, Professor  
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

11:25 – 11:45  Agriculture and Energy Development in Montana  
Tim Fitzgerald, Assistant Professor  
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

11:50 – 12:10  Implications of Banking Reform on Small Ag Lenders in Montana  
Myles Watts, Professor  
Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

12:15 – 12:25  2012 Census of Agriculture  
Steve Anderson, Director  
USDA, NASS, Montana Field Office

12:30 – 1:30  Lunch (SUB Rooms 232/233/234/235/236)

12:45 – 1:30  Key Note Address  
Agricultural Policy in a Volatile Environment  
John Anderson, Deputy Chief Economist  
American Farm Bureau

2:00 – 5:00  MSU Agriculture Fair (SUB Ballrooms)

5:00  Outstanding Agricultural Leaders Ceremony & Reception (SUB Ballrooms)