



Save the Date 109th Annual State Convention



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

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Thursday, October 17th		Room
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) 	Transportation leaves Grouse Mountain Lodge at 1 p.m. Lobby/load the bus at 12:45 p.m. (limited space, 50 tickets available!)
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		<u>Room</u>
6:30 - 9:00 AM	Vendor Check-in continues	Continental Divide Room
7:30 AM	MFU Annual Board Meeting	Wine Room
8:00 AM	Registration Opens	Continental Divide Room
8:00 AM	Silent Auction Begins	Continental Divide Room
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	<u>MFU Kids Day Camp</u> *Please register your kids 5-12!!*	Loft Suite
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Vendor Trade Show - please visit our vendors!	Lower Glacier Room
9:00 AM - 10:40 AM	<u>1st General Session</u> Official welcome, MFU Business Updates, MFU Audit, MFU Ambassador Presentation	Continental Divide Room
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Meet your Ambassador Roundtables Refreshments, Networking Table	Continental Divide Room
11:00 AM- 3 p.m.	Montana Farmer Veteran Coalition Stakeholder Annual Meeting	Wine Room (MTFVC members only)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	“Beyond the Weather: Cultivating Healthy Communities Member Luncheon” - Sponsored by Beyond the Weather	Continental Divide Room
1:10 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>2nd General Session</u> Election Introduction & Nominations for Delegates to 2025 National Farmers Union Convention. MFU Board Candidate Intros	Continental Divide Room
2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>Educational Session:</u> 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 -	<u>Educational Session:</u>	Upper Glacier Room

4:20 PM	Montana Farmer Veteran Coalition Panel	
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	Continental Divide Room
6:00 PM	Member Dinner sponsored by Farmers Union Insurance	Continental Divide Room
6:30 PM - 7:30PM	<u>Keynote Address:</u> Zach Ducheneaux	Continental Divide Room
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Evening Entertainment & Dessert with Rob & Halladay Quist! Join us for live music!	Continental Divide Room
8:30 P.M.	Silent Auction closes for the night	Continental Divide Room
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Evening networking and community building	Continental Divide Room

Saturday, October 19th		Room
7:30 AM - 9:10 AM	Breakfast opens	Continental Divide Room
8 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Farmers Union Update from President Rob Larew Update from FUI [Dale Bednarek] Chief Executive Officer / President] 	Continental Divide Room
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	<u>MFU Kid's Day Camp</u> *Please register your kids 5-12!!*	Loft Suite
8:30 AM	<u>Deadline to register in order to vote</u>	Registration desk - Continental Divide Room
9:15 - 10:30 AM	<u>3rd General Session</u> Beef Council Report, Credentials, Resolutions, and Policy discussion.	Upper Glacier Room
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Lower Glacier Room

AM	Refreshments and check out the Vendor Trade Show	
8:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Voting	Wine Room
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<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 	Upper Glacier Room
11:50 AM - 1:00 PM	Youth Luncheon Awards & Honors MFU Scholarships In honor of Doris Bishop	Continental Divide Room
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	<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 	Upper Glacier Room

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Break Refreshments and check out the Vendor Trade Show	Lower Glacier Room
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Policy	Upper Glacier Room
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Happy Hour No-Host Bar & Social	Continental Divide Room
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<u>Members Banquet Dinner</u> MFU President's Address, Walter Schweitzer, Announcement of Election Results - Centennial Farm Family Presentation! A Celebration of more than 100 years for the Harbaugh Ranch Co.	Continental Divide Room
7:00 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Continental Divide Room
7-10 p.m.	<u>End of Convention/ Networking and Community Building (pick up your items from silent auction!)</u>	Continental Divide Room