

42ND ANNUAL FREMONT COUNTY

FARM & RANCH DAYS 2026



— FEBRUARY 11 & 12 —

FREMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – FARM & RANCH DAYS 2026

	Program 1 Boardroom	Program 2 Classroom	Program 3 North Room
9 - 9:45 a.m.	<p>Ranch and Livestock Record Keeping: Tools for Improved Ranch Management and Profitability</p> <p>Brenna Litynski UW ANR Educator, Albany County</p>	<p>Winter Feeding- Balancing Economics and Animal Performance</p> <p>Jedidiah Hewlett UW Extension Educator ANR, Converse County</p>	<p>Control of Russian Olive trees - It's about the suckers</p> <p>Dan Vanderploeg UW Extension Educator ANR, Washakie County</p>
10 - 10:45 a.m.	<p>Multi species grazing strategies</p> <p>McKenna Julian UW Extension Educator ANR, Lincoln County</p>	<p>Ag-Issues Today: Prepared Speakers</p> <p>Riverton FFA Students</p>	<p>Changes on the Range-Wyld Watch Program</p> <p>Olivia Maxwell Program Manager, Fremont County Weed and Pest</p>
11 - 11:45 a.m.	<p>Smart Money: A Rancher's Guide to Reinvesting Profits in Good Times</p> <p>John Hewlett UW Extension Farm/Ranch</p>	<p>Wolf and Grizzly Bear Predation on Livestock in Fremont County</p> <p>Tracy Frye and Mac Crome Fremont County Trappers</p> <p>Brian Debolt Carnivore Conflict Manager, Wyoming Game and Fish</p>	<p>Ranching in the Wind River Basin: Rancher Perspectives on Change and Adaptation</p> <p>Callie Surber UW ANR Extension Educator</p>
12 - 12:45 p.m.	<p>Alfalfa Research Updates - Weeds and Insects</p> <p>Dr. Clint Beiermann Professor, UW Department of Plant Sciences</p> <p>Dr. Randa Jabbour Professor, UW Department of Plant Sciences</p>	<p>Keeping Wyoming, Wyoming: A practical guide to ag-friendly conservation easements</p> <p>Christine Adams Executive Director, Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust</p> <p>Averi Reynolds Conservation and Stewardship Director, Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust</p>	<p>Understanding Pulmonary Arterial Pressure (PAP) for Improved Beef Cattle Management</p> <p>Dr. Shelby Rosasco UW Beef Extension Specialist</p>
1 p.m.	<p>Free Lunch provided by Fremont County Cattlemen (Thank you sponsors!)</p>		
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	<p>Record Cattle Prices and Down Crop Markets: Where Are We Headed from Here?</p> <p>Lunch Speaker: Colter Brown, Director of Northern Ag Network</p>		

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – FARM & RANCH DAYS 2026

	Program 1 Boardroom	Program 2 Classroom	Program 3 North Room
9 - 9:45 a.m.	Private Pesticide Class Chance Marshall <i>UW Extension Educator Fremont County</i> Robert Finley <i>Fremont County Weed & Pest</i> Must attend all sessions	 Using WyAdapt to understand potential shifts in water availability Dr. Shannon Albeke <i>UW Senior Research Scientist, Geospatial Information Science and Technology</i> Peyton Loss <i>Extension Educator, Wind River Indian Reservation</i>	 Utilizing New & Emerging Technology in Sheep Production Dr. Alison Crane <i>Executive Director, Wyoming Wool Growers Association</i>
10 - 10:45 a.m.		 The Importance of Water in Livestock Production Micah Most <i>UW ANR Extension Educator, Johnson County</i>	 FCWP Program and Services Update for 2026 Aaron Foster <i>District Supervisor, Fremont County Weed and Pest</i>
11 - 11:45 a.m.		 Exploring Agritourism: Is It Right for Your Operation and What Makes a Great Visitor Experience? Hailey Sorg <i>WY Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Extension Educator</i>	 Utilization of Virtual Fencing in Fremont County Dave Morneau <i>Popo Agie Conservation District and local Rancher</i> Emery Fine <i>Halter Virtual Fence Company</i> Katie Turner <i>Halter Virtual Fence Company</i>
12 - 12:45 p.m.		 Wildfire Effects in Livestock Mallory Larson <i>UW ANR Extension Educator, Uinta County</i>	 Recent Equine Disease Concerns and Preventative Measures Dr. Teckla Webb <i>Asst. Wyoming State Veterinarian</i>
1 p.m.	Free Lunch provided by Fremont County Cattlewomen (Thank you sponsors!)		
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Understanding Common Production Diseases from a Diagnostic Perspective Lunch Speakers: Dr. Alexandra Brower, <i>Director and Anatomic Pathologist, Wyoming State Vet Lab</i> Dr. Raph Vanderstichel, <i>Section Head of Serology, Epidemiologist</i> Dr. Lauren Camp, <i>Section Head of Parasitology, Parasitologist</i> Dr. Tamsen Polley, <i>Assistant Professor and Anatomic Pathologist</i>		

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

9:00-9:45 A.M.

RANCH AND LIVESTOCK RECORD KEEPING: TOOLS FOR IMPROVED RANCH MANAGEMENT AND PROFITABILITY

Brenna Litynski, UW ANR Educator, Albany County

How can better record keeping improve your herd and increase your profits? This workshop will cover practical, ranch-ready record-keeping strategies, show how good records directly support better marketing and profitability, and provide customizable templates and organizational habits you can use year-round. Participants will leave with actionable tools and insights to strengthen their operation and improve decision-making.

WINTER FEEDING- BALANCING ECONOMICS AND ANIMAL PERFORMANCE

Jedidiah Hewlett, UW Extension Educator ANR, Converse County

How well do you know your cost of production? Financial planning is not only a good use of time, but also a good way to use money. This session will offer the opportunity to review the budgeting process and practice making decisions that affect the bottom line.

CONTROL OF RUSSIAN OLIVE TREES - IT'S ABOUT THE SUCKERS

Dan Vanderploeg, UW Extension Educator ANR, Washakie County

Russian Olive trees are invasive and can be difficult to manage. Dan will discuss management practices and tactics for effective control.

10:00-10:45 A.M.

MULTI SPECIES GRAZING STRATEGIES

McKenna Julian, UW Extension Educator ANR, Lincoln County

Multi-species grazing can be a valuable tool for improving forage utilization and ranch resilience when managed effectively. This presentation will cover key considerations for Wyoming ranchers, including animal behavior, grazing management, fencing and water needs, and potential impacts on pasture health and productivity.

AG-ISSUES TODAY: PREPARED SPEAKERS

Riverton FFA Students

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

CHANGES ON THE RANGE-WYLD WATCH PROGRAM

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

Invasive weeds can be introduced overnight, but it takes time for them to establish. Observing and reporting certain changes in the landscape can stop invasive in their tracks. The Wyld Watch Program relies on the historical knowledge of those that live on the land and the changes that they are likely to notice firsthand.

11:00-11:45 A.M.

SMART MONEY: A RANCHER'S GUIDE TO REINVESTING PROFITS IN GOOD TIMES

John Hewlett, UW Extension Farm/Ranch

High prices are exciting, but they can be deceptive. Explore how to prevent today's boom-year decisions from becoming tomorrow's financial stress. Learn to look beyond simple cash-basis results to identify your true profit margins. Using the "Priority Ladder" framework, we will define exactly how to allocate capital with discipline, and ensure that when the market inevitably turns, your operation remains resilient.

WOLF AND GRIZZLY BEAR PREDATION ON LIVESTOCK IN FREMONT COUNTY

Tracy Frye and Mac Crome, Fremont County Trappers

Brian Debolt, Large Carnivore Conflict Manager, Wyoming Game and Fish

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! Brian will also share the latest regarding Grizzly Bears in our area.

RANCHING IN THE WIND RIVER BASIN: RANCHER PERSPECTIVES ON CHANGE AND ADAPTATION

Callie Surber, UW ANR Extension Educator

This presentation draws on interviews with ranchers in Wyoming's Upper Wind River Basin to understand how environmental, economic, cultural, and policy changes are affecting ranch operations. I'll share what ranchers are seeing on the ground, how those changes influence management decisions, and a few resources that help address challenges. These insights can help ensure rancher perspectives inform future research, policy, and land management.

12:00-12:45 P.M.

ALFALFA RESEARCH UPDATES - WEEDS AND INSECTS

Dr. Clint Beiermann, Professor, UW Department of Plant Sciences

Dr. Randa Jabbour, Professor, UW Department of Plant Sciences

Are weeds in your alfalfa field affecting the nutritional quality of forage? What are options for alfalfa weevil control? Get an update on weed and insect management research in forage crops at the University of Wyoming.

KEEPING WYOMING, WYOMING: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO AG-FRIENDLY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Christine Adams, Executive Director, Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust

Averi Reynolds, Conservation and Stewardship Director, Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust

Conservation Easement 101 offers a practical introduction to conservation easements as a voluntary tool for protecting working lands and natural resources. The session covers how easements work, the benefits to landowners and communities and the long-term stewardship commitments involved. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how conservation easements help keep land productive, private and intact for future generations.

UNDERSTANDING PULMONARY ARTERIAL PRESSURE (PAP) FOR IMPROVED BEEF CATTLE MANAGEMENT

Dr. Shelby Rosasco, UW Beef Extension Specialist

Beef cattle production at higher altitudes comes with challenges. One of those challenges is brisket disease. Dr. Rosasco will discuss how to utilize Pulmonary Arterial Pressure (PAP) measurements can be used to minimize this risk. She will also discuss past and ongoing research regarding PAP.

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

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RECORD CATTLE PRICES AND DOWN CROP MARKETS: WHERE ARE WE HEADED FROM HERE?

Colter Brown, Director of Northern Ag Network

Colter will discuss the state of current ag markets and discuss what can be expected moving forward.

Colter Brown is the Director of the Northern Ag Network. For the last 8 years, he's led a team of farm broadcasters that produce 17 daily radio programs, providing ag news and market programs for a network of over 60 Affiliated Stations in Wyoming, Montana, and the western Dakotas. Colter, his wife Kayla and their 4 children live in Huntley, MT and stay active with their own small herd of cattle as part of his family's cow-calf operation.



THURSDAY SESSIONS

9:00-9:45 A.M.

PRIVATE PESTICIDE CLASS - MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS IN-PERSON

Chance Marshall, UW Extension Educator Fremont County

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.

USING WYADAPT TO UNDERSTAND POTENTIAL SHIFTS IN WATER AVAILABILITY

Dr. Shannon Albeke, UW Senior Research Scientist, Geospatial Information Science and Technology

Peyton Loss, Extension Educator, Wind River Indian Reservation

In this presentation we will be presenting the WyAdapt dashboard, demonstrating several of the tools and describing how to interpret the output. We hope to lower the barrier to using this tool through this demonstration and field questions from the audience.

UTILIZING NEW & EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IN SHEEP PRODUCTION

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

Alison will highlight technologies that are available or soon to be for utilization in the sheep industry. These technologies could increase production and efficiency in many types of operations. Alison will conclude with presentation with updates from the Wyoming Wool Growers Association.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Micah Most, UW ANR Extension Educator, Johnson County

Water is a nutrient essential for life and is critical for healthy, productive herds. In this talk: Water quantity and quality requirements for varying classes of livestock; common mineral toxicity challenges across Wyoming; testing and other resources for livestock managers.

FCWP PROGRAM AND SERVICES UPDATE FOR 2026

Aaron Foster, District Supervisor, Fremont County Weed and Pest

Fremont County Weed and Pest provides multiple program opportunities to private landowners in Fremont County. These programs involve cost-share, project development, equipment assistance, plant identification, forage certification, classroom outreach, and more.

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EXPLORING AGRITOURISM: IS IT RIGHT FOR YOUR OPERATION AND WHAT MAKES A GREAT VISITOR EXPERIENCE?

Hailey Sorg, WY Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Extension Educator

Explore whether agritourism is the right fit for your farm or ranch and learn what it takes to create meaningful, memorable visitor experiences. This session will help participants assess opportunities, challenges, and key elements of successful agritourism operations that keep guests engaged and coming back.

UTILIZATION OF VIRTUAL FENCING IN FREMONT COUNTY

Dave Morneau, Popo Agie Conservation District and local Rancher

Emery Fine, Halter Virtual Fence Company

Katie Turner, Halter Virtual Fence Company

How could you spend time on your ranch if you weren't constantly building and maintaining fence? This session will showcase how virtual fencing technology could be applied in a production setting. Dave will discuss how he has used it to monitor and manage his cattle in Fremont County.

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WILDFIRE EFFECTS IN LIVESTOCK

Mallery Larson, UW ANR Extension Educator, Uinta County

With numerous fires across Wyoming in recent years, smoke, fire damage, and loss of animals and grazing lands have become a burning issue for many livestock producers. This presentation will highlight current research on wildfire smoke impacts on livestock health, livestock disaster preparedness, and recommendations and resources available for producers impacted by wildfires.

RECENT EQUINE DISEASE CONCERNS AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Dr. Teckla Webb, Asst. Wyoming State Veterinarian

Equine infectious diseases have been a major concern throughout Wyoming and the U.S. over the past year. Increased biosecurity measures have impacted events and travel. Dr. Webb will discuss some important updates and considerations regarding equine diseases..

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UNDERSTANDING COMMON PRODUCTION DISEASES FROM A DIAGNOSTIC PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Alexandra Brower, Director and Anatomic Pathologist, Wyoming State Vet Lab

Dr. Raph Vanderstichel, Section Head of Serology, Epidemiologist

Dr. Lauren Camp, Section Head of Parasitology, Parasitologist

Dr. Tamsen Polley, Assistant Professor and Anatomic Pathologist

Getting a diagnosis for even the most common production diseases can be a struggle, but accurate diagnostics are an essential first step to reaching an effective treatment plan. In this presentation, diagnosticians from the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory will share their perspectives on Johne's disease, other causes of scours, and recent challenging cases.





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