

Montana Grain Growers Association 60th Annual Convention and Trade Show



**December 1-3, 2015
Best Western Heritage Inn
Great Falls, Montana**

60 Years of Partnership

60 years ago, an annual tradition was birthed, a gathering of grain producers and the agribusinesses that served them, with a common goal of keeping agriculture Montana's #1 industry. Still today, both groups continue as partners, supporting one another all year long. The Montana Grain Growers Association Annual Convention and Trade Show provides a much needed place, all under one roof, for them to touch base, regrouping and revitalizing one another for the year ahead.

You Are Invited

It is my pleasure to invite you to this 60-year annual event, whose scope has broadened and reach has extended with nearly 900 in attendance last year. Attendees gain the inside track on ag's latest innovations from trade show exhibitors, hear from some of the nation's most savvy ag leaders as they address right-now ag issues, and during those three days of ag immersion, they can take the time to network with one another and yes, have some fun, too.

Don't Miss a Single Day!

I hope you will be able to attend all 3 days of convention...each one is unique in its subject matter, and so important to your operation's bottom line. Once you read through the agenda and familiarize yourself with the dynamic speakers, you'll see what I mean...YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A SINGLE DAY!



**Rob Davis
2015
Convention Chairman**

So read more about it and register early for this year's MGGA Convention and Trade Show, December 1-3, 2015 at the Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls, MT. You can fill out and mail the included form or register online at mgga.org/events/annual-convention. If you have any additional questions, feel free to call the MGGA office at 406-761-4596.

See You in Great Falls!

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AGENDA

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 - Micronutrients: Key to Better Yields in Montana Soils

11:30am-12pm	Registration
12:00-1:00	Workshop Lunch
1:00-2:00	Micronutrient Management -Dr. Rigas Karamanos, Koch Agronomic
2:00-3:00	Chelated Micronutrients -Dr. Terry Tindall, Simplot
3:00-3:30	Workshop Break
3:30-4:30	Soil & Foliar Applied Micronutrients -David Vance, Verdesian Life Science
4:30-5:00	Micronutrient Principles -Dr. Clain Jones, MSU
5:00-5:30	Micronutrients in Montana Crops -Chuck Gatzemeier, CG Ag Consulting
5:30-7:00	Partnerships in Ag Reception

Exhibitor Schedule:

3:00-7:00pm	Exhibitor Set-Up
5:30-7:00	Partnerships in Ag Reception

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

6:30am	MGGA Board Meeting	2:15-3:15	New Crop Insurance Plans: Malt Barley Endorsement and Margin Protection
7:00-8:00	Welcome Breakfast Buffet		
7:15-8:15	MT Wheat & Barley Comm. Program -Vince Peterson, U.S. Wheat Associates		-Dave Paul, Watts & Associates
8am-12pm	State Hail Board Meeting	3:15-3:45	Trade Show Break
8:15-9:00	H2A/Ag Employer Issues -Manuel Fick, Sanna Marie Grobler	3:15-4:30	Posters & Pie-Your Checkoff Dollars at Work
9:00-10:00	Trade Show Opens		-MSU Ag Researchers
10:00-12:00	MGGA Committee Meetings	4:30-5:30	Montana Ag Safety Seminar
12:00-1:00	Northern Ag Network Lunch		-Les Graham/Jim Larson
12:30-1:00	Riley Slivka Central MT Harvest Video	4:30-5:30	Future of the Wheat Industry
1:00-2:15	Marketing Strategies in Any Marketing Climate -Mark Gold, Top Third Ag Marketing	5:30-7:00	Trade Show Reception
		7:00	Wheat Advocacy Auction

Thursday, December 3, 2015

7:00-8:00am	Crop Insurance Industry Breakfast	12:00-1:00	KMON Radio Lunch
7:15-8:15	What Went Wrong With My Crop This Year? -Dr. Mary Burrows, MSU	1:00-2:15	How Will New Tax Reform Measures Measure Up for Your Operation? -Paul Neiffer, Clifton, Larson, Allen
8:15-9:00	Effective Ag Advocacy -Shauna Farver	2:15-3:00	Why Certified Seed? -Charlie Cahill, Cahill Seeds
9am-12pm	NRCS WIN-PST Training	3:00-3:30	Trade Show Break
9:00-10:00	Trade Show Break	3:30-5:30	MGGA Resolutions
10:00-10:30	MSU Endowed Chair -MT Grains Foundation	5:30-6:30	MSU College of Ag/MSU Alumni Reception
10:30-11:00	Managing Your Nightmares: Input Costs, Markets & Logistics -TTMS Group	6:30-8:30	MGGA President's Banquet
11am-12pm	Can Agriculture Save the Planet Before It Destroys It? -Jack Bobo, Intrexon Corporation	8:30	MGGA President's Reception
		Exhibitor Schedule:	
		4:00-6:00pm	Exhibitor Tear-Down

Note: Pesticide credits can be earned with Wed/Thurs convention attendance

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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 - Micronutrient Workshop



Chuck Gatzemeier
Emcee



Dr. Clain Jones



Dr. Terry Tindall



Dr. Rigas Karamanos



David Vance

Tuesday's workshop titled, "Micronutrients: The Key to Better Yields in Montana Soils" brings together an impressive slate of soil scientists, crop agronomists and certified crop advisors from both the collegiate and industry levels. This workshop will go beyond discussion of increasing crop yield using fertility practices alone, but shows producers how fertility and micronutrients work synergistically to maximize their operation's crop potential. Chuck Gatzemeier, CG Ag Consulting, Cut Bank, emcees the event.

Wednesday, December 2, 2015



Frank Curtis

Frank Curtis, CEO of Limagrain Cereal Seeds, has served in many roles with the Limagrain Group including plant breeding, field research, product development, seed sales, senior management and marketing. He'll address "The Future of the Wheat Industry."



Mark Gold

Mark Gold is President and CEO of Top Third Marketing and a regular guest analyst on Ag Day TV, Market to Market and the U.S. Farm Report; his twice-daily grain marketing comments are featured on AgWeb. He'll provide attendees with "Marketing Strategies in Any Marketing Climate."



Manuel Fick

USA Farm Labor CEO Manuel Fick will be joined by Sanna Marie Grobler, a recruiting agent from Pretoria, South Africa, to fill producers in on the latest H2A regulations and employer issues with hiring out-of-country workers.



Dave Paul

Dave Paul, retired regional RMA director and currently national director of MPC I at Watts and Associates, will offer a full overview of two new crop insurance programs... The Malt Barley Endorsement and Margin Protection.

Thursday, December 3, 2015



Jack Bobo

Jack Bobo, Intrexon Corporation SVP Chief Communications Officer, will examine global trends in food and agriculture, the interplay between food safety and public perception of risk and the key role of risk communication in addressing public perceptions.



Charlie Cahill

NE MT farmer and owner of Cahill Seeds in Scobey, Charlie Cahill, explains why the demand for certified seed has continued to grow and what to consider when choosing whether to plant bin-run or certified seed.



Dr. Mary Burrows

MSU Plant Pathologist Mary Burrows has become the go-to person for producers when problems appear in the field and they need pathology-related insight and management solutions. Her presentation will discuss the 2015 crop season and what to expect for crop diseases in 2016.



Paul Neiffer

Paul Neiffer is an ag business CPA and business advisor with Clifton, Larson, Allen specializing in income taxation and accounting services related to farmers and processors. He'll discuss new tax measures and how tax reform for large international companies will affect MT producers.

Don't Miss These Convention Events!

POSTERS



Wednesday, December 2, 2015

3:15-4:30 pm

MSU Posters and Pie: Your Checkoff Dollars at Work

This segment features Montana State University ag researchers excited to show producers how their checkoff dollars have funded MSU's ability to find solutions to some of Montana crops' most pressing problems. Posters will be on display, illustrating current findings and on-going research. This is an excellent opportunity for one-on-one time with some of MSU's most-accomplished ag researchers, to ask your

questions and see how your checkoff dollars continue to benefit Montana agriculture. And yes, while you're at it, don't forget to have a piece of pie!

Thursday, December 3, 2015

8:15 - 9:00am



Effective Ag Advocacy

Shauna Farver describes herself as a stay-at-home mom, wife to a 4th generation Montana farmer and rancher, advocate, bookkeeper and farm hand extraordinaire. She and her husband Terry, or Farmer Farver as she calls

him in her blogs, raise wheat, barley, peas, lentils, corn and hay on their farm near Scobey and run a herd of Angus cow/calf pairs. Shauna is a Wheat Advocate for the National Wheat Foundation, actively promoting the issues and activities important to the wheat industry, and is the host of "Living the MonDak" radio show. As an advocate, Shauna posts real stories about farm life on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. She will share with attendees her experience on how to get the real farm message out to the general public.

9:00am -12:00pm

Learn to Use the Windows Pesticide Screening Tool - WIN-PST

The Windows Pesticide Screening Tool (WIN-PST) is an environmental risk screening tool for pesticides. Agronomists and producers can use it to evaluate the potential of pesticides to move with water and/or soil and affect non-targeted organisms. WIN-PST uses the Web Soil survey and the applied pesticides to determine risk factors to humans, fish and ground water. This tool is a necessary component of some CstP enhancements.

NRCS Great Falls Area Agronomist Joyce Trevithick and Field Office Soil Conservationist Max Blodgett will be on hand to answer questions about the tool and request that you bring your own smart phone or computer if you'd like them to walk you through the step-by-step process to use it.





Registration Form

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Thank you for pre-registering for the 60th Annual MGGA Convention & Trade Show. To register online, go to: www.mgga.org/Events/Annual Convention *Register by November 13, 2015 for a chance to win a free 2015 MGGA Convention registration.*

Attendee Name _____ 2nd Attendee Name _____

Farm/Company Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

FULL REGISTRATION (Includes meeting access + meals for Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Full Registration _____ person(s) @ (Member-\$150; Non-Member-\$160) \$ _____

DAY ONLY REGISTRATION (Includes meeting access + meals)

Tuesday Workshop _____ person(s) (Member-\$25; Non-Member-\$35) \$ _____

Wednesday _____ person(s) @ (Member-\$80; Non-Member-\$90) \$ _____

Thursday _____ person(s) @ (Member-\$80; Non-Member-\$90) \$ _____

MEETINGS ONLY (Please circle which applies)

Wed or Thurs _____ person(s) @ \$35 each \$ _____

MEAL TICKETS ONLY (Please circle which applies)

Wednesday Breakfast/Lunch _____ person(s) @ \$20 each \$ _____

Thursday Breakfast/Lunch _____ person(s) @ \$20 each \$ _____

President's Banquet _____ person(s) @ \$30 each \$ _____



TOTAL

\$ _____

Payment Method: _____ Check _____ Credit Card

Number: _____ Expiration Date _____ Code _____

Please return this form and payment to:

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