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57th Annual MGGA Convention & Trade Show Begins December 4th

Great Falls - Wheat and barley producers statewide won't want to miss the Montana Grain Growers Association Annual Convention and Trade Show, scheduled for December 4-6, 2012 at the Best Western Heritage Inn in Great Falls. "The main focus of this year's event, 'New Challenges, New Answers for Agriculture 2013,' will be on grain production and maximizing the potential of your cropland," according to Ryan McCormick, convention chairman.

"Attendance has been over 800 in past years, making this one of the largest agricultural gatherings in the state," McCormick adds. "Producers always enjoy networking with other producers, and this convention provides a lot of time to do that. But, MGGA conventions go well beyond shooting the breeze. Those that attend are given a leg up because they learn what is coming down the pike for ag that will ultimately affect their operation's bottom line. Not only are the workshops and presentations timely, but this year's trade show, with over 65 exhibitors, will showcase the latest in ag technologies and innovations."

Keynote speakers at this year's convention include:

- Five top Agri-Trend agronomic advisors who will help producers with next year's crop decisions by covering subjects from improving water storage in soil to nutrient management in cereals;
- Art Barnaby, KSU Professor, risk management specialist and one of the nation's foremost crop insurance specialists, will address commodity programs, how they relate to crop insurance and producer choices to help protect against loss;
- Sara Wyant, Agri-Pulse Editor, will discuss events leading up to the 2012 Farm bill and how it could play out in light of the November elections.;
- Mike Wong, CGI and Kevin Kaufman, BNSF Railway ; will provide unique and insightful perspectives on state, national and international grain markets, evolving ag transportation issues, and more;
- Dr. Greg Schwab, Koch Agronomic Director of Agronomy will address soil nitrogen management;

Wednesday evening's trade show reception and wheat advocate auction is a chance to relax and have some fun with other attendees and exhibitors while supporting MGGA's state and national

policy efforts. Thursday's President's Banquet will honor outgoing MGGA President Brian Eggebrecht of Malta with laughs provided by entertainer Rich Brockman.

A key part of our convention is the annual resolutions process that sets MGGA policy direction for the next year and input from our membership is critical. Committee meetings are scheduled for Wednesday morning and the full resolution process will be completed on Thursday afternoon.

For more information or to register, visit www.mgga.org or contact the MGGA office at 406-761-4596.

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