



United States Department of Agriculture

Women Stepping Forward For Agriculture

2013 SYMPOSIUM

Registration Now Open!

Register Early - Seating is Limited

\$60 Registration Fee (before 8/30)

\$75 Registration Fee (after 8/30 until full)

September 17 - 19, 2013

Sleep Inn

1006 S. Haynes

Miles City, Montana



Visit the WSFFA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/mt (look under State Events) for registration forms, booth and sponsorship information, and additional details!



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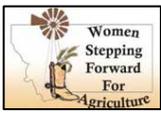
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Symposium Location: Sleep Inn | 1006 South Haynes Avenue | Miles City, MT 59301

The U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies in Montana, in conjunction with Montana Agri-Women, Montana Farm Bureau Women, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE), Montana Cattlemen, Montana Beef Council, Ag in Montana Schools, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Montana Department of Agriculture, Montana Woolgrower Women and Montana Farmer's Union, are hosting the annual "Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture" Symposium for women involved in the promotion of Montana's agriculture. The symposium provides an avenue for women involved in the promotion of Montana's agriculture to learn about issues affecting Montana's rural agricultural communities, promote leadership development, and further support women's leadership roles within those communities.

Symposium Web site:

The Agenda, Registration Form, Booth Registration Form, Sponsorship Form and additional information are available at: www.fsa.usda.gov/mt - (look under State Events).

Registration:

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Lodging/Host Hotel:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sleep Inn (1006 South Haynes Avenue in Miles City). Participants are to identify themselves as part of the Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium group. To can make reservations through the Sleep Inn at (406) 232-3000. For the special room rate of \$77 + tax for a Single & \$87 + tax for a Double, rooms must be reserved by **Sept. 2, 2013**.

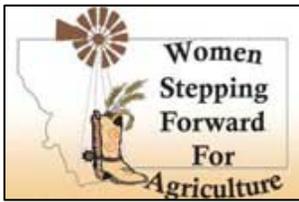
Additional Lodging Options:

Additional rooms are available near the symposium at Best Western War Bonnet Inn at (406) 234-4560 at the group rate of \$77 plus tax (single) and \$83 plus tax (double). Other lodging options include: Holiday Inn Express Miles City: (800) 939-4249; Econo Lodge Miles City: (406) 232-8880; Comfort Inn Miles City: (406) 234-3141; Super 8 Miles City: (406) 234-5261; Guesthouse International: (406) 232-3661.

Booth Registration/Sponsors:

Booth registration cost \$100 and includes registration for one person. To register your booth and/or to help sponsor the symposium, contact Maria Braun, at kevinb@midrivers.com and (406) 778-2703.

For More Information: For more information or to get a registration form, contact your local USDA Service Center, the Montana organizations listed above, or by visiting the Website at www.fsa.usda.gov/mt (under 'State Events'). You may also contact Jennifer Cole, USDA/FSA, at (406) 587-6786 or jennifer.cole@mt.usda.gov



2013 "Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture" Symposium

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Please help sponsor the 2013 Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium that will be held in Miles City, Montana on September 17 – 19, 2013.

Sponsorships offer a variety of advertising opportunities for your business:

***Your \$1,000 (cash or non-cash value) sponsorship will include the following:**

- Display a banner or exhibit booth, promoting your company name at Symposium
- Business name announced during the Symposium and will be listed on donor posters
- Four (4) free registrations to the entire event

***Your \$500 (cash or non-cash value) gold sponsorship will include the following:**

- Display a banner or exhibit booth, promoting your company name at Symposium
- Business name announced during the Symposium and will be listed on donor posters
- Two (2) free registrations to the entire event

***Your \$250 (cash or non-cash value) silver sponsorship will include the following:**

- Business name announced during the Symposium and will be listed on donor posters
- One (1) free registrations to the entire event

***Your under \$250 (cash/non-cash value) bronze sponsorship will include:**

- Business name announced during the Symposium and will be listed on donor posters

If you are unable to make a monetary donation/sponsorship, we are also looking for silent auction items, door prizes and/or items for the goodie bags (100) (which is a perfect opportunity to reach potential customers) – If items of this nature are donated, your business name will be used during the Symposium and announced as the donor of the prize.

Name: _____

Contribution Amount:

Address: _____

_____ **Gold (\$500+)***

***Booth Request: Yes No**

Phone: _____

_____ **Silver (\$250 - \$499)**

Contact: _____

_____ **Bronze (under \$250)**

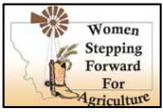
Make checks payable to WSFA & return to: Maria L. Braun – P.O. Box 1516 – Baker, Montana 59313-1516

I would like to donate: Silent Auction Item Door Prize Goodie Bag Items

Please feel free to give me a call or email if you have any questions, or to make arrangements for a Silent Auction Item, Door Prize or Goodie Bag Items to be picked up or dropped off. Any and all assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and efforts in making WSFA a huge success in 2013!



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Registration Form

Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Will you attend the Tuesday afternoon Tour of Tongue River Vineyard & Winery? ____yes ____ no

Will you attend the Tuesday evening Reception at the Vineyard & Winery? ____yes ____ no

Will you provide a door prize and/or silent auction item? ____yes ____ no

RECIPES: If you would like to share a favorite recipe with attendees, please include a copy of your recipe along with your registration form by Aug. 30, 2013.



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Booth Registration Form

Booth space is \$ 100.00, which includes one registration to the symposium.

Booth Contact Information

Name of Business/Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Website Address _____

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Details

Exhibits can be set up at the Sleep Inn conference room (1006 South Haynes Avenue | Miles City, MT 59301) on Tuesday, September 17, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. or on Wednesday, September 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

More Information

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For Sleep Inn reservations, call:

(406) 232-3000 or 1 (800) 663-3928

*Reserve your room by Sept. 2 for the rate under the Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium group

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Inn: (406) 234-4560

(located near symposium)

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Tuesday September 17, 2013

4:00 to 5:00 pm Optional Tour of Tongue River Vineyard and Winery
 5:00 - 7:00 pm Reception at Tongue River Vineyard and Winery

Wednesday September 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 (tentative)

8:15 to 8:25 am NASS - Overview of Agriculture in the Miles City region

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 the Miles City Chamber of Commerce

10:40 to 11:40 am Farm Bill Panel - USDA Agencies

11:40 am to Noon Agricultural Taxation Update - Nancy Shlep, Montana Taxpayer Association President

NOON to 12:30 pm LUNCH

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

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 Reception with Entertainment by Emmett LaBree @ Range Riders Museum

Thursday September 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 - USDA FSA, USDA RD, Stockman Bank and Farm Credit Services representatives

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

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1:00 pm Evaluations & Take Down Display Booths

Travel safely &

hope to see you next year!



THANK YOU 2013 SPONSORS (TBA):