
BEEFMT NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021



Greetings from the BeefMT team!
Included in this quarter's newsletter you will find:

- Progress update
- Statewide event calendar

BeefMT Update

BeefMT is looking for a long-term home for the program and Montana State University is looking like the perfect location. The Dan Scott Ranch Management Program (DSRMP), a relatively new program within the Department of Animal and Range Sciences at MSU, is charged with training the next generation of professional ranch managers through the Ranching Systems degree as well as developing an outreach program that serves MT's ranching community. This program is uniquely situated to bring together the different disciplines of ranching into a focused educational program for the entire state, and to leverage the resources and stability of MSU to ensure program longevity.

Rachel Frost, the DSRMP program lead has been working with MSU faculty and staff to create a full team to handle finances, class logistics, grant writing and reporting, and course content development. This team is still growing, but already includes Administrative and Accounting support, many of the MSU Extension Specialists in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences (RanchCats), along with teaching and research faculty. Conversations are ongoing with faculty in the Department of Agriculture Economics and Economics and from the Jake Jabs College of Business. Along with knowledge in their area of expertise, each of these team members brings a professional network of national scope to ensure that dynamic and informative speakers are recruited for each class. This team will meet regularly to develop the curriculum for the program based on needs within the state and the beef industry as a whole.

The goal is to apply for external funding for the BeefMT program in early 2022. If funds are secured, the next step is hiring a program coordinator and advertising for the initial class with the first class of BeefMT starting in the fall of 2023. There is still much work to be done, but initial conversations and planning indicate great potential for the program to find that permanent home at MSU.

If you have any questions about the program direction, or the possibility of MSU managing the program in the future, please contact Rachel Frost, 406-994-3724 or frost@montana.edu



If you have any questions, comments, thoughts, or suggestions about the BeefMT Program, we would love to hear them! Please feel free to contact me or any of the team at anytime!

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Are you interested in supporting the BeefMT Program?

Request our new BeefMT Sponsorship Packet today to see ways
you can be involved in the program!

Request your packet by contacting Tienna Canen, BeefMT Project Manager at
beefmt@gmail.com or (406) 941-2738



Statewide Happenings

406 Rangeland & Livestock Forum
 May 25th & 26th
 Big Horn Resort & Convention Center
 Billings, MT

Rangelands- so much more than grass



Tuesday May 25th

9:00 **Welcome -Congressional Delegation**

Cattlefax
Poisonous Plants & Grazing- Dr. Jeff Mosley
Ventanata & Annual Invasive- Jane Mangold MSU
Good Grazing Makes Cents- SRM EVP, Jess Petersen

12 **Lunch**

Endangered Species Act- Jodi Bush - USFWS
Calf Mortality- Laurie Gaugler, DVM Stanford
Break
What potential impacts the "30 By 30" Executive may mean to the ranching community - Karen Budd-Falen, Budd-Falen Law Offices
30 By 30 Panel Discussion

5:00 No host cash bar at Big Horn Resort
 6:30 Dinner

Wednesday May 26th

7:00 Breakfast
 8:00 **Brucellosis in Montana** Dr. Marty Zaluski
Feral Swine- MT Dept of Livestock
Virtual Fencing - Project Leo Barthelmeis
Elk Management Plan - Lindsay Parsons, MFWP
ARS Fort Keogh - Jay Angerer
Agency Updates- USFS, NRCS, and BLM

Lunch Working Lands Internship Program
 Dan Scott Ranch Management Program

1:00 **Montana Carbon Credit Program for Grasslands**- Chris Melius - Western Sustainability Exchange
The Truth About Cattle and Methane Emissions- Dr. Frank Mitloehner-virtual
 3:00 Wrap up

JUNE 28/29, JULY 10, 12 & 14
NICOLE MASTERS
 2021 North-Central Montana Soil Health Tour

2021 Montana Drought Series
 Presented by MSU Ranching Systems Team
"RANCH CATS"

Featuring

- Cattle Management During Drought,** by Dr. Megan Van Emon, Beef Cattle Specialist
- Range Conditions and Grazing During Drought,** by Dr. Jeff Mosley, Range Management Specialist
- Forage Management Options During Drought and Nitrates,** by Dr. Hayes Goosey, Forage Specialist
- Reproduction Strategies During Drought,** by Dr. Carla Sanford, Beef Cattle Specialist

April 26 1-5pm- Sidney, Extension Office
 Listen to the recording!
<https://montana.webex.com/webapp/sites/montana/meeting/download/e51bae955e124d76a4c76856ad8074P?siteurl=montana&MTID=mid4127084d36ce927efcc1c12694af115>
 Meeting number (access code): 120 211 1053 Meeting Password: Drought2021
 Join By Phone: +1-855-797-9485 US Toll Free, +1-415-655-0002
May 6 12-4pm - Dillon, TBD



BUSINESS INTENSIVE FOR YOUNG RANCHERS

A RANCH MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-25

JUNE 14-17, 2021

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH, DECKER, MT

THIS 4-DAY, HANDS ON INTENSIVE TRAINING IS FOR YOUNG ADULTS WANTING TO DEVELOP BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SKILLS IN AGRICULTURE.

\$750 PER PARTICIPANT

INCLUDES MEALS AND PRIMITIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

This course will introduce participants to Ranching for Profit concepts but it is not a Ranching for Profit School.

EXTENSION RANGE MANAGEMENT & DAN SCOTT RANCH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
 MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
 The Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
 RANGE MONTANA

Presents the First Annual
406 Grazing Academy
 June 28-30th Ennis, MT

Take your grazing management to the next level
 Registration = \$100 per person
 Limited to 20 grazing enterprises

Topics:
 Grazing principles & strategies
 Create a custom grazing plan for your operation
 Site visits and follow-up with experts
 Learn from successful MT ranchers

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/406-grazing-academy-tickets-148374314569?aff=ebdsbeac>



If you would like more information on BeefMT, would like to become a Project Partner, have any questions, or would like to be involved in some way, please contact us anytime!

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