

# Montana Cattlemen's Association

## Press Release

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### YOUNG CATTLEMEN'S DAY TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 14

**Billings, MT-** The Montana Cattlemen's Association and the Young Cattlemen's Committee would like to invite all students and producers ages 18 to 30, interested in the cattle industry to Bozeman, MT, on Friday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. for a free, half day seminar. We have scheduled a panel of speakers who will be discussing and exploring issues that the future generations of cattlemen will be facing.

"I think that this is an excellent opportunity for folks interested returning to the family operation to get together and discuss the issues facing young producers," said Whitney Wankel, MCA Young Cattlemen's Committee Chairperson. "I would encourage anyone interested in the cattle business to come network with other young producers."

We have scheduled these speakers to discuss the following topics:

- **Christian Mackay**, Montana's Board of Livestock's Executive Officer, will discuss the current issues facing Montana's Board of Livestock.
- **MCA District 3 Director, Wally Congdon** will be discussing Montana's All Natural Beef Program and the opportunities young producers have with this program.
- **MCA District 11 Director, Lars Hanson** will discuss the role of the how he and his wife Mary are building a Registered Angus herd while working off farm.
- **Ryan Clark** of the Montana Beef Network will be joining the panel and will include discussion on Montana's Beef Quality Assurance program and how producers can integrate BQA into their herd.

- **MCA District 12 Director, Todd Smith** will discuss how young producers can enter into production agriculture through low interest loans, specially tailored to help young, producers get started.

Following the seminar, there will be a brief business meeting with a barbeque and social afterwards. The Open Spear Ranch, Melville, MT, has donated beef for the barbeque. Stay Friday night and enjoy a MSU football game on Saturday afternoon as the Bobcats take on Dixie State.

The seminar will be held at the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house, next to MSU-Bozeman's campus. If you would like to attend Young Cattlemen's Day, please call the Montana Cattlemen's Association office at (406)-259-5433 or Whitney Wankel, Young Cattlemen's Committee Chairperson at (406)-951-0538, or visit the website at [www.montanacattlemen.org](http://www.montanacattlemen.org).

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