



Montana Farmers Union 111th Annual Convention
Bozeman MT

****Tentative Agenda – Subject to Change* updated Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026***

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Questions?

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Thursday, October 15th		Room / Notes
12:45 –5:30 p.m.	Pre-convention tours at MSU Wool Lab and BART Farm	<p>MFU provided buses will depart Gran Tree Inn at 1 p.m. Buses will begin loading at 12:45 with a 1 p.m. departure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blue Bus (56 passenger) to Wool Lab load from Lobby</i> • <i>Gold Bus (34 passenger) to Bart Farm load from Door B</i> <p><i>Both groups will tour both locations. Please pre-register for the tours!</i></p>
10 a.m. - Noon	Early Vendor set up. Please contact Grace Murnion about early vendor booth set up (gmurnion@montanafarmersunion.com)	Atrium
5:30-9 p.m.	<p>Farm to Table Dinner and Live Music with Paul Kupfner</p> <p>Remarks from Dr. Sreekala Bajwa, Darrin Boss, Montana State University</p>	<p>Bozeman Event Center Please pre-register for the Farm to Table Dinner!</p>
Friday, October 16 th		Room

6:00 – 9 AM	Breakfast on your own (Hotel restaurant open for on-your-own option)	Club Tavern and Grill
7:00 - 9:00 AM	Vendor Check-in continues	Atrium
7:30-8:30 AM	Staff and Board Meeting	Aspen
7:30 – 9 AM	In-person policy resolution presentations to policy committee (sign up for presentation slot in advance via email to bfolino@montanafarmersunion.com)	Madison
7:30 AM	MFU Annual Board Meeting (MFU Board Only)	Tamarack
8:00 AM	Convention Check-in Opens	Hyalite Foyer
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	MFU Kids Day Camp *Please pre-register your kids 5-12!!*	Room 165
8:00 AM	Opening of Vendor Trade Show - please visit our vendors!	Atrium
9:00 AM – 6 PM	Hospitality Room open for members and speakers	Room 120
8:45 AM - 10:30 AM	1st General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Anthem – Air Force Singing Sergeants - Official Welcome - MFU Business Updates - MFU Audit Report - Videos from elected officials - Wheat and Barley Committee Update 	Hyalite
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	MFU Partner Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob Quinn/Quinn Institute Update - Fire and Soil Grant Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Power High School - The Montana Plan (I-194) - Russell Cleveland 	Hyalite
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Hyalite
12:00 PM	Silent Auction Begins	Hyalite Foyer
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	2nd General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NFU Convention delegate nominations - Board member Candidate Introductions 	Hyalite
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Educational Session (Health & Rural): “Injury Prevention in Agriculture. Prevention and planning to reduce traumatic injuries in agriculture” <i>Presenter: Dr. Randy Smith</i>	Aspen
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Educational Session (Tech & Innovation) “Grand Farm: Solving problems in agriculture through technology and innovation.” <i>Presenter: Amanda Pfaffe (Grand Farm)</i>	Madison

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Break Refreshments and Vendor Trade Show	Atrium
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	1st MFU Policy Session	Madison
5:00-6:00 PM	Panel Session (Next Gen): Young Producers Panel / Project Highlights	Hyalite
5:00-6:00 PM	Education Session (Local Food System): “An Introduction to BuyLocalFoodMT.com: A strategy to increase marketing and sales of local food online” Presenters: <i>Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer (Hopa Mountain) and Jake Profitt and Ethan Furgione (Grey Mirror)</i>	Aspen
5:00 –10:00 PM	No-Host Bar + Get your FU Brew!	Hyalite Foyer
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Social and Member Networking	Hyalite Foyer
6:30 PM	Member Dinner	Hyalite
7 PM - 7:45 PM	Keynote Address: <i>Krystal Two Bulls</i> AI-Nuclear Expansion and Hyperscale Data Centers <i>(Executive Director of Honor the Earth)</i>	Hyalite
8 PM - 10:00 PM	Social and Member Networking	Hyalite
8:30 PM	Silent Auction closes for the night	Hyalite Foyer
Saturday, October 17th		Room
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	MFU Kid’s Day Camp *Please register your kids 5-12!!*	Room 165
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Breakfast (open for all attendees)	Hyalite
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Mark Longie presents the National Anthem Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership Program Update with Lacey Clark Update from Farmers Union Industries / Farmers Union Enterprises	Hyalite
8:30 AM	Voter Registration Deadline	Hyalite Foyer (Registration Desk)
9:00 AM – 6 PM	Hospitality Room open for members and speakers	Room 120
9:30 - 10:30 AM	3rd General Session - Credentials Report - Policy	Madison

10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break Refreshments and check out the Vendor Trade Show	Atrium
8:40 AM – 11:00 AM	Voting for elected positions and delegates	Room 120
11:00 AM – 12 PM	Educational Session (Leadership): “Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members. Leadership and Community Connections” <i>Presenter: Dr. Randy Smith</i>	Aspen
11:00 AM – 12 PM	2nd MFU Policy Session	Madison
12 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Youth Luncheon Awards & Scholarships	Hyalite
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<u>Doris Bishop Youth Education</u> <u>Ice Cream Social</u> sponsored by Ag Processing Solutions <u>Poster Presentation with MSU Students</u> Mix and Mingle!	Atrium
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Educational Session (AI Technology): Using and Understanding AI: Pitfalls, Privacy, and Data Centers <i>Presenter: Chris Mihlar</i>	Aspen
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Educational Session (Mental Health): “Strong Roots, Strong Minds: Building Hope and Resilience in Rural” Communities <i>Presenter: Natalie Kerfoot</i>	Madison
3:30 – 4:00 PM	<u>Vendor show break!</u>	Atrium
4 PM - 5 PM	Final MFU Policy Session	Madison
4 – 5 p.m.	Educational Session (Renewable Energy) Building Businesses with C-PACE <i>Presenter: Carolyn Jones</i>	Hyalite
4:00 PM 6:00 PM	No-Host Bar & Social; Get Your <u>FU</u> Brew!	Hyalite Foyer
6:00 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Hyalite Foyer
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<u>Awards & Recognition</u> - Awards & Honors - Staff Recognition - Retiring board member honors	Hyalite
7:00 PM	<u>Member Banquet</u> - Presentation of the Centennial Family Farms Inductees	Hyalite

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harlow Bison Ranch - Ferrat Ranch -Darlington Ranch -MFU President's Address: Walter Schweitzer - Swearing in of elected officers	
8-10 PM	<u>John Hewitt and the New Americans (Live music!)</u>	Hyalite
8:00-9:00 PM	Pick up your silent auction items!	Hyalite
Sunday, October 18th		<u>Room</u>
6:00 AM-8:30 AM	<u>Breakfast on your own (Hotel restaurant open for on-your-own option)</u>	Club Tavern and Grill
7:30 AM	<u>MFU Board meeting (Board members only)</u>	Tamarack
8:30 AM –11:30 AM	<u>Post-Convention Local Farm Tours</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nate Powell Palm/Cold Springs Organics 9 a.m. 2. Amaltheia Organic Dairy 10:30 	Self-Transportation (Some carpooling will be arranged at the hotel for those registered)