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2011 Montana/Wyoming Sugar Beet and Barley Symposium will be held

The 2011 Montana/Wyoming Sugar Beet and Barley Symposium will take place at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center in Billings, Montana Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 12 and 13, 2011.

Malting barley production will be the focus of the Symposium on Jan. 12. Topics covered will include weed, disease and insect management; dry beans and wheat in rotation with sugarbeets and barley; commodity price outlook; government programs; crop insurance; irrigation; how to optimize fertilizer investments; planting and harvesting equipment updates; strip tillage; and the malting and brewing industry. Speakers include faculty from Montana State University, the University of Wyoming, the University of Nebraska, North Dakota State University, and representatives from the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee, Montana Grain Growers Association, the Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences, USDA/ARS- Sidney, Mont. and Fargo, ND, USDA/Risk Management Agency and private industry. John Pulaski, Northern Ag network's weather expert will present a 2011 weather outlook.

Presentations on Jan. 13 will focus on sugarbeet production including fertility, irrigation, crop insurance, strip tillage, plus insect, weed and disease management. Luther Markwart, executive vice president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association will present a Washington update, update on use of Round Up Ready sugarbeets and other issues affecting the future of the sugarbeet industry. Karen Fugate, USDA/ARS-Fargo, N.D., will discuss the role of field diseases in storage of sugarbeets.

During both days there will be a trade show featuring exhibits by many agricultural input suppliers.

The Wednesday program will include a sponsored soup and sandwich lunch at noon and on Thursday the Billings Chamber of Commerce will provide breakfast starting at 6:30 a.m. for attendees.

The full agenda, registration information, and fees can be found at <http://ipm.montana.edu>. Preregistration is \$20.00/day and registration at the door is \$25.00/day. The 2011 Sugarbeet and Barley Symposium was developed by representatives from Sidney Sugars, Western Sugar, Wyoming Sugar, Montana State University and private industry.

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