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Barley producer workshop planned in Billings, MT

A barley workshop titled *Barley Production and Management for Profit* will be held in Billings, MT on January 13, 2010. The workshop, which is planned and sponsored by the Montana State University (MSU) Extension Service and the Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences (IBMS), will be held at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center.

Speakers and topics include *Fusarium Head Blight (FHB) Information* from Dr. Mary Burrows, Extension Plant Pathologist MSU, Bozeman; *Web Based Crop Decision Selection* from Dr. Kent McVay, Extension Cropping Systems Specialist MSU-Southern Agriculture Research Center (SARC), Huntley; *Irrigated Barley Varieties* from Dr. Ken Kephart, MSU-SARC, Huntley; *Barley Storage Issues* from Dr. Kenneth Hellevang, Extension Engineer, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND; *Barley Insurance for 2010* from Doug Hagel, Director of Regional Risk Management Association Office, Billings; a grower and industry panel discussion of needs and concerns in barley production; and updates from the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee (MWBC); the National Barley Growers Association; the USDA-CSREES Barley Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP) and the IBMS.

Registration begins at 9 am with the program beginning at 9:30 am. A luncheon will be served. Pre-registration is requested by contacting either Steve Lackman at the Yellowstone County Extension Office (stevelackman@montana.edu or 406-256-2828) or Karen Hertsgaard at the IBMS (Karen.hertsgaard@ndsu.edu or 701-231-5384) by December 30, 2009.

Other sponsors include the American Malting Barley Association, Anheuser-BuschInBev, MillerCoors Brewing Company, the MWBC, NDSU Extension, the USDA-CSREES Barley CAP and Barley for Rural Development.