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58th Annual MGGGA Convention & Trade Show Begins December 3rd

Great Falls - Crop producers statewide won't want to miss the Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGGA) Annual Convention and Trade Show, scheduled for December 3-5, 2013 at the Best Western Heritage Inn in Great Falls.

"This is the time of year producers gather under one roof to network with growers from across the state, hear from some of the nation's top agricultural experts and visit with over 65 agribusiness vendors who will share the latest in technology, innovations and crop inputs," says Convention Chairman Matt Flikkema. "It's 'hot-off-the-press' information, and each year I attend, I come away with a leg-up to help me plan for next year's crop season."

With more than 800 in attendance at last year's event, the MGGGA Convention is one of the largest agricultural gatherings in the state.

Keynote speakers this year include:

- Montana Ag Live host, Jack Riesselman, will take your questions to his panel of MSU experts.
- Dr. Jason Cook, Westbred, and Dr. Rollin Sears, Syngenta, will discuss the latest in advancements in seed development.
- Three marketing experts – Jim Bower, President of Bower Trading, Inc.; Sterling Liddell, Rabo Agri Finance's Vice President of Food & Agribusiness Research & Advisory and Senior Analyst for Farm Inputs; and Kevin Kaufman, Group VP, Agricultural Products for BNSF Railway, will share their perspective on global commodity markets.
- Joe Schultz, Chief Economist for the Senate Ag Committee, and Bing Von Bergen, President of the National Association of Wheat Growers, will give attendees the latest on a new farm bill currently being negotiated in conference committee.
- Ag Day TV Meteorologist Mike Hoffman, will draw from his nearly 20 years of experience to formulate his weather outlook, analyzing weather trends;
- Jarred Karnei, John Deere's Product Marketing Manager for Region 4, will share current advances in farm equipment technology to help fill the growing world demand for food and fiber;
- Jude Capper, an independent Sustainability Consultant based in Bozeman, MT, will debunk some of the more commonly heard ag myths.

Flikkema says, “Three nights of receptions and a live auction will give producers a lot of time to catch up and have some fun, but at the same time, support MGGA’s state and national policy efforts. There is a camaraderie between producers that is felt at each convention, especially when we all work together to establish resolutions that set our organization’s policy direction for the next year. I can’t stress enough the importance of each producer’s input into this process.”

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

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