

"Celebrate Agriculture!!"



Montana Agriculture in 2014: Prospects for Growth, Future Challenges, and the Role of Cooperatives



Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics







9:00 – 9:30	Registration
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9:30 – 9:40	Welcome Jill Martz, Interim Director of Extension MSU Extension
9:40 — 10:00	Montana Agricultural Outlook George Haynes, Agriculture Policy Specialist Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics
10:05 – 10:25	The Future of U.S. Farm Policy: Implications for Montana Farmers and Ranchers Vincent Smith, <i>Professor</i> Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics
10:30 – 10:50	The Economics of Wheat Stem Sawfly Impacts and Management Anton Bekkerman, Assistant Professor Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics
10:50 – 11:10	Break
11:10 – 11:30	Beef Supply Issues Eric Belasco, Assistant Professor Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics
11:35 – 12:00	The Economic Footprint of Montana Cooperatives Gary Brester, <i>Professor</i> Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch and College of Agriculture Awards
1:15 – 1:45	An Overview of Cooperatives in the United States Mike Boland, <i>Professor</i> University of Minnesota
1:50 – 2:25	Lending to Cooperatives: Unique Opportunities and Challenges Mark Nonnemacher, <i>Executive Vice President</i> Northwest Farm Credit Services
2:25 – 2:40	Max Baucus U.S. Senator Friend of the College of Agriculture and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Award
2:40 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 3:30	Cooperatives in the 21 st Century Mike Boland, <i>Professor</i> University of Minnesota
3:30 – 4:30	M.L. Wilson Lecture Carl Casale, <i>President & CEO</i> CHS, Inc.