



Welcome to the 2013 Miles City Symposium!

Sleep Inn | 1006 S. Haynes Ave. | Miles City, MT | September 17-19

## AGENDA

### Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013

4:00 to 5:00 pm Optional Tour of Tongue River Vineyard and Winery

5:00 to 7:00 pm RECEPTION at Tongue River Vineyard and Winery

### Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013

7:00 to 8:00 am Registration

8:00 to 8:10 am Welcome— Joyce Swartzendruber (NRCS State Conservationist)  
USDA State Food & Agriculture Council

8:10 to 8:15 am Welcome from Custer County Commissioner Vicki Hamilton

8:15 to 8:25 am NASS - Overview of Agriculture in the Miles City region  
Carmen Bertsch, NASDA Field Supervisor

8:25 to 9:25 am Cover Crops in Montana - NRCS Mark Henning, Area Agronomist

9:25 to 9:40 am BREAK

9:40 to 10:40 am “Value Added Ag Business Panel” - facilitated by John Laney of the  
Miles City Chamber of Commerce

10:40 to 11:40 am Farm Bill Panel - USDA Agencies Bruce Nelson (FSA), Joyce  
Swartzendruber (NRCS) , Tony Preite (RD) and Cindy Cruea (RMA)

11:40 am to Noon Agriculture - The Dig Law: Montana 811  
Clint Kalfell, Montana 811 Representative

NOON to 12:30 pm LUNCH (provided)

12:30 to 1:30 pm Celeste Settrini - Motivational Speaker  
“Be the Hero of Your Own Ag Story”



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## Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, continued

- 1:30 to 1:45 pm      **BREAK**
- 1:45 to 2:30 pm      **Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) & Cattle Selection -  
Dr. Rachel Endecott**
- 2:30 to 3:00 pm      **Drive to Fort Keogh Laboratory Address: 243 Fort Keogh Rd**
- 3:00 to 4:30 pm      **Tour of USDA, ARS Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Lab**
- 5:00 to 6:00 pm      **“Grills Gone Wild” presentation by MSU Extension Service at Range  
Riders Museum**
- 6:00 to 7:30 pm      **DINNER (provided) with Entertainment by Emmett LaBree @ Range  
Riders Museum**

## Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013

- 7:00 to 8:30am      **Breakfast at Hotel/ Checkout**
- 8:30 to 9:15 am      **Oil & Gas Update - Montana Petroleum Association -  
Jessica Sena**
- 9:15 to 10:15 am      **Ag Lending Opportunities Panel- USDA FSA (Norm Bellows), USDA  
RD Tony Preite), Stan Markuson of Stockman Bank and Brooke  
Kmetz of Northwest Farm Credit Services**
- 10:15 to 10:45 am      **Silent Auction Items Pickup/BREAK**
- 10:45 to 11:30 am      **Celeste’s workshop "Telling your story"**
- 11:30 am to NOON      **LUNCH (provided)**
- NOON to 1:00 pm      **Motivational Speaker Susie Oberdalhoff  
"Kids, Crops, Sows and Cows - Life Happens, Learn to Bounce"**
- 1:00 pm              **Evaluations & Take Down Display Booths**

*Thank you for coming!  
Safe travels home and we hope to see you next year!*



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