



# Montana's Rural Economy: The Future of Agriculture and Rural Healthcare



*Procrastinator Theater, MSU-Bozeman  
282B Strand Union Building  
Thursday, November 12, 2009*

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10:00 - 10:30	<b>Registration</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Welcome</b> Wendy Stock, <i>Department Head, Agricultural Economics &amp; Economics</i> Doug Steele, <i>Vice Provost and Director of Extension</i>
10:45 – 11:10	<b>The Financial Crisis: Implications for Montana Agriculture</b> George Haynes, <i>Agricultural Policy Specialist, Extension Economics</i> Myles Watts, <i>Professor, Agricultural Economics &amp; Economics</i>
11:10 – 11:30	<b>Agricultural Policy Update</b> Vince Smith, <i>Professor, Agricultural Economics &amp; Economics</i>
11:30 – 11:50	<b>Grain Outlook</b> Dave Buschena, <i>Professor, Agricultural Economics &amp; Economics</i>
11:50 – 12:30	<b>Lunch</b> (Northwest Lounge) Sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Service
12:30 – 12:50	<b>Livestock Outlook</b> Gary Brester, <i>Professor, Agricultural Economics &amp; Economics</i>
12:50 – 1:05	<b>Energy Outlook</b> Joel Schumacher, <i>Associate Specialist, Extension Economics</i>
1:05 – 1:25:	<b>ACRE Software Tool Update</b> Duane Griffith, <i>Farm Management Specialist, Extension Economics</i>
1:25 – 1:45	<b>Key Issues in Healthcare</b> Christina Stoddard, <i>Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics &amp; Economics</i>
1:45 – 2:45	<b>Panel Discussion: Healthcare Needs of Agricultural and Rural Communities from 2010 to 2020</b> Moderator: Doug Young, <i>Professor, Agricultural Economics &amp; Economics</i>
2:45 – 3:30	<b>Break</b>
3:30 – 4:45	<b>M.L. Wilson Lecture “Implications of Healthcare Reform for Rural America”</b> Dr. Jon Christianson, <i>Professor and James A. Hamilton Chair in Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota</i>
4:45	<b>Reception</b>

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