

2024 MT/WY Malt Barley & Sugarbeet Symposium

January 9-10, 2024 · Billings Hotel and Convention Center

Tuesday, January 9th

- 7:30-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-8:35** **Welcome & Moderator – Dave Dougherty, Molson Coors Beverage Company**
- 8:35-8:45 Montana Department of Agriculture Update – Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director & Administrator for Agricultural Development Division Programs, Montana Department of Agriculture
- 8:45-9:05 Supporting Montana’s Barley Growers – Kent Kupfner, Executive Director of Montana Wheat and Barley Committee
- 9:05-9:55 Fusarium Head Blight – Dr. Frankie Crutcher, Research Plant Pathologist, MSU EARC
- 9:55-10:20** **Coffee break in the Trade Show**
- 10:20-11:10 H2A Program – Joel Anderson, Executive Director, Snake River Farmers’ Association
- 11:10-12:00 Molson Coors Brewing & Malting Quality Update – Mont Stuart, Senior Category Manager of Procurement – Malt & Adjuncts
- 12:00-1:30** **Lunch, featuring keynote speaker, Lester Jones, National Beer Wholesalers Association, Outlook for the US Malt Beverage Industry**
- 1:30** **Moderator – Mike Killen, Molson Coors Beverage Company**
- 1:30-2:20 Irrigation and Soil Moisture Monitoring – Kent McVay, Superintendent & Crop Systems Specialist, MSU SARC
- 2:20-3:10 Spot Spraying at Scale: Potential & Pitfalls and Robotic Weed Control – Dr. Rob Proulx, Extension Agriculture Technology Systems Specialist, NDSU
- 3:10-3:35** **Coffee break in the Trade Show**
- 3:35-4:25 Weed Management in Cropping Systems: Resistance Survey Updates and Management Strategies – Amber Pelon, Research Associate under Dr. Todd Gaines, CSU Weed Research Lab
- 4:25-5:15 Advantages of Drone Application – Marcus Shira, PNW Region Lead, Rantizo
- 5:15-5:30 Yield Mapping in Small Grains – Nicole Forsberg, Technology Specialist, C&B Operations
- 5:30-7:00** **Adjourn to trade show & social hour: Hors d’oeuvres served. Beer sponsored by Molson Coors.**

***NOTE:** The Billings Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee will be serving a free breakfast in the banquet room from 7:00-7:55 on Wednesday morning.*

Wednesday, January 10th

- 7:00-7:55 Ag Breakfast and Registration
- 8:00-8:05** **Welcome & Moderator – Alyssa Dorn, Western Sugar Cooperative**
- 8:05-8:55 Managing Sugar Beet Diseases in 2024 – Dr. Uta McKelvy, Assistant Professor, Extension Plant Pathology, MSU
- 8:55-9:25 Update on Weed Research on Resistant Weeds – Dr. Lovreet Shergill, Weed Scientist, MSU SARC
- 9:25-9:45 Coal Combustion Residue in Crop Production – Neal Fehringer, Fehringer Ag Consulting
- 9:45-10:10** **Coffee break in the Trade Show**
- 10:10-11:00 Herbicide-Resistant Weed Management in Sugarbeets – Dr. Nevin Lawrence, University of Nebraska Lincoln Associate Professor & Weed Management Specialist
- 11:00-11:50 The Endangered Species Act Herbicide Strategy: A Farmers Perspective – Dr. Rebecca Larson, Chief Scientist & VP of Government Affairs, Western Sugar Cooperative.
- 11:50-1:15** **Lunch featuring keynote speaker, Zach Clark, American Sugarbeet Growers Association – DC Update on Major Issues Affecting Sugarbeet Growers and the Farm Bill.**
- 1:15** **Moderator – Cody Bierlink, Fehringer Agricultural Consulting**
- 1:15-2:05 Marketing Commodities – Jared Morgan, National Educational Director, StoneX
- 2:05-2:55 Interpretation of Soil Test Results – Paul Stukenholtz, Agronomist/Owner, Stukenholtz Labs
- 2:55-3:15** **Coffee break in the Trade Show**
- 3:15-3:30 REAL Montana Leadership Program - Tara Becken, Program Director, MSU Extension Service
- 3:30-4:00 Hailed Beets? Does Anything Help with Recovery – Neal Fehringer, Fehringer Ag Consulting
- 4:00-4:30 Sugar Beet 2024 Policy Updates – Alexa Talkington, Risk Management Specialist, Billings RMA