



Save the Date 109th Annual State Convention



**OCTOBER 18TH-19TH,
WHITEFISH, MT- GROUSE MOUNTAIN LODGE**

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Montana Farmers Union 109th Annual Convention

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Thursday, October 17th		<u>Room</u>
1-7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-convention tour at Kalispell Creamery, Glacier Processing Cooperative, and Fritz Farm (Corn maze, pumpkin patch) ● Includes farm to table dinner at Fritz Farm ● \$20 add on ticket includes all of the above - please select this option while registering) 	<p>Transportation leaves Grouse Mountain Lodge at 1 p.m. Lobby/load the bus at 12:45 p.m. (limited space, 50 tickets available!)</p>
10 a.m - 1 p.m.	Vendor set up. Please contact Mary Jenni about early vendor booth set up	Lower Glacier Room

Friday, October 18th		Room
6:30 - 9:00 AM	Vendor Check-in continues	Main Convention Area
7:30 AM	MFU Annual Board Meeting	Wine Room
8:00 AM	Registration Opens	Main Convention Area
8:00 AM	Silent Auction Begins	Main Convention Area
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	MFU Kids Day Camp *Please register your kids 5-12!!*	Loft Suite
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Vendor Trade Show - please visit our vendors!	Main Convention Area/Vendor Spaces/Lower Glacier Room
9:00 AM - 10:40 AM	1st General Session Official welcome, MFU Business Updates, MFU Audit, MFU Ambassador Presentation	Main Convention Area
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Meet your Ambassador Roundtables Refreshments, Networking Table	Main Convention Area
11:00 AM- 3 p.m.	Montana Farmer Veteran Coalition Stakeholder Annual Meeting	Wine Room (MTFVC members only)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Luncheon	Main Convention Area
1:10 PM - 2:00 PM	2nd General Session Election Introduction & Nominations for Delegates to 2025 National Farmers Union Convention. MFU Board Candidate Intros	Main Convention Area
2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	Educational Session: Regenerative Agriculture in Montana - with Kurt Myllymaki (2023 Leopold Conservation Award Winner)	Upper Glacier Room
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Break Refreshments and Vendor Trade Show	Lower Glacier Room
3:30 Pm - 4:20 PM	Educational Session: Montana Farmer Veteran Coalition	Upper Glacier Room

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4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	MFU Policy	Upper Glacier Room
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Happy Hour! No-Host Bar (CASH BAR) & Social	Main Convention Area
6:00 PM	Member Dinner	Main Convention Area
6:30 PM - 7:30PM	Keynote Address: Zach Ducheneaux	Main Convention Area
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Evening Entertainment & Dessert with Rob & Halladay Quist! Join us for live music!	Main Convention Area
8:30 P.M.	Silent Auction closes for the night	Main Convention Area
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Evening networking and community building	Main Convention Area

Saturday, October 19th		Room
7:30 AM - 9:10 AM	Breakfast opens	Main Convention Area
8 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	FUEL update Update from FUI [Dale Bednarek Chief Executive Officer / President], discussion with FUE Presidents	Main Convention Area
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	MFU Kid's Day Camp *Please register your kids 5-12!!*	Loft Suite
8:30 AM	Deadline to register in order to vote	Registration desk - Main Convention Area
9:15 - 10:30 AM	3rd General Session Beef Council Report, Credentials, Resolutions, and Policy discussion.	Upper Glacier Room
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break Refreshments and check out the Vendor Trade Show	Lower Glacier Room
8:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Voting	Wine Room

<p>11:00 AM - 11:45 AM</p>	<p><u>Educational Session:</u> Local Food Infrastructure/Systems Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderated by Charlie Michel, Mission West Economic Development - Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dave Prather, Western Montana Growers Cooperative - Lisa Wade-Mayorga, Glacier Processing Cooperative - Jay Stagg, Montana Farm to School - Andy Fjeseth, Montana Department of Agriculture 	<p>Upper Glacier Room</p>
<p>11:50 AM - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Youth Luncheon Awards & Honors MFU Scholarships Honoring Doris Bishop</p>	<p>Main Convention Area</p>
<p>1:15 PM - 2:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Educational Session:</u> Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Resource Panel</p> <p>Moderated by Carah Ronan - MFU, Next Gen Rep on National Farmers Union Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lauren Zimmerman, USDA BFR Outreach Coordinator for FSA, NRCS, RMA, and RD - Tyson Reese, AgWest - Britta Janssen, Farm Connect Montana - Ali Moxley, USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee Member 	<p>Upper Glacier Room</p>
<p>2:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Break Refreshments and check out the Vendor Trade Show</p>	<p>Lower Glacier Room</p>
<p>2:30 PM -</p>	<p>Policy</p>	<p>Upper Glacier Room</p>

5:30 PM		
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Happy Hour No-Host Bar & Social	Main Convention Area
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<u>Members Banquet Dinner</u> MFU President's Address, Walter Schweitzer, Announcement of Election Results - Centennial Farm Family Celebration of the Harbaugh Ranch Co.	Main Convention Area
7:00 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Main Convention Area
7-10 p.m.	<u>End of Convention/ Networking and Community Building (pick up your items from silent auction!)</u>	Main Convention Area