

141st Annual Montana Wool Growers Convention

December 6-7, 2024

Billings Hotel and Convention Center-Billings, Montana

Agenda Subject to Changes

Thurs-Dec 5	1pm	MWGA Board Meeting
	6-8pm	MWGA President's Reception hosted by Sam Ortmann
Friday-Dec 6	8:00am	Resolutions Session Begins
	8:00am	Registration Opens, Trade Show Opens
	9:00-10:00	LIVE on Voices of Montana
	10:00-10:30	Coffee Break-Sponsored By Montana Agriculture Safety Program
	10:30-11:00	American Lamb Board Update- <i>Dave McEwen, ALB Director</i>
	11:00-12:00	MSU Extension-Big Horn/Domestic Sheep and Chlamydia research updates- <i>Brent Roeder, MSU Extension Sheep and Wool Specialist</i>
	12:00-1:30	Lunch and Keynote- Lt. Governor Kristen Juras
	1:30-2:00	DNRC Water Division- <i>Anna Pakenham Stevenson</i>
	2:00-3:00	Zoonotic Diseases - <i>Dr. Rebecca Woodford, DVM</i>
	3:00-3:30	Coffee Break-Sponsored by Stockman Bank
	3:30-4:00	Property Tax Task Force Update- <i>Senator Tom McGillvray</i>
	4:00-4:30	National Wildlife Services Post-Election Program update- <i>Janet Bucknall, USDA APHIS WS Deputy Administrator and Dave McEwen, National WS Advisory Committee</i>
	4:30-4:50	Wildlife Services - Montana Update- <i>Dallin Tidwell, Montana WS</i>
	4:50-5:10	Board of Livestock Update- <i>Greg Wichman, BOL Member</i>
	6:00-9:00	Speed Shear Competition, Calcutta, Live Auction Fundraiser and Watering Hole
Sat-Dec 7	7:30	Resolution Session Continues, <i>If Necessary</i>
	8:00-8:30	ASI Update- <i>Ben Lehfeldt-ASI Vice President</i>
	8:30-9:15	US Sheep Experiment Station Research Update and Q&A- <i>Hailey Wilmer and Bret Taylor</i>
	9:15-9:50	Budgeting Your Sheep Operation and Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage(PRF) Insurance- <i>Merrill McKamey</i>
	9:50-10:15	Wool Market Update- <i>Larry Prager, Center of the Nation Wool</i>
	10:15-10:45	Coffee Break- Western Ag Network
	10:45 -11:00	MWGA Public Affairs Update- <i>Calli Michaels, MWGA Public Affairs Director</i>
	11:00-11:45	Lambing Dystocia Presentation- <i>Cody Chambliss, Co-Chair ASI Emerging Entrepreneurs</i>
	12:00-1:30	Lunch and Keynote- Christy Clark, Montana Department of Ag Director
	1:30-4:30	Learn to Felt! Wool Project Time (Additional \$30 plus material fee for class on-site)
	1:30-3:00	How Grass Grows and Responds to Grazing- <i>Rick Caquelin, Montana GLCI Chairperson</i>
	3:00-3:30	Coffee Break Ice Cream Social-Northern Ag Network
	3:30-5:00	MWGA Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers
	6:00	Banquet Bar and Silent Auction Open
	7:00	Silent Auction Closes
	7:00	Annual Wool Grower Banquet
	8:30	Make It with Wool Fashion Show
Sun-Dec 8	7:00	Past President's Breakfast