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# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — FARM & RANCH DAYS 2025

	Program 1 Boardroom	Program 2 Classroom	Program 3 North Room	Program 4 Heritage Hall
9 - 9:45 a.m.	<p><b>Ag Rents and Leases</b></p> <p>John Hewlett <i>UW Extension Farm/Ranch Specialist</i></p>	<p><b>Palmer Amaranth in Wyoming</b></p> <p>Jeremiah Vardiman <i>Pesticide Safety Education Program Assistant Coordinator, UW Extension</i></p>	<p><b>Alfalfa Variety Selection</b></p> <p>Dan Vanderploeg <i>UW Extension Educator ANR, Washakie County</i></p>	
10 - 10:45 a.m.	<p><b>Weed and Pest - Special Management Updates</b></p> <p>Aaron Foster <i>Supervisor, Fremont County Weed and Pest</i></p> <p>Bob Shellard <i>Assistant Supervisor - Lander, Fremont County Weed and Pest</i></p>	<p><b>Ag-Issues Today: Prepared Speakers</b></p> <p>Riverton FFA Students</p>	<p><b>Predator Management in Fremont County and Understanding the Effects of Avian Influenza</b></p> <p>Tracy Frye and Mac Crome <i>Fremont County Trappers</i></p> <p>Mike Pipas <i>Wildlife Disease Biologist, U.S. Wildlife Services</i></p>	<p><b>Changing Our Emotional and Mental Trajectory PART 1</b></p> <p>Darla Griffin and Kelly Rees <i>Fremont County Ranchers</i></p>
11 - 11:45 a.m.	<p><b>Modern Ranch Horse Care Considerations</b></p> <p>Makayla Getz <i>UW Extension Educator ANR, Park County</i></p>	<p><b>Cattle Backgrounding</b></p> <p>McKenna Julian <i>UW ANR Extension Educator, Uinta County</i></p> <p>Dagan Montgomery <i>UW Extension Educator ANR, Sublette County</i></p>	<p><b>Estrous Cycle and Rebreding Success</b></p> <p>Micah Most <i>UW Extension Educator ANR, Johnson County</i></p>	<p><b>Changing Our Emotional and Mental Trajectory PART 2</b></p> <p>Darla Griffin and Kelly Rees <i>Fremont County Ranchers</i></p>
12 - 12:45 p.m.	<p><b>Marketing Agricultural Businesses in a Digital World</b></p> <p>Brenna Litynski <i>UW ANR Educator, Albany County</i></p>	<p><b>Calving With and Without Dr. Caitlin</b></p> <p>Dr. Caitlin Blackburn <i>DVM, Stock Doc Vet Clinic</i></p>	<p><b>Understanding Federal Land Grazing Permitting and Relationships</b></p> <p>Justin Williams <i>Senior Policy Analyst, Wyoming Department of Agriculture</i></p>	
1 p.m.	<p><b>Free Lunch</b> provided by Fremont County Cattlewomen (Thank you sponsors!)</p>			
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	<p><b>Legislative Update</b></p> <p>Lunch Speaker: <b>James Nygren</b>, <i>Director of Legislative Affairs, Farm Credit Services of America</i></p>			

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — FARM & RANCH DAYS 2025

	Program 1 Boardroom	Program 2 Classroom	Program 3 North Room	Program 4 Heritage Hall
9 - 9:45 a.m.	<p><b>Private Pesticide Class</b></p> <p>Chance Marshall <i>UW Extension Educator Fremont County</i></p> <p>Robert Finley <i>Fremont County Weed &amp; Pest</i></p> <p><b>Must attend all sessions</b></p>	<p><b>Managing Risk through Flexibility</b></p> <p>Jedidiah Hewlett <i>UW Extension Educator ANR, Converse County</i></p>	<p><b>Recipes for Invasive weeds found in Fremont County</b></p> <p>Olivia Maxwell <i>EDRR Program Manager, Fremont County Weed and Pest</i></p>	
10 - 10:45 a.m.		<p><b>Ag Lending and Insurance Panel</b></p> <p>Jess Shuler <i>Insurance Office, Farm Credit Services of America</i></p> <p>Robbie Alexander <i>YBS Relationship Officer, Farm Credit Services of America</i></p> <p>Mark Evans <i>Financial Officer, Farm Credit Services of America</i></p>	<p><b>Reseeding Pastures and Wildfire Recovery</b></p> <p>Barton Stam <i>UW ANR Extension Educator, Hot Springs County</i></p>	
11 - 11:45 a.m.		<p><b>Unlocking Opportunities in the Local Meat Economy: Strategies for Small Beef Producers</b></p> <p>Anna Smedts <i>Slow Food Wind River Steve Doyle, Fremont Local Foods</i></p> <p>Morgan Doyle <i>Red Roof Meats</i></p> <p>Melissa Hemken <i>USDA NW Mountain Regional Food Business Center</i></p>	<p><b>Utilizing New &amp; Emerging Technology in Sheep Production</b></p> <p>Dr. Alison Crane <i>Executive Director, Wyoming Wool Growers Association</i></p>	
12 - 12:45 p.m.		<p><b>Conflict Management for Ranchers</b></p> <p>Lucy Pauley <i>Mediation Coordinator, Wyoming Department of Agriculture</i></p>	<p><b>What is Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) - Impacts for WY</b></p> <p>Dr. Hallie Hasel <i>Wyoming State Veterinarian</i></p> <p>Dr. Teckla Webb <i>Asst. Wyoming State Veterinarian</i></p>	
1 p.m.		<p><b>Free Lunch</b> provided by Fremont County Cattlewomen (Thank you sponsors!)</p>		
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	<p><b>Cattle and Sheep Market Outlook: Key Drivers and Projections</b></p> <p>Lunch Speaker: <b>Rob Ziegler</b>, <i>UW Extension Marketing Specialist</i></p>			

# WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

9:00-9:45 A.M.

## AG RENTS AND LEASES

John Hewlett, *UW Extension Farm/Ranch Specialist*

The presentation "Ag Rents and Leases" explores key aspects of agricultural leasing, including lease types, essential elements of a valid agreement, and methods for establishing fair rates. It also addresses associated risks, available tools, and strategies for effective negotiation and management. Participants will gain practical insights to develop equitable and efficient leasing arrangements.

## PALMER AMARANTH IN WYOMING

Jeremiah Vardiman, *Pesticide Safety Education Program Assistant Coordinator, UW Extension*

Palmer Amaranth is an aggressive invasive weed that is a new threat to Wyoming's agriculture. Generally known to exist in the southern U.S., it has worked its way closer and closer to Wyoming. Jeremiah will discuss efforts to avoid impact from this weed and how to identify it.

## ALFALFA VARIETY SELECTION

Dan Vanderploeg, *UW Extension Educator ANR, Washakie County*

Selecting an alfalfa variety to plant that will do well in Fremont County is important. Dan will discuss the different options that exist and how to narrow down your decision.

## PREDATOR MANAGEMENT IN FREMONT COUNTY AND UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECTS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA

Tracy Frye and Mac Crome, *Fremont County Trappers*

Mike Pipas, *Wildlife Disease Biologist, U.S. Wildlife Services*

Fremont County producers deal with all kinds of predators! Come and hear what our county trappers have been up to and the projects that they are working on to protect our herds and flocks in Fremont County. There's guaranteed to be some exciting stories in this session! Also, Mike will discuss Avian Influenza and how it is affecting the ag industry and our every day lives.

## CHANGING OUR EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL TRAJECTORY - PART 1

Darla Griffin and Kelly Rees, *Fremont County Ranchers*

This interactive training geared towards ag communities teaches participants how to reach out in a meaningful, respectful, and supportive way to friends, co-workers or acquaintances who seem to be struggling somewhere between wellness and a mental health crisis. This is part one of two.

10:00-10:45 A.M.

## WEED AND PEST - SPECIAL MANAGEMENT UPDATES

Aaron Foster, *Supervisor, Fremont County Weed and Pest*

Bob Shellard, *Assistant Supervisor - Lander, Fremont County Weed and Pest*

Aaron and Bob will provide updates to Weed and Pest programs that exist in Fremont County. They will also cover potential changes to programs in the future.

## AG-ISSUES TODAY: PREPARED SPEAKERS

Riverton FFA Students

Riverton FFA students present their prepared presentations on various ag issues.

11:00-11:45 A.M.

## MODERN RANCH HORSE CARE CONSIDERATIONS

Makayla Getz, *UW Extension Educator ANR, Park County*

With approximately ~83,900 domestic horses in Wyoming it's important to discuss horse care, general maintenance as well as updated practices. Makayla will discuss the history of horses being reintroduced to the U.S. as well as the previously listed topics.

## CATTLE BACKGROUNDING

McKenna Julian, *UW ANR Extension Educator, Uinta County*

Dagan Montgomery, *UW Extension Educator ANR, Sublette County*

Backgrounding beef cattle offers producers a chance to increase the value of their calves while making use of local feed resources. Dagan and McKenna will cover key aspects of managing beef cattle during the backgrounding phase, including nutrition, facilities, health management, and marketing strategies.

## **UNDERSTANDING THE CATTLE ESTROUS CYCLE AND REBREEDING SUCCESS**

**Micah Most**, *UW Extension Educator ANR, Johnson County*

Rebreeding cattle during the first estrous cycle post-calving keeps the management plan on track. But how do the primary reproductive hormones actually influence the pattern of estrus? And how does the cow's energy balance factor in? Attend this talk to find out.

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## **MARKETING AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES IN A DIGITAL WORLD**

**Brenna Litynski**, *UW ANR Educator, Albany County*

Effective marketing is essential for the success of any agricultural business. In today's digital age, a strong online presence via websites and social media creates a perfect opportunity for agricultural business to tell their story - building trust, loyalty, and a sense of community. This presentation will explore how agricultural producers can leverage digital marketing and website design tools to not just sell products and grow their businesses but cultivate lasting relationships and a loyal customer base.

## **CALVING WITH AND WITHOUT DR. CAITLIN**

**Dr. Caitlin Blackburn**, *DVM, Stock Doc Vet Clinic*

Calving season is just around the corner or already here for a lot of folks in Fremont County! Dr. Caitlin will go through what to expect during calving season and knowing when its time to call a vet for help.

## **UNDERSTANDING FEDERAL LAND GRAZING PERMITTING AND RELATIONSHIPS**

**Justin Williams**, *Senior Policy Analyst, Wyoming Department of Agriculture*

Participants will learn the basics of NEPA for renewing grazing permits and implementing range improvement projects, understand permittees' role in livestock grazing permit renewal process including the protest, objection, and appeal process, and how to establish solid working relationships with authorized officers and range staff.

**1:00-1:30 P.M. - LUNCH IS SERVED**

**1:30-2:45 P.M. - LUNCH SPEAKER**

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**James Nygren**, *Legislative Affairs, Farm Credit Services of America*

Mr. Nygren will provide an update and insight on upcoming legislation that could have impacts on the agriculture industry.



James Nygren is the Legislative Affairs Director for Farm Credit Services of America, based in Omaha. Prior to his position with FCSAmerica, he worked for state and federal elected officials covering Agriculture, Energy, Environment, Immigration, and Trade issues. He received his B.S. and J.D. From the University of Nebraska and his M.P.S. At George Washington University.

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Robert Finley, *Fremont County Weed & Pest*

This class is required to certify individuals who need to obtain or renew their Private Pesticide Applicator License.

**Note: you must attend the entire class to receive certification.**

## MANAGING RISK THROUGH FLEXIBILITY

Jedidiah Hewlett, *UW Extension Educator ANR, Converse County*

How do you value flexibility? Did you know that flexibility has a cost? We will explore using flexibility as a tool to manage risk on your operation.

## RECIPES FOR INVASIVE WEEDS FOUND IN FREMONT COUNTY

Olivia Maxwell, *EDRR Program Manager, Fremont County Weed and Pest*

Fremont County has a long list of weeds to deal with. Luckily, we have plenty of tools at our disposal to keep them in check. Olivia will discuss the best ways to take care of invasive weeds on your property.

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## AG LENDING AND INSURANCE PANEL

Julie Volker, *Financial Officer, Farm Credit Services of America*

Robbie Alexander, *YBS Relationship Officer, Farm Credit Services of America*

Mark Evans, *Financial Officer, Farm Credit Services of America*

Farm Credit Services of America has a lot to offer Wyoming ag producers. Today, we have an entire panel of

knowledgeable officers here to answer any questions that you might have about ag lending and insurance!

## RESEEDING PASTURES AND WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Barton Stam, *UW ANR Extension Educator, Hot Springs County*

Reseeding portions of your property from time to time is needed to maintain productive pastureland. Barton will discuss how to reseed, timing of seeding, and what seed to use in Fremont County. He will also discuss best practices for pastures recovering from 2024 fires.

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## UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LOCAL MEAT ECONOMY: STRATEGIES FOR SMALL BEEF PRODUCERS

Anna Smedts, *Slow Food Wind River*

Steve Doyle, *Fremont Local Foods*

Morgan Doyle, *Red Roof Meats*

Melissa Hemken, *USDA NW Mountain Regional Food Business Center*

Join these speakers for an in-depth presentation on the growing local meat economy. This session will cover essential topics for small beef producers, including how to market your meat locally, navigate regulations, access funding opportunities, and foster partnerships that benefit your business. Learn about innovative butchering education programs, ways to connect with local consumers, and the benefits of selling your meat locally. There will be a Q&A session to answer your specific questions and help you build a sustainable, community-driven business that helps keep Wyoming meat in Wyoming.



## UTILIZING NEW & EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IN SHEEP PRODUCTION

Dr. Alison Crane, Executive Director, Wyoming Wool Growers Association

Join Alison Crane, Ph.D. for a discussion on identifying technologies that can aid in streamlining management of your sheep operation whether farm flock, registered, or range operators. Then discuss how to go about utilizing those technologies, costs associated with them and how other operators have reviewed these methods.

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### CONFLICT MANAGEMENT FOR RANCHERS

Lucy Pauley, Mediation Coordinator, Wyoming Department of Agriculture

What happens if you're faced with a heated dispute? How will you handle it? Lucy will discuss strategies to navigate the situation effectively.

### WHAT IS ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY (ADT) - IMPACTS FOR WY

Dr. Hallie Hasel, Wyoming State Veterinarian

Dr. Teckla Webb, Asst. Wyoming State Veterinarian

Animal disease traceability (ADT) is knowing where diseased animals are, where they have been, and when they were there. This information ensures a rapid response when animal disease events occur and reduces the number of animals involved. During this presentation we will explain the updated ADT Rule (effective November 5, 2024) and discuss the importance of ADT in Wyoming.

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## 1:30-2:45 P.M. - LUNCH SPEAKER

### CATTLE AND SHEEP MARKET OUTLOOK: KEY DRIVERS AND PROJECTIONS

Rob Ziegler, UW Extension Marketing Specialist

This presentation will provide an in-depth analysis of current and projected market conditions for sheep and cattle. Attendees will gain insights into key factors influencing prices, supply and demand trends, and potential risks in the livestock sector. Practical market risk mitigation strategies will also be discussed.



Rob received his bachelor's degree in animal science with a minor in Farm & Ranch Management from the University of Wyoming. He then completed his master's degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, focusing on the economics related to cow size. Prior to his current role at the University of Wyoming, he worked for TELUS Agriculture near Calgary, Alberta, supporting their feedlot consulting business. His current extension role focuses on livestock markets and market risk mitigation strategies.

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February 6 from 5-7pm (Today after Farm & Ranch Days!)

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