

# Wyoming Young Farmers & Ranchers Don't Miss The...

## 2013 Young Farmer & Rancher Conference

**“Your Future...Our Legacy. Celebrating 10 years of YF&R Success”**



Young agricultural producers between the ages of 18-35 from Wyoming will gather for a premiere young farmer and rancher event.

The conference provides an opportunity for young farmers and ranchers (and their children) to network, listen to informational and motivational speakers and enjoy the company of those involved in the same business.

**Jan. 18-19, 2013 in Cheyenne, Wyoming**  
**Pre-conference Jan. 17, 2013**

Agenda and registration enclosed.

Also available at [www.wyfb.org](http://www.wyfb.org).

Open to all young agriculture producers regardless of Farm Bureau membership.

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**WYOMING FARM BUREAU**  
**YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER CONFERENCE**

"Your Future...Our Legacy. Celebrating 10 Years of YF&R Success"

**Registration Form**

**January 18-19, 2013 (Pre-conference Jan. 17)**

**Plains Hotel in Cheyenne**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name and Ages\*: (If attending the conference)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to participate in the pre-conference on Thursday, Jan. 17. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(This includes the meeting with Governor Mead.)

Registration fee is \$70/adult and at cost/child\*\* and may be paid by cash or check and sent to the Wyoming Farm Bureau *prior* to the conference. Late registrations (after Jan. 11) will be accepted and will be \$90/adult.

\*\*Children are welcome and we can offer children's meals at cost. Please contact Kerin Clark if you need children's meals to determine cost or please indicate if child will not require a meal.

Total amount of payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate form of payment: \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ cash

**For room reservations**, please call the Plains Hotel at 307.638.3311 or 866-2PLAINS and mention the "Wyoming Farm Bureau" block. Room rates are \$69 plus tax and are guaranteed through Jan. 11, 2013.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** *This form and payment must be returned no later than January 11, 2013 to Kerin Clark, Wyoming Farm Bureau, PO Box 685, Torrington, WY 82240. For questions call 866.272.2197, 307.532.2002 or [kclark@wyfb.org](mailto:kclark@wyfb.org). Visit [www.wyfb.org](http://www.wyfb.org) for conference agenda.*

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**TENTATIVE AGENDA—Check wyfb.org for updates**



**Pre-Conference: Thursday, Jan. 17**

2 p.m. **Registration open**  
 Meet in lobby to depart for Capitol at 2:30 p.m.  
 3-3:20 p.m. **Meeting with Wyoming Governor Matt Mead**

**Governor’s Formal Office at the Capitol**  
**Following meeting with Governor:**  
**Capitol Tours**  
**Senate Agriculture Committee Meeting**  
*(Upon adjournment of Senate, time to be determined. Earliest time to start estimate is 4:30 p.m. Space is limited. Senator Geis, Senate Ag Committee Chairman, has indicated he will work with us on rotating our group.)*

**Friday, Jan. 18, 2013**

*Breakfast on your own.*

8:15 a.m. **Registration open**

8:40 a.m. **Kick-Off with Greetings from YF&R State Vice Chair Heather Hamilton**

- **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**
- **Wyoming Farm Bureau Video**

8:50 a.m. **“Federal Legislative Update”**  
**--Paul Schlegel, American Farm Bureau Federation, Director of Public Policy**  
*The American Farm Bureau Federation just concluded its 2013 Annual Meeting in Nashville and the Board has set the organization’s policy priorities for the upcoming year. Hear the latest about Federal issues important to farmers and ranchers.*

9:50 a.m. **“Taking your farm or ranch business to the next level--How you might create a structure of profit focused decision making with accountability.”**

**--Dallas Mount, University of Wyoming Extension Educator**

*Is your farm or ranch a business? How effective are your business strategy sessions? In this session, we will discuss together some of the common pitfalls of family farms and ranches when it comes to managing the operation like the business it is. We will work together to identify some action items and strategies that can be implemented to push your business management to the next level and design responsibility and accountability systems to ensure follow through.*

11:20 a.m. **Agriculture Lending Panel**  
**• Dixie Mount, Farm Service Agency • Keith Geis, Platte Valley Bank • Ryan Fieldgrove, First National Bank • Representative from Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments • Garrett Horton, Farm Credit Services of America**  
*This panel will feature a variety of lenders offering their input on what young producers need to do to get their financial house in order. Programs available to young farmers and ranchers will also be discussed. Come ready with your questions to get input from the wealth of knowledge represented on this panel.*

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **“Legislative and Agriculture Issues Facing Wyoming Producers”**  
**—Ken Hamilton, Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Executive Vice President**

2 p.m. **Succession planning** (tentative)

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. ***"Federal Regulations: How They Happen and Why You Should Be Involved"***

**--Paul Schlegel, American Farm Bureau Federation, Director of Public Policy**

*Capitol Hill gets the attention, but regulations are really when the rubber hits the road. Get an introduction to the rulemaking process, key things to know, and how Farm Bureau is working to make regulations reflect farmers' and ranchers' priorities.*

4:30 p.m. ***"Learning Your Camera"***

**-- Heather Hamilton, WyFB YF&R Committee Vice Chair**

*Bring your fully charged camera to learn how it works in this laid back, hands on workshop. Heather will show the basics of running a camera in a variety of situations, and help you learn the settings on your camera that are necessary for clear images of kids, livestock, farm and ranch projects and anything else of which you may want to snap a photo.*

6 p.m. **Dinner**

- *Celebrating 10 years of YF&R in Wyoming Farm Bureau*
- *Recognize past YF&R Committee Members*
- *Game Night*

## **Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013**

*Breakfast on your own*

8:15 a.m. ***"Individual Risk Profile"***

**-- Keith Kennedy, Custom Ag Solutions**

*Using audience response technology, attending producers will participate in the presentations and provide information about themselves and their operation. The information will be used to generate a customized risk profile that will be delivered to each producer via email following the event. The producer risk profiles will help producers understand their own exposure to and tolerance for risk at an operational level, and ways that they can manage the various risks in their operations. At a*

*minimum, the profiles will show participants which risks they most often bear, which risks pose the greatest threat to their operations, and which risk management tools and strategies best fit their management style. Producers will also learn how their perceptions of risk compare to actual risk and how to use this information to better understand and analyze risks going forward in their operations.*

9 a.m. ***"Mock Discussion Meet"***

**--YF&R Committee and interested participants**

*The YF&R Discussion Meet is designed to simulate a committee meeting where discussion and active participation are expected from each committee member. The competition simulates Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development process. See how you can participate in the future. At the state level, the winner receives \$500 cash and a trip to the national competition where the grand prize is a truck courtesy of GM.*

9:30 a.m. TBA

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11:30 a.m. **Lunch**

***"Dimensions of Farm Bureau"***

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**Dress code:** Thursday afternoon business or business casual for the Legislature. Remainder: Business Casual is acceptable; nice jeans also acceptable.

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