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Greeting from the Fort Peck Community College Agriculture/Extension Department!

I hope that 2011 has treated you well thus far! As you know, the Fort Peck Community College Agriculture Department is continuously working to meet the needs of our farming and ranching communities with new and innovative educational tools and opportunities for producers. This year, FPCC Ag/Extension would like to invite you to participate in the Beginning Farmer Rancher Development program.

In October 2011, FPCC Ag/Extension was awarded a Beginning Farmer Rancher grant through USDA. The overall goal of the project is educate Beginning Farmers and Ranchers with the tools increase their likelihood of survival and success, especially for those who have inherited and/or purchased their farm/ranch and are carrying on a "family tradition."

The Beginning Farmer Rancher program will utilize a variety of resource materials, one on one technical assistance, on site instruction, a variety of hands on workshops, and distance learning collaboration with Montana State University, to address the following areas: Animal Health, Agronomy, Agriculture Economics, Environmental Issues, Risk Management Issues, and Community Development.

The Beginning Farmer Rancher program understands the need for farmers and ranchers to stay on the forefront of the industry and to do so, they must have access to training in the areas of marketing strategies, credit and financial opportunities and technology. FPCC Ag/Extension's Beginning Farmer Ranch program is designed specifically to provide short term trainings so your day to day responsibilities do not go unattended

If you are a Beginning Farmer and Rancher who has operated a farm or rancher for 10 years, the program will be influential to you. We are currently recruiting 35 adult and 10 youth, farmers and ranchers to participate in planned workshops and also become members of the Montana Stockgrowers and/or Montana Grain Growers Association.

If you are interested in participating, or would like more information please contact our office at 406-768-3025.

Enjoy the youth rodeo!

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