

2014 "Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture" Symposium  
September 23-25, 2014



Symposium Location Big Horn Resort, 1801 Majestic Lane, Billings, MT 59102  
Off the Zoo Drive I-90 exit and Hesper Road



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September 23-25  
Big Horn Resort  
Billings, MT

**Featuring: Jolene Brown-Farm & Ranch Transition, Economics of Crop Rotation-Soil Health Record Management, Technology in Ag-Apps, Key Agriculture & Inspiring Speakers Local & Fresh Food Preparation, Farm Bill Updates & Much More**

**Symposium Web site:**

The Agenda - Registration Form & additional information are available at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/mt](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt) (look under State Events).

**Lodging/Host Hotel:**

Primary lodging at the Big Horn Resort, 1801 Majestic Lane, Billings, MT is booked as of 9/4/14.

Alternative Lodging is at the Western Executive Inn, 3121 King Ave. West, Billings, MT (406 294-8888)

Mention "Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium" to receive the group rate of \$67.50 (plus tax).

**For More Information:**

For information contact your local USDA Service Center or Nikki Rife (406) 429-6646, [nakaya.rife@mt.usda.gov](mailto:nakaya.rife@mt.usda.gov)

**2014 "Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture" Symposium" Registration Form**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the Applicable Box**

Individual Registration \$75.00

Individual Early Registration \$60.00 Postmarked by 9/5/14

Tuesday Afternoon Local Tour & Evening Wine Tasting Reception 4:00- 6:00  
Yellowstone Cellars & Winery, 1335 Holiday Circle, Billings, MT 59101  
(Included in Registration Fee)

**Booth Categories:**

6' Booth \$100.00 (Includes one registration fee)

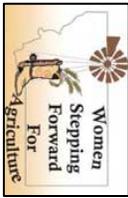
8' Booth \$125.00 (Includes one registration fee)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks Payable to WSFA)

To Become a Sponsor Please Contact Michelle Edwards (406) 873-4292 Ext #109

**Send Registration Fee & Form to Kathy Wiley, P.O. Box 167, Musselshell, MT 59059-0167**

**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 Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.



TO:

*Women Stepping Forward in Agriculture, Big Horn Inn & Resort Billings MT Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

**Tuesday Sept, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

4:00-6:00 Local Tour & Social @ the Yellowstone Cellars & Winery  
5:00-7:00 Sponsor & Vendor Booth Set Up

**Wednesday Sept, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Featuring Jolene Brown-Renowned Estate Planner*

7:00 Registration Begins  
8:00 Welcome Mayor of Billings ~ Thomas Hanel (Invited)  
Welcome and Opening Comments Bruce Nelson,  
~ USDA-State Food & Agriculture Council Chairman  
FSA Farm Bill Update ~ Bruce Nelson, State Executive Director  
Ranch Record Management Workshop ~ Kate Fuller-MSU  
Integrating Technology into your Ag Operation  
~ iPad & Smartphone Applications for Resource Managers  
Montana Ag in the Classroom & Growth Through Agriculture  
Rural Development Opportunities ~ Janelle Gustafson  
National Ag Statistics ~ Montana Data Collection ~ Jodie Sprague,  
Courtney McKee Lunch Presentation  
"Love and Landscape: Building Thriving Success Through Passion for Place"

**Featured Speaker**

Jolene Brown "Huff & Puff & We'll Blow Your House Down"  
*Author and Family Business Consultant*  
*Come Laugh, Learn & Share in the Interactive Sessions*

Tim Freeman, Incorporating Local & Fresh Foods in Your Meals  
~ Executive Chef Northern Hotel

Silent Auction, Trade Show Booths & Social-Spa Night

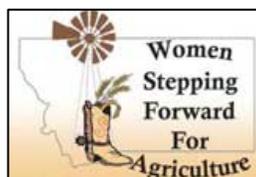
**Thursday Sept, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

8:30 Welcome & Second Day Opening  
~ The Yellowstone County Conservation District  
NRCS Comments & New Farm Bill  
~ Joyce Swartzendruber, MT State Conservationist  
Economics of Soil Health & Crop Rotations  
Demonstrations & Expressions of Soil Health  
Risk Management - Insurance Updates & the Farm Bill  
Wheat and Barley Committee - Cassidy Marn  
Predation-Wolf and Grizzly Bear Update  
Ag Producer & Business Panel  
~ Nicole Wines Livestock & Tumblewood Teas  
Lunch With Lois Olmstead "Enjoying the Journey"  
1:30 Close Session

**Optional Tour**

**2:00 p.m. Thursday Sept, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
*Vogel Farm-Ranch, North 40 Seeds*

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MT Farmer's Union