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Golden Triangle Cropping Seminar in Great Falls

Friday, January 9, 2026

Great Falls College MSU, 2100 16th Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59404, Room 1500

Agenda (Subject to Change)

9:30-10:00 a.m.	Welcome, sign-in, and coffee
10:00-11:00 a.m. Dr. Sam Wyffles, MSU Beef Extension Specialist	Advancing forage management with cover crops and virtual fence technology Wyffles will talk about combining key concepts from cover crops, annual forages (wheat and barley), and the emerging role of virtual fencing technology. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the forage and nutritional potential found in cover crops and crop aftermath, and how virtual fence systems can enhance management, efficiency, and sustainability in these integrated production systems. Perfect for producers, land managers, and anyone interested in advancing modern forage and grazing practices.
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Dr. Hayes Goosey, MSU Extension Forage Specialist	Raising annual forages in cropland Forages might be an alternate option to consider with current high price costs and low crop prices in 2026. Goosey will cover raising annual forages in croplands and focusing on the potential grain forage options for producers. He will provide haying recommendations when pivoting from cereal grains to hay, nitrates, stage of maturity to cut, and potential returns.
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30-1:30 p.m. Dr. Kelsey Larson or Dr. Andrew Swanson, MSU Economics Specialists	Marketing and risk in a price crunch Montana farmers today face both high costs of inputs and low costs of outputs. The presentation will cover trends in Montana input and crop prices and offer some insights on the factors influencing these markets in 2026. Further discussion will include new options for managing both sources of price risk.
1:30-2:30 p.m. Dr. Simon Fordyce, Central Agriculture Research Center Research Scientist	Crop variety data Fordyce will share the latest updates on crop variety suited for Montana's diverse growing conditions. This session will highlight new research findings, performance insights, and emerging options that can help producers optimize yields and resilience. Attendees will gain practical guidance on selecting varieties that align with regional challenges and opportunities statewide.

Seminar and lunch are FREE! RSVP by January 6, 2026, to Rose Malisani at (406) 454-6980 or rose.malisani@montana.edu. There will be 2 credits available for Dealer (0) category, 2 credits for Demonstration and Research Pest Control (10) category, and 2 credits for Private Agricultural Pest Control (40) category.