

2025 Agricultural Economics Conference

Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman, MT

November 7, 2025

Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome <i>Cody Stone</i> , MSU Extension, Executive Director <i>Eric Belasco</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics, Department Head
9:15 - 9:35	The Impacts of Low Carbon Fuel Policies on Agricultural Commodity Markets <i>Andrew Swanson</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics
9:40 - 10:00	Montana Ag Year in Review and Outlook <i>Joel Schumacher</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics
10:05 - 10:30	Irrigated Agriculture in Montana: Patterns, Challenges and Opportunities <i>Nick Hagerty</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics
10:30 - 10:50	Break
10:50 - 11:10	The Boundaries of Current Risk Management Tools under Trade Volatility <i>Eric Belasco</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics
11:15 - 12:30	M.L. Wilson Lecture: Pressures and Prospects in the U.S. Cattle Industry <i>Cortney Cowley</i> , Assistant Vice President and Oklahoma City Branch Executive for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
12:30 - 1:20	Lunch
1:20 - 1:45	Updates from State Agencies <i>Jillien Streit</i> , Montana Department of Agriculture <i>Mike Honeycutt</i> , Montana Department of Livestock
1:50 - 2:10	Conservation Easements: Policy and Practice <i>Kelsey Larson</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics
2:15 - 2:35	Assessing the Impact of the 2025 Property Tax Legislative Update <i>Gregory Gilpin</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics
2:40 - 3:00	Urban Growth and the Preservation of Farmland <i>Justin Gallagher</i> , MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics

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