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# Re-Tree Richland County Workshop Will Be Held Saturday May 16

By Meagan Dotson

The Re-Tree Richland County event will be held Saturday May 16 at the Sidney Country Club from 10:00 am until noon. This is a free workshop which teaches people proper tree planting and care techniques and also gives instructions on how to determine the appropriate tree for a given space, taking into consideration how big the tree will get, how close it's planted to surrounding trees and structures, and power lines. It will be a hands-on class with MDU giving a presentation and Tim Fine from the MSU Extension Office teaching some tree identification techniques.

## Raw Milk Bill

By Dee Brown-R, SD2

I used to read a book about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad to my fifth graders. It was a strange concept for them at the beginning of the book since kids think of a railroad as a set of tracks with a train running on the metal rails.

We discussed the willingness of these people to sleep in the barns and haystacks of helpers to finally gain what we know so much about—freedom. The Freedom Trail was a long journey during a scary time in our history but worth the risks for those who chose the trip.

I co-sponsored and carried the raw milk bill (HB245) for Rep. Nancy Ballance-R, Hamilton on the floor of the Senate last week because I believe in the freedom to consume raw milk. It's had its own underground network for years, of which I was a part. We bought it as 'pet milk' knowing that our pets were named Ryan and Dedee. We believed that fresh milk was better for them than the pasteurized products available in the store.

Fond memories of drinking milk fresh from a cow come from trips to the Weaver cousins' farm on Lake Blaine. The 'city kids' would run to the barn and watch Wayne and Jack milk the cows. One shot in the bucket, one shot to the cats lined up behind them and one shot in the mouths of the city kids. And guess what? We never got sick!

The closest we got to actually owning a dairy cow came during a tragedy when our beef calf was lost to a spring bear attack. Steve went to a local dairy, purchased a day old calf and wrapped it in the hide of our dead one. The Hereford accepted it though it looked a bit strange later when the large Holstein steer suckled the short, broad mama.

Getting back to the land and consuming organic products is a growing movement across the nation. It is also alive and well in Montana. HB245 is part of the growing wish by Montanans to take their own risks and make their own choices about what they ingest.

There are only five states that don't allow the sale of raw milk. Have you heard of widespread sickness and death across the countryside? The opponents to the bill described all kinds of disease and death though they never mentioned you have a greater risk of sickness and death from leafy vegetables, chicken and beef.

The bill did not pass this session but the underground railroad of raw milk will continue in Montana. Government should not control everything we do, nor should we have to consume what I call 'white water on steroids' when they heat raw milk to kill everything, then throw vitamins back into it to make it 'healthy'.

When it comes to a vote for allowing consumers to make decisions for themselves and their families, I will always vote for your freedom. The milk pails of Montana may be underground for another two years but I anticipate another run for personal choice in the 2017 session. I hope to be there and make another vote with my green button.

Dee Brown-R, SD2

Hungry Horse

Anyone is welcome to attend the workshop, however those who register in advance will receive one of sixteen different species of free 6' to 8' trees. Stephanie Ridl, City Parks Superintendent and Richland County Tree Board Secretary, will be coming to each location to help determine the best type of tree for the landscape; all trees planted in Sidney and Fairview must be planted on the city street right-of-way no less than thirty feet from a street corner. Trees planted in Crane, Lambert, and Savage must be planted a minimum of thirty feet from a street corner and those in rural situations can contact Ridl at 406-480-9263.

This is the second Re-Tree event, though last year it was exclusive to Sidney rather than the entirety of Richland County. In 2013 Ridl took part in a tree inventory within the city limits of Sidney, and found that there were 2000 trees, only half of the trees that were inventoried during the late 1970s. A certified Arborist, Ridl is at the forefront of re-treesing the area for future generations, her goal being to diversify the tree canopy so that there is no more than 10% of one species of tree. This rule of thumb means that if ever a devastation such as Dutch Elm Disease or Emerald Ash Board hits our area, an entire population of trees isn't lost.

"I want to open people's minds up to the fact that there is a vast variety of trees that can grow in our area and the unfortunate loss of a tree doesn't necessarily mean that tree species just won't grow here. There are many variables as to why a tree may fail and proper planting procedures and tree care techniques are the biggest factors," said Ridl who is using her passion to help the community and do her part. "There is a tree out there that is suitable for every space."

Ridl received an Arbor Day Foundation Grant, DNRC Tree City of the Year Award Grant, and funding from the Richland County Tree Board to purchase 50 trees this year. 'Royal Red' Norway Maples, 'Autumn Gold' Ginkgo, and Swamp White Oak are just a few of the several species that will be offered according to landscape requirements.

For those interested in receiving a tree for planting, applications can be picked up at Sidney City Hall, 115 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE. A site evaluation will be reviewed by Richland County Tree Board members and will help individuals determine the best type of tree for planting. The property owner must attend the Re-Tree workshop and then plant and maintain the tree. There is a limit of one tree per property per year.

Residents of Richland County are encouraged to attend the workshop and take an active part in laying the ground work for future generations that will call this area home.

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# 4-H Speech And Demonstration Day Held Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

By Meagan Dotson

Richland County 4-H Speech and Demonstration Day was held Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Sidney High School. Speech and Demonstration is one of many 4-H events that offers a unique learning opportunity for members who choose any topic that interests them. For the demonstration portion, this also includes topics they can give instruction on. This builds valuable communication and public speaking skills that they will carry with them throughout their lives in addition to allowing members to expand on personal interests by researching and presenting what they have learned and teaching something in the process.

Time requirements differ depending on age groups. Senior members, ages 14 and up, competed to go to Congress and have a minimum time of seven minutes. Junior members ages eleven to thirteen have a minimum time requirement of five minutes and eight to ten year olds must have a presentation of at least three minutes.

There are three to four volunteer judges who consider criteria such as how accurate and informative the speaker is, how well the major points were summarized,

the sequence and organization of information, how well questions were answered, and the poise of the speaker.

Topics included 'How to Train Your Dog' and 'Decoratively Delicious' giving how-to's on making candy bouquets and these are just to name two of the presented topics.

Senior Demonstration presenters were Tess Ler receiving a blue ribbon, Jake Kunda receiving a red ribbon, and Kyle Topp also receiving a blue ribbon. Junior Demonstration members were Frank Kunda awarded a blue ribbon and top boy, Emma Torgerson awarded top girl, and Trista Hovde, Diana Meehan, and Lauren Prevost all receiving blue ribbons. Junior Speech Members: Reagan Hall was awarded a blue ribbon, Seth Prevost was awarded a red ribbon, and Amariah Hier received the top speech recognition. Junior Crown members, who have placed in their division before, were Becca Deming who was awarded a red ribbon and Katrina Meldahl receiving crown.



(L to R) Lauren Prevost, Diana Meehan, Frank Kunda, Trista Hovde and Emma Torgerson



(L to R) Becca Deming & Katrina Meldahl



(L to R) Amariah Hier, Reagan Hall and Seth Prevost



(L to R) Kyle Topp, Tess Ler and Jake Kunda



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# Take Steps To Enjoy Animals Safely This Spring

Submitted by MT DPHHS

The site of a newborn lamb taking its first breath, or a chick pecking through its shell to explore a brand new world are annual events that capture the curiosity of all ages, but especially our youth.

That’s why the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and the Department of Livestock are collaborating again this year to help prevent illnesses transmitted from animals to humans.

“We encourage fun and safe interactions with animals,” said DPHHS epidemiologist Dana Fejes. “Connecting with animals allows children of all ages to have a thrilling experience and helps build an important human-animal bond.”

However, Fejes says that along with this experience, there is some risk. “Sometimes, even healthy animals can carry organisms that make people sick,” she said. Illnesses and outbreaks in Montana have been associated with livestock (cattle), live poultry (chicks) and reptiles (turtles, snakes). Young children and persons who have weakened immune systems are at greatest risk for infection and complications from illnesses caused by Salmonella, E. coli, but also influenza, rabies and others.

While animal companionship has many positive benefits for Montanans, there are a few simple prevention steps to remember:

- Wash your hands after handling animals
- Avoid touching your mouth after animal contact
- Don’t eat or drink around animals
- Don’t bring livestock into living areas
- Supervise small children

“Together we can prevent illnesses and keep our children and communities healthy,” Fejes stressed. Please visit [www.dphhs.mt.gov](http://www.dphhs.mt.gov) for guidance and more information.

# Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool

Submitted by Tim Fine, MSU Extension Agent

The Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool has been a great asset to area producers for many years. In case you are not familiar with the reason for the existence of a pool, its sole purpose is to gather wool from area sheep producers in one central location, grade said wool, and then combine that wool with other producers’ wool to make a larger shipment. By combining these graded pools of wool together, instead of one person trying to market their product, there is now a greater amount of wool being marketed at one time. This process of combining and grading the wool will increase the amount of product that is marketed at one time, therefore ensuring a more consistent product and an increase in the price paid for the product.

The Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool was formed in the spring of 1987 for this reason. A group of local producers organized to aid in creating greater value for the wool they produce. Since the pool’s inception, many tons of wool has been gathered, graded, bagged, and combined with wool from pools across the state of Montana to be marketed.

If you have sheep and are interested in contributing to the Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool, you are welcome to bring your wool to the collection site on Wednesday, May 6th, beginning at 8:00 (MST) and lasting until about noon. The collection point will be in the old commercial building at the Richland County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in becoming part of the pool, but have more questions, you are welcome to contact Tim Fine at the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206 or Wade VanEvery, Lower Yellowstone Wool Pool president.

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# State Hail Insurance Offers Opportunity For Farmers To Manage Hail Risk - Electronic Payment Options Now Available

**Submitted By Jayson O'Neill, MT Dept. Of Agriculture**

Helena, Mont. – Spring is a busy time of year for Montana farmers, with field preparation, planting decisions and seeding. It is also a time to start thinking about protecting crops from hail damage until fall harvest. The Montana State Hail Insurance program has provided hail insurance coverage to help Montana farmers manage hail risk for 98 years.

For the 2015 season, producers can insure crops against hail damage at the maximum coverage rate of \$75 per acre for dryland and \$114 for irrigated land. Rates charged are a percentage of the insured amount and vary by county depending on the hail loss history of an area. A detailed list of rates by county and crop can be found on the program's website.

Applicants can now conveniently manage policy payments securely with e-checks or credit/debit cards. Traditional payment methods are still available. To purchase state hail coverage, producers should contact the State Hail Insurance program office by mail, fax, or phone. State hail insurance coverage forms are still available at Montana State University Extension, Conservation District, and county revenue offices.

An application for insurance and more details about payment options will be mailed to producers who previously purchased state hail insurance. For new policy applicants, information and applications are also available at <http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Producer/HailInsurance/>. Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to the department or used as a reference when you contact the office by phone.

Contact Information: Montana State Hail Insurance Program, P.O. Box 200201, Helena, MT 59620. Phone: (406) 444-5429 Toll Free: 1 (844) 515-1571 Fax: (406) 444-9422.

The Montana State Hail Insurance program was created at the request of producers in 1917 to provide basic hail insurance coverage on any crop grown in Montana. The program is directed by a five-member board consisting of the department director, state insurance commissioner, and three executive appointees.

The Montana Department of Agriculture's mission is to protect producers and consumers, and to enhance and develop agriculture and allied industries. For more information on the department, visit [agr.mt.gov](http://agr.mt.gov).

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**Submitted by Jayson O'Neill, Montana Department of Agriculture**

Helena, Mont., Last Friday, Governor Steve Bullock announced the publication of the first edition of the 'Grown in Montana' magazine at the Made in Montana Trade Show. The announcement was made in conjunction with the Main Street Montana Project to promote Montana agricultural products to local, national, and international markets.

"This is part of our efforts with the Main Street Montana Project to promote agricultural products grown right here under the Big Sky. It covers some of the mainstays of Montana agriculture like beef, wheat, and barley, while featuring stories on agriculture innovation at Montana State University and the local food movement spurred by activities at University of Montana," said Governor Steve Bullock.

The magazine highlights a few of the accomplishments of our agricultural sector including becoming the leading producer of dry peas and lentils. It also features the demand for Montana's high quality wheat as improvement wheat, which is blended with wheat grown elsewhere in order to improve the overall quality.

"This is a great way to share Montana agriculture's story with consumers, buyers, and trade partners. It is no secret that our farmers and ranchers produce some of the highest quality agricultural products in the world. People can now read about the demand our high quality beef and beef genetics garner in international markets among other great agricultural stories," said Main Street Montana Food & Agriculture Key Industry Network Co-Chair and Rancher Jim Peterson.

The annual publication was made at no cost to the department through advertisement sales. It will be distributed to international trade partners, agriculture organizations, extension offices, state economic development offices, local libraries, and other interested parties. The publication can be viewed online at [www.MTagriculture.com](http://www.MTagriculture.com) or hard copies of the magazine can be requested by contacting the department of agriculture at [agr@mt.gov](mailto:agr@mt.gov) or (406) 444- 3144.

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# Richland County 4-H Jr. Leaders Host The Annual Dinner And Dance

By Josie Evenson

Every year the Jr. Leaders plan and host a dinner and dance for the community to attend. This year the event was held on April 17th at the Elks. The event was well attended with over 100 community members attending the event. The dinner and dance is not only a way to promote 4-H, but is also one of the biggest service learning activities that the Jr. Leaders take part of during the 4-H year. Every year all the proceeds from the dinner and dance are donated to a person, group or charity that is in need. This year is no exception, the Jr. Leaders will be donating fifty percent of the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House in Billings, MT along with all the pop tabs they have been collecting throughout the year. The remaining proceeds will stay local and will be equally divided between the Matthew House and the Domestic Violence House. The Richland County 4-H Jr. Leaders are senior 4-H members from across the county who have dedicated themselves to going above and beyond the club level to develop leadership skills, plan and implement 4-H events, promote the 4-H program and serve as role models for younger 4-H members.

Reminder if you have any pop tabs the Jr. Leaders will be collecting them through August to donate them to the Ronald McDonald House in Billings, MT.



Taylor Schepens prepares the plates to serve to the guests of the dinner.



John Helmuth, the president of the Junior Leaders talks about the donations to the Ronald McDonald House, the Matthew House and the Domestic Violence Center.



Kyle Topp serves drinks to the guests of the dinner.



The Junior Leaders that planned and put on the dinner and the dance for the community. Photos courtesy of Josie Evenson.



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# Almost 30,000 Lbs. Of Waste Pesticides Collected In 2014

***MT Dept. of Agriculture program has disposed of 485,512 lbs. of waste pesticides since 1994***

**Submitted by Jayson O'Neill, Montana Department of Agriculture**

Helena, Mont., The Montana Department of Agriculture collected 29,853 pounds of waste pesticides from 95 participants in western Montana in 2014. The annual event has collected more than 485,500 pounds of waste pesticides since it began in 1994.

"This program allows anyone who has waste or unusable pesticide to dispose of it properly and safely. The majority of participants have under 200 pounds of waste pesticides and are not sure how to get rid of it without going to the dump. People want to do the right thing and dispose of it appropriately," said program coordinator Carli Lofing.

The program is held in a different part of the state each year. "We see products that have been left behind when better alternatives come on the market," said Lofing, "and we see stuff that's frozen or damaged and can't be used anymore. We get a surprising amount of things that have been off the market for decades, like chlordane, 2, 4, 5-T, and even DDT."

Last year, waste pesticides were collected in the Montana communities of Kalispell, Polson, Missoula, and Bozeman. Waste disposal will occur within the central district communities of Havre, Great Falls, Lewistown, and Big Timber between Sept. 15 and 18 this year.

The department asks that participants pre-register before the collection events so that the products they have can be managed safely and efficiently. Licensed pesticide applicators will receive information and a registration form in the mail. Others with waste pesticides in need of disposal can learn more and register on the program's website at <http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Pesticides/DisposalandRecycling/Pesticide-Disposal/>.

There is no charge for the first 200 pounds of material. Amounts over 200 pounds are assessed at \$0.50 per pound. A higher fee may apply to pesticides with dioxins or dioxin precursors.

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**May 11th**

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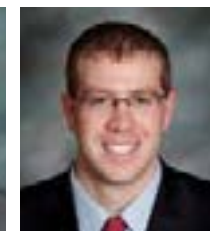
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# Montana Stockgrowers To Host 2015 Mid-Year Meeting In Bozeman

Submitted By Ryan Goodman, Manager Of  
Communication Montana Stockgrowers Association

Mark your calendars to celebrate 131 years for Montana Stockgrowers Association at the organization's MidYear Meeting, June 4-6 in Bozeman. This year's MidYear event will be highlighted by Cattlemen's College workshops, a tour of area businesses and live music with Ringling 5 and Crazy Mountain Express!

Mid-Year is one of two major meetings MSGA holds annually where members will gather to discuss the issues facing Montana ranching families and set interim policy to guide the association through the rest of the year. Policy Committee meetings this year will be hosted on the campus of Montana State University.

Events will kick off Thursday afternoon with Cattlemen's College workshops presented by leadership coach, Sarah Bohenkamp. Ranchers will have the opportunity to learn more about growth in leadership, improving time management and developing skills to build strong relationships that are critical to being successful in the ranching business.

Friday's Opening General Session will feature MSU Ag Economics Professor, Dr. Gary Brester, who will provide insight for current record cattle prices and provide context from historical market trends. Association policy meetings will take place on Friday with discussion on topics affecting Montana ranchers today. A review of the 2015 Montana Legislative Session activity affecting the ranching community will also take place during the meeting.

Ranchers will gather on Friday night for a steak dinner, fun and live music from Ringling 5. Area business leaders and the community are invited to a special fundraiser event on Thursday night for MSGA's Research & Education Endowment Foundation, held at the Best Western GranTree Inn, with entertainment by Crazy Mountain Express.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western GranTree Inn and Holiday Inn. Rooms at discounted rates must be reserved by May 5. For more information about MSGA's 2015 Mid-Year Meeting, contact MSGA's office at (406) 442-3420 or join the Facebook event. Registrations are available online for a 20% discount if made prior to June 1. Visit [mtbeef.org](http://mtbeef.org) for more details.





# FARM AUCTION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015 10:00 A.M.**

**LOCATION:** From Fairview, MT-Go East 1 mile on Highway 200, turn North (left) on Hwy 58 for 2 miles to 33rd Street, turn East (right) and go 1 mile to 160th Ave NW, turn North (left) for 1/2 mile

**OWNER:** ROBBIE STEPAN home 701-744-5150 or cell 406-489-5150  
Lunch will be available.



## [FARM MACHINERY]

- JD 7630 MFWD Tractor, IVT transmission, PTO, 3 pt, duals, full set of weights, Rear-380/90R50, Front-380/85R34 Tires, 2,931 hours
- JD 7810 MFWD Tractor, 19-speed, duals, PTO, 3 pt, full set of weights, Front-380/85R30, Rear-14.9x46 Tires, 7,718 hours
- JD 7800 MFWD Tractor, 19-speed, PTO, 3 pt, duals, full set of weights, Rear-420/80R46, Front-380/85R30 Tires, 8,467 hours
- Amity 5-row 26" Beet Harvester (only used 5 seasons)
- Alloway Defoliator (field ready)
- Eversman 2400 Leveler, 3 pt
- Eversman 9x32 pull-type Leveler (like new)
- JD 155 Back Blade
- Farm Hand 18' Mulcher & C-Tines
- 25' JD 960 Field Cultivator & S-Tines, 3" shovels
- 10-row Ace Crust Buster
- 10-row Rolling Cultivator w/Harrows
- 10-row Ditcher Bar

- 10-row Heath Beet Planter (new shoes)
- Summers 3 pt, 66' Sprayer
- Torque 6-yard Scraper w/push off
- 15' JD 640 Disk w/new disks & new Summer Harrows
- JD HX 15' Rotary Mower
- JD 7' Rotary Mower, 3 pt
- Eversman Ditcher, pull-type
- H&S 9-row, 26" Cultivator
- Eversman 10-row Corrigator w/new shovel points
- Shea Beet Ridger, drilled for 10-row 26" or 12-row 24"
- JD model 455 Grain Drill, 6" spacing x 25'
- JD 2630 Green Star 3 GPS, colored touch screen monitor, yellow bubble receiver, mounting brackets (2-years old, only used 1 season, like new)
- 15' Howard Ripper
- King Ditch Closer
- Wheel Weights
- Dual's

## [TRUCKS & PICKUP]

All Trucks have Roll Tarps & Headache Racks, Head Lift Hoist, Mud Scrapers, slide Mat's for Beet & 12.7 Detroit engines

- 1995 Kenworth Tri Axle Beet & Grain Truck, 13-speed, 11.5x22 Tires, 22' Box
- 1993 Kenworth Tri Axle Beet & Grain Truck, 13-speed, 11.5x22 Tires, 22' Box
- 1990 Kenworth Tri Axle Beet & Grain Truck, 13-speed, 11.5x22 Tires, 22' Box
- 1988 Ford Ranger Pickup, 4-cylinder, 5-speed (runs good)

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- (2) 5500 bushel Bins, one w/ blower
- 3300 bushel Bins w/ blower
- (19) 10"x30' Gated Pipe
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- 10" Elbow's & Tees for Gated Pipe
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- (2) Brandt Hydraulic Drill Fills
- Brandt 8x52 PTO Auger
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- Dishes, Cake Plates
- Crystal Pitcher & Dishes
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# USDA To Issue Disaster Assistance To Help Honeybee, Livestock And Farm-Raised Fish Producers

*Farm Bill Program Offers Producers Relief for 2014 Losses in more than 40 States*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency today announced that nearly 2,700 applicants will begin receiving disaster assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for losses experienced from Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014.

The program, re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides disaster relief to livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs. Eligible losses may include excessive heat or winds, flooding, blizzards, hail, wildfires, lightning strikes, volcanic eruptions and diseases, or in the case of honeybees, losses due to colony collapse disorder. Beekeepers, most of whom suffered honeybee colony losses, represent more than half of ELAP recipients.

The farm bill caps ELAP disaster funding at \$20 million per federal fiscal year and the Budget Control Act of 2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce payments by 7.3 percent, beginning Oct. 1, 2014. To accommodate the number of requests for ELAP assistance, which exceeded 2014 funding, payments will be reduced to ensure that all eligible applicants receive a prorated share.

Today's announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

To learn more about ELAP, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/elap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elap). For more information about USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs, visit [disaster.usda.fsa.gov](http://disaster.usda.fsa.gov) or contact your local FSA office at <http://offices.usda.gov>.

# Avian Influenza Reported In Domestic Poultry From Judith Basin County

**Submitted by Jayson O'Neill, MT Dept. of Agriculture**

Helena, Mont., Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been confirmed in chickens in Judith Basin County. This is the first case of HPAI reported in domestic poultry in Montana and comes less than a week after the disease was detected in a captive gyrfalcon in Flathead County.

Avian influenza is an infectious viral disease of birds that can cause high mortality rates in domestic flocks. Avian influenza viruses rarely cause clinical signs in wild waterfowl, although raptors and wild game birds (pheasants, quail, turkey, and grouse) may be more susceptible to HPAI. Avian influenza is a reportable disease in Montana. The presence of avian influenza in a country or region can have significant impacts on the trade of poultry products.

The poultry flock, which experienced increased mortality, was confirmed to have HPAI strain H5N2 at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, IA. The affected flock has been placed under quarantine and is required to be depopulated. Disposal of the birds will be done to prevent further spread of the disease.

The Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) is conducting an epidemiological investigation and will be identifying other poultry producers in the area to conduct disease surveillance and to provide educational resources. Owners of affected flocks are eligible to receive indemnity from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) considers the risk to people from these HPAI infections in wild birds, backyard flocks and commercial poultry, to be low. No human infections with the virus have been detected at this time.

Poultry producers should implement additional biosecurity measures including:

- Limit visitor access to areas where birds are housed.
- Prevent contact between wild or migratory birds and domestic poultry, including access by wild birds to feed and water sources.
- Use dedicated clothing and protective footwear when caring for domestic poultry.
- Immediately isolate sick animals and contact your veterinarian or MDOL.

MDOL encourages all poultry producers to immediately report sudden onset of illness or high death loss in domestic poultry (444-2043). Additional information on avian influenza can be found on the MDOL website at [liv.mt.gov](http://liv.mt.gov). For more information on biosecurity, please visit the USDA website at <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.





# LARGE farm auction

## SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 • 10:00 A.M.

**LOCATION:** From Jordan, MT-Take Hwy 200 toward Winnet for 25 miles, turn South (left) for 6.1 miles (on Hwy you turn between mile marker 188 & 187). Lunch will be available.

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### farm machinery

- 2008 JD 7330 Premium MFWD Tractor, 3 pt, PTO, 420/80R46 new tires, wheel weights, 5,166 hours & JD 740 Front-end Loader w/7' Bucket & Grapple (new)
- Case IH 7130 MFWD Tractor, 3 pt, PTO, 18.4R42 tires, 4,651 hours & Buhler 2895 Front-end Loader
- IHC 400 gas Tractor & Farmhand F11 Front-end Loader w/Bucket
- IHC 544 gas Tractor, hydro, fresh overhaul & Farmhand F11 Front-end Loader w/Bucket
- Steiger Panther II ST310 4-wheel drive Tractor, 23.1x34 duals, 4,000 hours (front planetarys rebuilt @ 2,000 hours)
- Steiger ST280 4-wheel drive Tractor, 320 hp, 20.8x38 tires, reman inframe overhaul, frontend planetarys turned
- (2) IHC 4366 4-wheel drive Tractor & Dozer (1-for parts & has 18.4x38 tires, 80%)
- (2) JD 9400 Hoe Drills & (2) 9450 Hoe Drills, 10" spacing, Gen Carbide points, solid packers w/JD transports
- (2) JD 8' Double Disc Grass Seeding Drills, 6" spacing, solid packers
- Concord 4812 Air Seeder, 12" spacing, 48', new Stealth 1" points, heavy springs w/340 bushel Cart
- JD 29' Disc, model 331, new tires & hoses, disc hardly worn, 9" spacing
- JD 26' Disc, model 335, 7" spacing
- JD 37' Cultivator, model 1010, 6" spacing, Noble Harrows
- Melroe 38' Chisel Plow & Morris Harrows
- Renn 24' Chisel Plow & Harrows
- Wilray 16' Roller

### combine, sprayers & misc

- Case 1660 Combine, 3,400 hours w/25' Header, model 1010
- 25' Header, model 1010
- JD 6620 Combine (for parts) & JD 220 Header (good shape)
- AG Chem Big A 2700 SP Sprayer, L10 Cummins, Fuller 10-speed, 1600 gallon stainless steel Tank, • 60' Booms, Raven Controller, Foam Marker
- 1972 GMC Fertilizer Truck, Detroit 300 hp Silver, 5-speed Allison automatic, 60' Booms w/Dickey John Controller
- Enduraplas Fire Fighting Pickup Sprayer w/260 gallon water tank & Honda GX160 engine & hose reel
- Honda GC160 w/Pump
- F&S Electric Hose Reel
- Handler II Chemical Mixer
- Sotera Diaphragm Chemical Pump
- Tuthill Fill Rite Pump
- Enduraplas Mixing Cone
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- Miller 225 AC/DC Bobcat Welder w/8000 watt Generator & 16 hp Onan Engine
- Portable Lincoln SA200 Pipeline Welder on Trailer
- Ingersoll Rand Portable Air Compressor w/13 hp electric start Honda engine (new)
- New Galvanized Tin (for 40x80 Shop)

### haying & livestock equip, augers & bins

- Vermeer BPX Bale Processor w/liquid feed attachment & pump model 9000 (brand new)
- Vermeer R2300 Twin Rake (like new)
- (2) Hay Buster H1000 Tub Grinders (1-for parts)
- (5) 16' Calf Shelters (made by Star Structures)
- (2) Thorson Squeeze Chutes (1-Clinic, 1-Standard)
- Powder River Calf Table, 2W Maternity Pen
- (6) Sturdy Bilt Tapered Bale Feeders
- (2) Heavy Duty 2-bale Feeders (made by Circle Machine Works)
- (2) Heavy Duty 5-bale Feeders (made by Circle Machine Works)
- (9) 10' & (8) 8' Winkler Portable Panels, (19) 12' Stroberg Portable Panels
- (2) 12' Gates w/6' Walk-ins, (2) 12' Gates, (2) 12' Panels w/Walk-in Gates
- (27) 12' & (17) 10' & (15) 8' Blue Portable Panels
- (10) 12' Sheep Panels, (17) 10' Green Portable Panels, (3) 36" Walk-in Gates
- Brandt Grain Vac, model 5000 (new updated fan assembly)
- Brandt 10x60 Swing-a-way Auger, Westfield 10x61 Swing-a-way Auger
- Brandt 7x41 PTO Auger, Feterl 8x55 PTO Auger
- 2200 bushel Hopper Bin, 650 & 1050 bushel Steffes Hopper Bin (epoxy coated)

### industrial equip & trailers

- Fiat-Allis Pay Loader, 3-yard Bucket (like new tires)
- Allis Chalmers HD6 Crawler, power shift, dozer, 2,523 hours
- Huber Wabco Motor Grader, 140 hp Detroit Diesel
- Case 580B gas Backhoe w/Front-end Loader
- Liftall Forklift, new valves in engine, 30' lift, 7,000 #
- 1997 Jet 42' Hopper Grain Trailer, spring ride
- 40' Hay Trailer
- Wabash 48' Van Trailer, air ride suspension
- Fruehauf 42' Flatbed Trailer & Lode King Double Hopper Tanks

### trucks, pickups & atv's

- 1996 Ford F800 Crew Cab single axle Truck, Cummins 8.3, 10-speed Fuller, 14' Service Bed w/5500# IMT Crane w/24" reach & hydraulic Down Riggers & Air
- 1974 Intl 4300 Truck, Cummins 325 hp, Reman Engine & Clutch, 13-speed Fuller, Wet Kit
- 1979 GMC Tandem Axle Truck, Tag, hydraulic Lift, 427 Engine, 10-speed Clark transmission, 20' Box & Hoist w/52" sides, 50,000 miles
- 1975 GMC Tandem Axle Truck, Twin Screw, 427 Engine, 13-speed Road Ranger, 18' Box w/60" sides
- 1971 Chevy C50 Truck, 350 Engine, 4&2, 17' Box & 2-way Hoist
- 1969 Chevy C50 Truck, 350 Engine 4&2, 15' Box & Hoist
- Military 12-yard Dump Truck, Cummins 855, 5-speed, 14' Box (new hydraulic cylinder)
- Military 2 ½ ton Tractor Truck
- 2008 Ford F350 Extended Cab Pickup, 4x4, 6.4 liter diesel, 6-speed, manual, 8' Omaha Standard Flatbed, 126,000 miles
- 2005 Chevy 2500 HD Pickup, 6.0 liter engine, 5-speed automatic, 4x4, new radial tires w/2012 Hydra Bed, cross box, 140,000 miles
- 2001 Chevy 1500 Extended Cab Pickup, 5.3 liter, automatic, 4x4
- 1994 Chevy Extended Cab Pickup, 350 engine, 5-speed manual, 105,000 miles w/Triple T Flatbed (new)
- 1991 Dodge 350 Pickup, 360 engine, 4-speed, 4x4 w/Hydra Bed
- 1984 Chevy Dually Pickup, 454 engine, 4-speed manual, propane conversion kit, runs on gas or propane

- Lode King Double Hopper Drill Fill
- Circle D 28' Tandem Axle Dually Trailer w/beavertail, 10,000# axles
- Kiefer 16' bumper-pull Stock Trailer
- 1 ¼ ton Trailer w/600 gallon aluminum Fuel Tank, 24 volt centrifugal pump, 2-hose reels w/meters
- (2) Military 1 ¼ ton Cargo Fuel Trailers

- 1984 Chevy 1-ton diesel Pickup w/Hydra Bed
- 1980 Chevy ½ ton Pickup, automatic, 4x4, rebuilt engine & transmission w/Flatbed
- 1979 GMC ¾ ton Pickup, 350 rebuilt, 4-speed, 4x4, Knapheide 8' Service Bed
- (3) Honda Rancher ATV's, ((2) 2-wheel drive, (1) 4-wheel drive)
- 1973 Chevy ¾ ton Pickup, 350 rebuilt, turbo, automatic, 102,000 miles w/J&M Flatbed & Delta side Toolboxes
- 8' Utility Pickup Box

**auctioneer's note:**  
Snow Belt Angus Ranch sold their ranch and will be offering their full line of equipment at auction. There will be approximately (1) hour of small items and then we will move into the machinery line. There are a few brand new pieces of machinery and some of the machinery has been shedded. Nearly all of this equipment is field ready and in good to excellent condition due to both brothers being good mechanics. You don't want to miss this sale! Hope to see you May 30th. Rick



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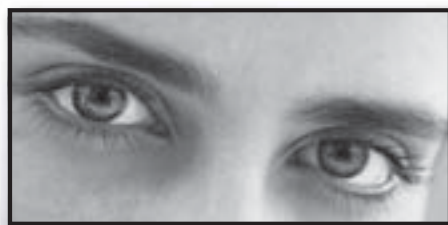
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# Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Appoints New Eastern Agricultural Research Center Superintendent

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Montana State University officials announced this that Chengci Chen, professor of cropping systems for the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) and MSU College of Agriculture, has been appointed the new superintendent of the Eastern Agricultural Research Center (EARC) in Sidney.

As superintendent, Chen will be responsible for management of the center's irrigated and dryland farming research profile, including research on sugar beets, barley, durum, winter and spring wheat, oil seeds and pulse crops, including peas, lentils and chickpeas. EARC is located in the Northern Great Plains region that largely encompasses eastern Montana and western North Dakota. The area's primary agricultural commodities are spring and durum wheat, pulse crops, alfalfa, sugar beets and beef cattle.

The center encompasses a new office and research facility built in 2011 that includes two state-of-the-art greenhouses with computer-controlled heating, cooling and lighting and two new labs. The center's grounds also include 135 irrigated acres and 40 dryland acres for joint MAES and U.S. Department of Agriculture research programs.

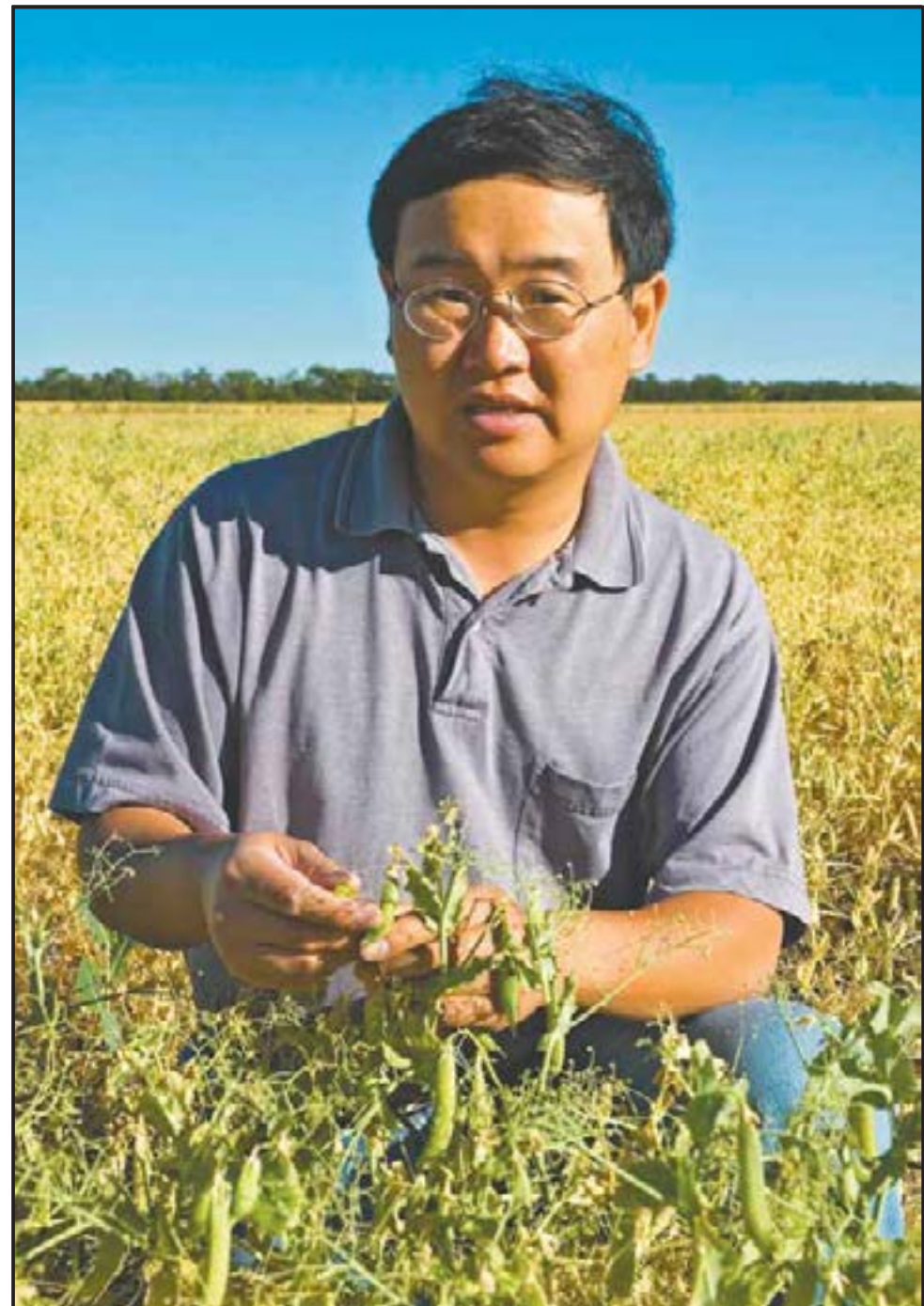
Chen will replace Joyce Eckhoff, EARC interim superintendent, who has been with MAES as a professor of agronomy for the last 28 years and will retire on May 15. Chen officially began his new role on May 4.

Chen received his Ph.D. in soil science from Oregon State University and holds two master's degrees in soil physics and plant-water relations, one from Oregon State University and a second from Beijing Agricultural University. Chen has been a professor of cropping systems with the Central Agricultural Research Center in Moccasin since 2002.

Chen is one of several MAES faculty scientists supporting the current rise of pulse crop production in Montana, according to Barry Jacobsen, department head of MAES research centers.

"Chengci is one of the leaders in introducing pulse crops into Montana cropping systems, and he has experience in both irrigated and dryland agriculture," Jacobsen said. "He will be a terrific supervisor for EARC."

MAES includes the MSU campus in Bozeman and seven off-campus research centers located throughout the state in Sidney, Moccasin, Huntley, Conrad, Havre, Kalispell and Corvallis. Collectively, the centers conduct research to address the diverse climatological challenges of Montana's agricultural industry. More information is available online at <http://ag.montana.edu/maes.htm>.



Chengci Chen



# Thirty Years Of Service To The Agricultural Community Coming To A Close

By Lois Stephens

After thirty exceptional years of serving the area agricultural community, the Eastern Agricultural Research Center's (EARC) superintendent and agronomist Dr. Joyce Eckhoff, will retire from the MSU university system, effective May 15. She and her husband will move from the area to begin their retirement years in Dayton, Washington.

Throughout her three decades at the EARC Eckhoff never lost her enthusiasm for the work at hand and she dedicated herself to providing outstanding science and research results to agricultural producers. "I've known Joyce for twenty eight years, and she is the most can-do person I know," says Dr. Barry Jacobsen, plant pathologist and Department Head for the MSU research centers. "She will do whatever she sets her mind to do; she has given her heart and soul to improving durum breeding and she has done everything put in front of her with a smile and with dedication. I can't say enough about her."

He chuckles and adds, "She and her husband have also supplied me with some great hunting dogs."

Eckhoff's service to the EARC began in 1986 when she arrived at the research center as a bright eyed eager young lady, anxious to begin her duties as an agronomist. She credits her hiring at the EARC to the equal opportunities law for women and minorities. The first three people on the hiring lists were men. As the fourth candidate on the list for interviewing, she would never have obtained an interview without the equal opportunities law. "It turned out that of the three people they brought in to interview, all men, the first one was totally unqualified for the position, the second one was so introverted that he would never work out in a research center situation, and the third man took one look at Sidney and said they couldn't pay him enough to move here," Eckhoff explains. "Because of equal opportunity laws, and since I was the fourth candidate, by law they had to interview me because I was a woman. So I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the equal opportunities laws."

Over the course of the next thirty years, Eckhoff proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that of course a woman could succeed in a research situation. She began her duties doing general agronomic research, working with alternate crops, and conducting small grain variety testing. Her duties and responsibilities increased through the years as she gained experience and proved her effectiveness as a researcher. By the time she decided she would retire from the university system, she was working with nearly every crop except oil seeds. "I started out doing small grain variety testing, alternate crops experimentation, and general agronomic research," Eckhoff recalls. "I then took on variety testing for all crops except oil seed crops. This included peas, lentils, chick peas, dry beans, corn, alfalfa, vegetables, and alternate crops as well as my spring wheat and durum work. I had the responsibility for the off-station nurseries as well. After Jerry (Bergman) retired, I assumed the administrative duties while continuing my other responsibilities."

Sixteen years ago Eckhoff became heavily involved with durum breeding. In 2000 she began a durum breeding project that has continued right up to her retirement and has brought huge benefits to growers. Her research has produced one new durum variety for durum growers, and she also has several advanced durum lines that she will pass along to spring wheat breeder Luther Talbot in the hopes he will be able to develop new varieties from these lines in the near future. "No release is perfect," Eckhoff notes. "That is why I don't have a lot more releases as I wanted something perfect."

She continues, "Most of the durum varieties grown in Montana and North Dakota



## Eckhoff Retires

A retirement party was held in April for Joyce Eckhoff, superintendent at the Eastern Ag Research Center, Sidney, thanking her for 29 years of dedication. Eckhoff is pictured with a tub of wines presented to her by the Richland County Extension staff.



are day length sensitive. My release Silver durum is early maturing and day length insensitive. I have a number of advanced lines that are solid stemmed for sawfly resistance and some that are low cadmium. Spring wheat breeder Luther Talbot will carry this research along for me and release the lines as varieties down the road if they are deserving. I hope he can release one or more solid stemmed varieties and one or more low cadmium lines that I developed.”

Not only has she released varieties of her own and has several advanced lines that she hopes will one day become releases for growers, she also assisted in the development of many spring wheat, winter wheat, barley, oat, and alfalfa varieties. As well, her research in other areas has resulted in the accumulation of valuable information that growers use to improve quality and quantity yields. “When we first got the linear irrigation system we looked at nitrogen on sugarbeets under sprinkler and flood irrigation,” she remarks. “Our research showed that sprinkler irrigated sugarbeets do not need as much applied nitrogen because not as much nitrogen is lost to run-off and leaching.”

She continues, “I developed three composite cross durum populations; one under dryland conditions, one under irrigated conditions and one with the solid stemmed gene. All three populations have been crossed with germplasm that has the resistant gene to UG99, the newest race of stem rust. Crosses were made to develop lines with the low cadmium character. I also was involved in the release of eight spring wheat varieties, twenty-five winter wheat varieties, six barley varieties, two alfalfa varieties and one teff variety.”

Change seems to be the only constant in life and in the working environment. Eckhoff has seen many changes, some beneficial and others detrimental to research during her years at the EARC.

“One good change I’ve seen was when MSU changed the policy for farm sales,” says Eckhoff. “We originally were required to give all the money we made selling the crops grown at the research center (sugarbeets, wheat, malt barley, and safflower) to the Dean’s office. About ten years ago policy changed to allow research centers to keep those dollars. That was huge as we can use that money for equipment repair, building and ground maintenance, and matching funds for grants for new equipment. We can use it for just about anything except wages. Another big step was in 2011 when we moved into the new facility. We really appreciate the legislature for approving the funding for this facility as the building we used prior to that was literally falling down around us. The lab and the greenhouses in our new building are state of the art and will make research here attractive to new scientists.” “On the down side,” she continues, “I’ve seen many times when funding was cut. We also have endured a lot of pay freezes which were particularly hard on the staff. We have also had difficulties hiring because the state does not pay enough to compete with surrounding businesses, and we are not allowed to offer higher wages.”

Eckhoff cannot emphasize enough the importance of agricultural research. “The research conducted on the research centers is applied research that growers can use now,” she observes. “Probably one of the most important things done on the research centers is variety testing, both on-station and off-station. The results give growers information as to how experimental lines and varieties perform in their area, and give plant breeders information about which experimental lines do best. This helps researchers to release superior varieties.”

Eckhoff appreciates the people she has worked with and believes many people have helped her succeed at her job. “The crew at the EARC is the best,” she emphasizes. “They know what needs to be done and they get it done.

You can’t do research without the hired help paying attention to detail and being meticulous about data collection.”

She continues, “Jerry Bergman taught me a lot about research centers, vision, and politics. Gregg Carlson, who was the agronomist and then the superintendent at the Havre research center, was supportive of me from day one. He was always helpful and he was accepting and available when I had questions. I also did quite a bit of research with Barry Jacobsen and learned a lot from him.”

Eckhoff has delighted in her time at the EARC and will miss the community and its surroundings. “I have really enjoyed my years with the EARC and in Sidney,” she remarks. “I have appreciated the growers and I hope that I have helped some of them improve their bottom lines. I think eastern Montana is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen, and I am grateful I had the opportunity to live and work here.”

Eckhoff has no definite plans for retirement, other than to enjoy this next phase of her life and to meet it with the same exuberance she has exhibited in her time in Sidney. “My future plans?” she queries. “Grow a garden, maybe do field inspection for foundation and certified seed fields. Perhaps I’ll volunteer at the Salvation Army or help out in the soup kitchen. Maybe I will learn to dance. Who knows, I have my whole life ahead of me.”

Dr. Joyce Eckhoff, you will be missed. The Roundup joins with the community to wish you a wonderful retirement, and we thank you for the many contributions your research had provided for the agricultural community.



**Dr. Joyce Eckhoff  
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