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Yellowstone downstream end of bypass  
channel. (Photo by USACE Asset)

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# Pallid Sturgeons Make Their Way Through The Bypass Channel At Intake Diversion Dam



Yellowstone downstream end of bypass channel. (Photo by USACE Asset)

**By Anna Dragseth**

For the first time since the completion of the Intake Diversion Dam on the Yellowstone River, pallid sturgeons have successfully swam upstream on their own. This was made possible because of the newly constructed bypass channel.

The first pallid passed through the bypass channel on May 5. The fish was identified as “1997 HOPS” (male code 332). It had been hanging out at the Intake FAS boat ramp for a couple of days before passing through.

“This is extremely encouraging, especially with the low flows on the Yellowstone River,” said David Trimpe, Bureau of Reclamation Environmental specialist.

In the past, pallid sturgeon have attempted to migrate up the dam, but have been stopped by the rock field at the diversion dam.

“They do not like turbulence or rocks and the diversion dam area is very violent, so the bypass provides a very smooth natural-like channel that routes around that.”

The 2.1-mile-long channel was created as part of the Lower Yellowstone Intake Diversion Dam Fish Passage Project, a joint federal project between USACE and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The construction on the channel started in April 2019 and was completed on April 9, 2022. The project also includes a replacement diversion dam to facilitate irrigation diversions to the Lower Yellowstone Project which was completed by

USACE in 2021.

The bypass channel was designed to help the sturgeon and other fish move freely up and downstream of the diversion, creating an area for natural recruitment of the pallid sturgeon.

“The full intent is to get these fish further upstream so that they can spawn, and their young can float back down stream and mature and survive before they enter Lake Sacagawea on the Missouri River,” added Trimpe.

In 1990, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act listed pallid sturgeons as endangered.

Trimpe hopes that the passage will increase the population of the species and facilitate natural recruitment.

As of May 19, nine radio-tagged pallid sturgeons have successfully swam through the bypass channel. “In addition to the pallid sturgeons, we have seen paddlefish and the full gamut of native species on the Yellowstone River go through the bypass channel,” said Trimpe.

“Looking forward, we want to see natural recruitment on the Yellowstone River, and we want the bypass to continue to function and provide upstream and downstream passage.” He said, “Hopefully that leads to putting the pallid in a much better position to survive long term.”

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Draft Horse Competition & FREE BBQ Thurs, June 16

Demo Derby & Farm Olympics Fri, June 17

NDRA Rodeo Sat, June 18

North Star Amusements Carnival June 16-18

Adam The Great, Playing With Gravity

### Wednesday, June 15

- 8-11am: 4-H Livestock Entry
- 12-3pm: Static 4-H Judging & Animal Interview
- 1-3pm: Open Class Entry
- 4pm: McKenzie Co. Farm Bureau Supper & Annual Meeting
- 6-8pm: Open Class Entry

### Thursday, June 16

- 8-11:30am: Open Class Exhibit Entry
- 9am: 4-H Livestock Evaluation
- 5pm: 4-H Small Animal Judging
- 1-4pm: Open Class Exhibit Judging
- 4pm: Parade
- 5pm: Draft Horse Entry & Free BBQ
- 6pm: Draft Horse Competition

### Friday, June 17

- 9am: FFA Livestock Show
- 1pm: 4-H Livestock Sale
- 2pm: Demo Derby Registration
- 4:30pm: Farm Olympics
- 6pm: Demo Derby
- Music by Josh Kehr
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### Saturday, June 18

- 9am: 4-H Livestock Showmanship Judging
- 11am: Rodeo Slack
- 1pm: 4-H Awards
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# MonDak Area Stockgrower's Association's 10th Annual "Rockin Your Heart" Weekend June 3 & 4

Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) will be hosting their annual Mid-Year Meeting in Sidney, June 1-3 and invites Montana's ranching community to attend.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association is a grassroots membership organization and is the trusted voice of cattle ranchers. With a 135 year history, MSGA advocates and ensures cattle ranching remains relevant, safe and a sustainable way of life for generations to come.

The MidYear Meeting is one of two meetings that is held to set association policy that guides the Association through the year. While the main focus of the meeting is for the setting of interim policy they also use the meeting as a networking opportunity for the MSGA membership. Ranchers and allied industry professionals gather together from across the state of Montana for two days filled with meetings, entertainment, education, and fun!

This year Sidney has been selected for the meeting. The 10th Annual MonDak Area Stockgrowers' Association 'Rockin' Your Heart' Weekend this year is scheduled for June 3 and 4 at the Richland County Fair & Rodeo Event Center.

The Run For The Brand 5k/10/Walk/Run and the Team Penning on Saturday, June 4 will be postponed until early fall to allow members to attend the funeral for a fellow stockgrower.

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Highlights of this year's mid-year meeting include an industry update from NCBA's CEO, Colin Woodall, mental health discussions from Stuart Ellis-Myers, and stories from Wally Badgett. MSGA members will also gather to vote on and set interim policy during the Beef Production & Marketing, Land Use & Environment, and Tax, Finance and Ag Policy committee meetings.

The 10th Anniversary Cattlemen's Ball will culminate the event Friday night. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the social hour and a beef dinner served by Rod Iron Grill, Sidney, at 6:30 p.m. Lots of live auction items are available to choose from with proceeds being donated to the area fire departments. A Planko Board will also be set up for all attendees to try their luck to win prizes.

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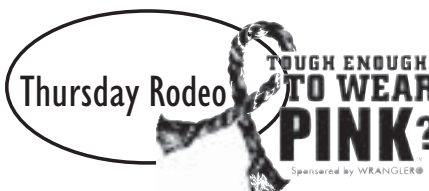
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# New Richland Co. 4-H Buildings To Offer Fun Year Round



The cattle barn is just one of the buildings that can be used for a multitude of events year round.

**By Anna Dragseth**

The new Richland County 4-H buildings are providing more than just a place for 4-H members, people from around the community have been able to take advantage of the new facilities.

"Through the upgrading of the fairground's facilities portfolio, Richland County can continue providing Sidney and the region with facilities that have diverse utilization. It opens so many doors of possibilities here at the fairgrounds and that's what is exciting," said Richland County Fairgrounds Manager Pam Shelmidine.

The new complex includes three separate barns: a horse barn and stalls, a swine, sheep, and goat barn and a cattle barn. There is also a new show area with expanded grandstands.

The new buildings are located where the old agriculture building once stood, to the east and north of the 4-H food booth. The exhibits and booths that were in the old agriculture building are now in the commercial building.

Richland County Extension Agent Josie Evenson explained that the Richland County 4-H program has needed this expansion for many years. "We outgrew the barn and needed new space. Our 4-H program is one of the largest in the state as far as the population; we have 243 kids enrolled, which is roughly 11% of the school population in Richland County." said Evenson.

As the buildings continued to age, they became unsafe with some structural issues, which caused safety concerns.

The process for deciding what buildings should be constructed, involved a panel of 12 people including Richland County officials fair board members and 4-H leaders. They spent a full year evaluating what was needed with two years of study. They used projected growth data, input from 4-H participants and fair board members to assess what was needed.

When the buildings were constructed, the planning committee thought about



The new 4-H show arena and grandstands during the 4-H Market auction at the Richland County Fair.

how they could be used for 365 days of the year, not just 4 days for the fair.

"We thought long and hard about what was needed, meeting over 30 times to discuss different things," explained Evenson.

The buildings were finished in July 2021 and attracted several people to the facilities during the 2021 fair.

"The shows were better attended, and more people were able to walk through the barns and see the animals. Overall, using them this past year was a great experience for not just 4-H but the entire community," added Evenson.

There are many different ways the new complex can be used in the off-fair season.

"The cattle barn with its dirt floor can be used for livestock shows or sales, auctions, cornhole tournaments or even rustic weddings! The building used for sheep and swine during the fair has endless possibilities from indoor dances to livestock shows to a marching band practice-maybe even a recreational vehicle or pool and spa show. The curtain sides feature of the building provide lots of ventilation so summer events can be out of the sun, but still feel like you are outdoors. Our new 600-seat grandstand with a grass arena is great for outdoor weddings, small concerts, plays, and livestock shows. Our 29-stall horse hotel is a perfect place for someone transporting horses across long distances to give the horses a rest in a safe place. Easy access for trailers, convenient off-loading and loading area to the stalls," explained Shelmidine.

The Richland County 4-H is very appreciative of the new space. This year the 4-H kids will be taking full advantage of the new facilities. There will be 105 market steer projects, which is the largest county fair in Montana as far as steer numbers.

Shelmidine said, "It is wonderful to have these facilities! We are so happy to be able to offer them to the public for their use - I can't wait to see what people come up with to do out here! "



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# 63rd Annual McKenzie County Fair & Rodeo June 16-18

By Anna Dragseth

This year, the McKenzie County Fair & Rodeo is set for June 16-18. Throughout the duration of the fair there will be tons of entertainment, including a draft horse competition, demo derby, music by Josh Kehr, farming play pit, fair parade and carnival, and the NDRA Rodeo.

On Thursday, June 16, there will be a free barbeque followed by the fair parade, Adam the Great, 4-H animal shows, carnival, and the Olaf Leiseth Jr. Memorial Draft Horse Competition.

Friday, June 17, there will be the 4-H livestock sale at noon, farm olympics, demo derby, playing with gravity entertainment, and a musical performance by

Josh Kehr.

The NDRA Rodeo will be taking place on the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 18 at 6 p.m. There will also be music by Josh Kehr during the day.

The carnival and farming play pit will be open throughout the whole duration of the fair.


"We are excited to have everyone come out to the fair. I love seeing all the people and 4-H families come together at the fair," said Carolyn Levang, McKenzie County Fair Board Secretary and Treasurer.

The McKenzie County Fair Board is hoping to host the 64th Annual Fair at the New Ag Expo building.

Levang said, "Stay tuned for more information and be sure to watch the newspaper and radio for a schedule of events."




Josh Kehr will be providing live music during the fair this year.



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# McKenzie County 4-H Events Held



Back from left, Tianna Dwyer, Teddi Dwyer, Kathy Skarda, Ethan Roffler, Ike Boekelman, Clara Wisness, KC Korslein, Gavyn Darrington and Gracyn Darrington; front, Ellie Pennington, Morgan Murphy, Kash Korslein, Kenley Korslein and Charlie Wisness.

Submitted by Marcia Hellandsaas

The 2022 McKenzie County 4-H Project Expo and 4-H Communication Arts events were held on May 16 at the NDSU Extension/McKenzie County Office.

The 4-H Project Expo event provides youth with the opportunity to plan, prepare and display an article, educational or food related project. 4-H members also verbally express themselves to a judge. At the close of the contest, ribbon awards were presented to each participant.

Senior (13-18 year olds) Ethan Roffler was awarded a Grand Champion ribbon on his display, "How to Make Bread."

Junior (8-12 year olds) Charlie Wisness was also awarded a Grand Champion ribbon on his "WHIP Up Some Fun."

Ethan and Charlie were invited to attend the State 4-H Project Expo event on July 25 at the North Dakota State Fair in Minot.

The 4-H Communication Arts event is designed to help youth develop speaking abilities. Participants learn about the importance of organizing information and/or equipment to tell and/or show others what they are learning in 4-H. How they present themselves is the number one judging criteria.

In the junior division (8-12 year olds), General Demonstrations Category, ribbons were assigned as follows:

- Gracyn Darrington, Grand Champion, for "How to Make a Freshie"
- Clara Wisness, Reserve Champion, for "Who Packed the Blower?"
- Gracyn Darrington, participation ribbon for "How to Fold a Napkin"
- Morgan Murphy, participation ribbon for "Burr Busters"

In the Interpretive Reading Category, the following ribbons were awarded:

- Ike Boekelman, Senior Division Grand Champion for "Poem by Carson Houser"
- Kash and Kenley Korslien, Junior Division Grand Champion for "Waitin on Lane"

Lastly, in the Dramatic Presentation Category, Junior KC Korslien received a Grand Champion ribbon for "Betty Botter Auctioneer Tongue Twister" by Carolyn Wells

Cloverbud member (ages 5-7, non-competitive) Ellie Pennington rounded off the program with her "How to Make a Loom Pot Holder" demonstration. She was awarded a participation ribbon.

Communication Arts participants were invited to participate in the 4-H District Communication Arts event to be held on June 10 in Williston.

Kathy Skarda and Teddi and Tianna Dwyer served as judges for the events.

NDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development's mission is to create supportive learning environments for youth and adults to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent and caring adults. To carry out this mission, 4-H provides hands-on experiences through projects, activities and events. Youth are involved through clubs, school enrichment programs, independent study, after-school programs and special interest groups. 4-H is the largest and only research-based youth organization in our state.

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## Annual Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament Scheduled For July 11



**Charlie Sheehan  
tees off during  
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Appreciation  
Golf Tournament.  
(Photo submitted)**

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will be hosting their Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament to celebrate the farming and ranching culture. The golf tournament will be held Monday, July 11 at the Sidney Country Club with breakfast and registration starting at 7:30 a.m. and tee time at 9 a.m.

The tournament is a four-man scramble, pairing farmers and ranchers with local business people. Area businesses are encouraged to sponsor a hole, team or cart. The tournament wraps up about 4 p.m.

"We hope to draw about 150 people from the agriculture industry to this golf tournament," says Kali Godfrey, Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture executive director.

There are still opportunities to sponsor this great event at different levels. Some of those opportunities include: Team Sponsor, \$250; Hole Sponsor, \$150; and the Cart Sponsor, \$100. Prize Sponsors are recognized at the closing ceremony. Any prizes may be donated by businesses to be given away at the end of the tournament.

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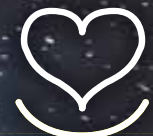
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# Montana State Lentil Research Published In Crop Science

By Meaghan MacDonald-Pool, MSU News Service

Bozeman — Research conducted at Montana State University's Eastern Agricultural Research Center on how genetic and environmental factors affect lentil crops grown in different parts of the state was recently published in a national journal.

"Evaluation of Environment and Cultivar Impact on Lentil Protein, Starch, Mineral Nutrients and Yield" was published in *Crop Science*, a publication of the Crop Science Society of America, in early May. Chengci Chen is the lead researcher of the study and superintendent of the Eastern Agricultural Research Center near Sidney.

Chen and colleagues conducted the study at five test sites across Montana, including four MSU research centers/farms in Bozeman, Conrad, Havre and Moccasin. The locations had different soil and weather conditions, and the researchers evaluated four varieties of lentils at each study site.

Although the study was conducted in Montana, the results have worldwide implications, Chen said. According to the article, more than 60% of global lentil exports originated in the northern Great Plains in the United States and Canada.

The study showed that environmental factors had large effects on lentil yield and starch content. However, lentil genetics had more influence on protein concentration and some of the macro- and micro-nutrients, such as phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, iron, zinc and sulfur. The results suggest lentil nutrition can be biofortified — a technique to enrich the certain nutrients in food grains and deliver to a population that has limited access to diverse diets — by combining breeding efforts and judicious selection of varieties and farming locations.

"Growers can select specific varieties of lentils to match conditions in different geographical regions," Chen writes. "This can help them produce lentil crops with high nutrient values."

Chen added that developing lentil varieties adapted to diverse environments to produce stable yield is also important "because environmental conditions can vary not only in different locations, but also from year to year in the same location."

Chen also published an article about the Eastern Agricultural Research Center's work in the spring issue of *Growing Montana*, a publication from the Montana Agricultural Business Association. In the five-page article, "Eastern Agricultural Research Center Conducts Research to Address Stakeholder's Needs," Chen highlights the facilities and equipment at the center, explains its research programs and its stakeholder engagement and student training efforts.

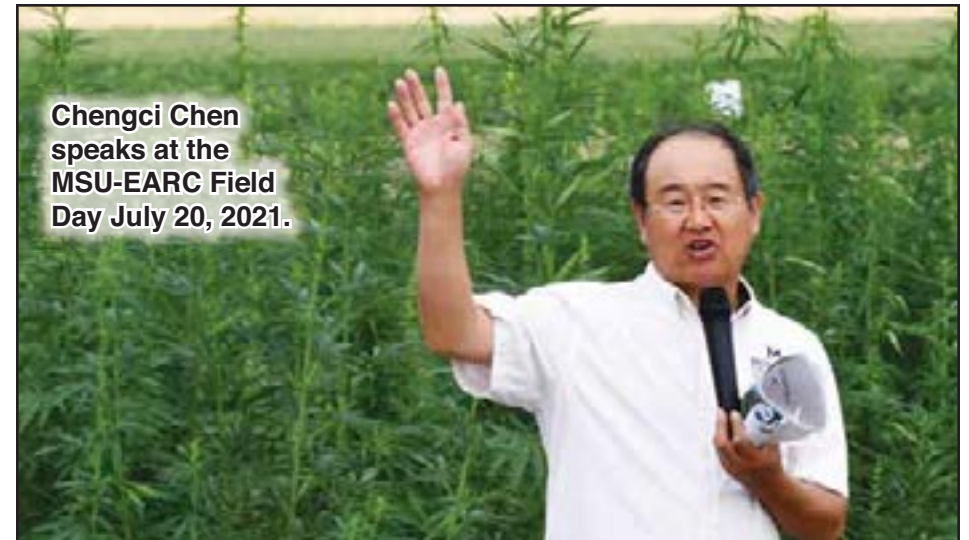
The research center, established in 1948, has two research farms, 40 acres dedicated to dryland crop research and 140 acres dedicated to irrigated crop research. The research center has lab and field equipment to conduct greenhouse and field studies to develop new varieties and solve agronomic and disease management issues.

The center conducts research to support the agricultural producers and stakeholders in the eastern portion of the state, though, Chen said, the center's research also applies to other parts of Montana and beyond. Crop research at the Eastern Agricultural Research Center includes sugar beets, pulse crops — such as peas, lentils, chickpeas, mung beans and adzuki beans — cereal crops and oilseed crops.

Chen said the center's scientists work closely with growers, grower associations, agricultural industries, federal and state agencies, and the community. Each year, MSU's seven agricultural research centers host field days to discuss crop variety testing and breeding, livestock production, water and pesticide use, fruit

production and more. The Eastern Agricultural Research Center's field day will take place Tuesday, July 12.

More information on MSU's research centers can be found at <https://agresearch.montana.edu/department-research-centers/index.html>.



Chengci Chen  
speaks at the  
MSU-EARC Field  
Day July 20, 2021.

## Breeding Season Considerations

By Marley Manoukian, MSU Richland County Extension Agent

The breeding season may have already begun for some, but it is coming up in the near future for others. Here are a few considerations as you prepare to turn your bulls out.

Having a breeding soundness exam (BSE) on your bulls prior to breeding season is critical. To put it into perspective, in one breeding season an individual cow is expected to contribute to one pregnancy, whereas a bull is expected to contribute to 20-50 pregnancies. The BSE that is conducted by your veterinarian includes a physical exam, an exam of the reproductive organs, and a semen evaluation. The process of producing sperm takes approximately 60 days, meaning that subzero temperatures, infections, stress, or similar situations that has occurred during that time could negatively impact semen quality. It is important to schedule a BSE close enough to the breeding season that allows for enough time for animals to recover from any winter injuries, but far in advance enough to retest or replace bulls that do not pass the exam.

It is important to note that a BSE does not evaluate bull libido. This makes it important for producers to monitor bulls after they have been turned out, to ensure that they are actively breeding cows.

The bull to cow ration must also be considered prior to the breeding season. The average ratio for mature bulls is 1 bull to 25 cows and 1 bull to 15 cows for yearling bulls. Higher rates of up to 50 cows are used in some situations, with an understanding that this higher rate may lead to cows not becoming pregnant in their first cycle of the breeding season and subsequently calving later that following year.

Be sure to schedule a BSE with your veterinarian prior to turn out. Contact the MSU Richland County Extension office with any questions, 406-433-1206.



# BUD GROSKINSKY ESTATE FARM AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 | 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: FROM SIDNEY, MT-FROM THE TOWN PUMP TAKE HWY 16 S FOR 1.2 MILES (TOWARDS SAVAGE),  
TURN LEFT FOR 1/4 MILE.FOR MORE INFORMATION: RUSS 406-480-7656 • LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE.



**Spectra  
Laser Unit,  
model GI720,  
Tripods,  
Measuring Sticks,  
(very nice unit)**



## FARM MACHINERY

- JD 7520 MFWD Tractor, 14.9Rx46 tires, I/VT transmission, left hand reverser, 3 pt., PTO, 1,425 hours (like new)
- CAT D5HXL w/6-way Blade
- JD 630 gas Tractor, power steering, 3 pt., PTO
- JD 3 pt. 8' 4-way Back Blade
- 3 pt. 7' Back Blade
- JD 6-way 10' Dozer Blade & Frame
- Ford 16' Offset Disc, model 246
- Rome/Gurries 12' Land Leveler
- Woods 3 pt. Ditch Mower, model 5106
- JD 3 pt. Brush Hog, model 709
- JD 3 pt. 6' Tiller, model 660 (like new)
- (5) 3 pt. 5' sections of Harrows
- 3 pt. 2-bottom Spinner Plow
- 3 pt. Disc
- 3 pt. 20' Triple K
- Brillion 14' Roller Harrow
- 14' Ridger w/Spring Tooth Shovels
- JD 3 pt. 15' Cultivator
- 3 pt. 9' Spreader Grader
- 3 pt. One-Shank Ripper
- 3 pt. Tree Planter
- Eversman V-Plow, pull-type
- Ditch Closer
- 3 pt. Ditcher
- JD 3pt. Sprayer, model 225
- JD Van Brundt 12' Double Disc Drill
- Crisafulli 6" Pump

## TRUCK, SIDE-BY-SIDE, ATV & SHOP

- 1971 GMC 5500 Truck, 16' box & hoist
- Ranger XP1000 4-door Side-by-Side, cab, a/c, heater, 377 miles
- Polaris 550 Sportsman, all-wheel drive ATV
- Toro Push Mower
- Toro Leaf Blower
- (14) JD Suitcase Weights
- (2) Post Hole Augers
- (2) Middle Arms for JD 3 pt. Cylinders
- Industrial 220 Electric Grinder
- Makita Chop Saw
- KT 12-speed Drill Press, floor model
- Porta Power
- 1/2" Air Wrench
- More Misc. Tools
- Large Pipe Threader & Cutter
- Sand Blaster
- Battery Charger
- Jack Stands
- Infra-Red Heater
- Handyman Jack
- Wheelbarrow
- Platform Scale
- Pump w/electric motor
- Propane Bug Getter
- Aluminum Ramps
- Orion 30-gallon Fuel Tank & Hand Pump on wheels
- (2) JD Umbrellas
- Ditcher Bar Clamps
- Acre Wheel
- (10) Sticks of 3" Aluminum Irrigation Pipe
- (6) Sticks of 2" Aluminum Irrigation Pipe
- Misc. 6" gated Plastic Pipe
- Elbow, Couplers (plastic & aluminum)
- Misc. Rebar
- (3) 16' galvanized Gates
- Clay Pigeon Thrower



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## AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:

Anne, Bud's wife has decided to liquidate most of Bud's equipment. Most everything in this auction is in very good to excellent condition. The tractor has very low hours and is field ready. The land leveling equipment is top quality. You will not want to miss this auction! This will not be an all-day sale, so please be on time. Hope to see you June 25th. ~Rick



# MonDak Area Stockgrowers Scholarship Recipients



**Rory Cozzens receives his scholarship from Katelyn Dynneson.**

The MonDak Area Stockgrowers announced their scholarship recipients at their spring meeting May 17.

Grady Larson, Sidney, MT, is the son of Tim and Kristin Larson. He is graduating from Ignite Christian Academy. He will be attending Miles Community College, Miles City, in the fall and studying Ag Business. He is hoping to be a cattle buyer, rancher and auctioneer. He is receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

Lindsey Vachal, White Earth, ND, is the daughter of Colin and Susan Vachal. She is graduating from Tioga High School. She will be attending North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, in the fall and studying animal science and pre-veterinary medicine. She is hoping to be a veterinarian. She is receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

Ella Robbins, Richey, MT, is the daughter of Jodi Boese. She is graduating from Richey Public High School. She will be attending Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington, WY, in the fall and studying to be a veterinary technician. She is planning on working as a veterinary technician for a small town veterinarian for a small town vet after college. She is receiving a \$500 scholarship.

Rory Cozzens, Fairview, is the son of Mark and Bobbi Cozzens. He will be graduating from Fairview High School. He will be attending Montana State University-Northern, Havre, MT, in the fall and studying diesel technology. He is planning on being a diesel mechanic. He is receiving a \$500 scholarship.



**Grady Larson receives his scholarship from Katelyn Dynneson.**



**Cassey Radke is this year's steer scholarship winner.**





# RICHLAND COUNTY SURPLUS and CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 • 10:00 A.M.

## COMBINE, TRAILER, FARM MACHINERY & MISC.

- 2013 S670 Combine, duals, new chaffer & sieve frame, 2153 sep. hours, 3174 engine hours (Greg 406-480-5658)
- JD 640D Draper Header, Cross Auger, new poly on bottom (Greg 406-480-5658)
- Wilson Live-bottom 96"x50' Tri axle spring ride Trailer, electric & new tarp (Greg 406-480-5658)
- 1994 Triple axle 50-ton Lowboy Trailer (Chuck 701-440-0156)
- Timpte 51' Live-bottom triple-axle 40" belt Trailer, air ride, lift tag, new brakes, in MT 44,000 GVW & Self-contained Unit w/24 hp Honda Motor & Pump, does not need wet kit (Lester 701-609-4117)
- MF 2745 diesel Tractor, 143 PTO hp, 3 pt., PTO (consigned Steve 701-334-1348)
- Vermeer 6-Wheel V-Rake (Steve 406-489-3627)
- 16' Pull-type Hay Wagon
- 2008 Ford F250 4-door Pickup 4x4, V-10 engine, long box, 175,000 miles

## STAN'S ESTATE - (Rick 406-939-1632)

- 1979 Lincoln Town Car, 4-door, runs on propane
- 1953 Packard 4-door Car, black
- 1963 Ford F100 Pickup
- Yamaha gas Golf Cart



## LOCATION: SIDNEY, MT RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Lunch will be available.

Polaris Ranger XP1000 Side-by-Side, full cab, radio, air, heater, winch, light bar, 1,950 miles (Rick 406-939-1633)

## LIVESTOCK EQUIP. & SHOP

- Real Tuff Portable Tub & Alleyway w/Headgate, 1 yr old w/only 200 cows gone thru (Rick 406-939-1632)
- Powder River Chute (Steve 406-489-3627)
- Kohler 8000-watt Generator (Steve 406-489-3627)
- Champion 9000-starting watt/7000 running watt Generator, NEW (Rick 406-939-1632)
- Scaffolding
- Portable Air Compressor
- Professional Air Guns, Nailers, Impact Guns
- Dewalt 12" Miter Saw
- More Misc. Shop & Carpenter Tools



## RICHLAND COUNTY - (Duane 406-480-4156)

- 2004 Chevy 2500 HD Extended Cab Silverado 4x4 Pickup, 179,650 miles
- 2005 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup, new tires, 71,995 miles
- 2007 Chevy 2500 HD 4-door 4x4 Pickup, Vortec 5.7 liter engine, 169,660 miles
- 2007 Ford F550 Service Truck, 6.4 diesel, new engine installed by Ford @ 100,000 miles, 144,600 miles
- 2008 Chevy 2500 HD Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup, 152,265 miles
- Pickup Service Fuel Tanks
- Pickup Toolboxes
- 2016 Chevy Pickup Box
- Shop Hoist Lift
- 14' Truck Tarp
- Branick Tire Spreader
- Fluorescent Shop Lights
- Cage from Old Armory Building
- 3" Water Pump

## RICHLAND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2010 Isuzu Cab & Chassis, diesel engine, automatic, 83978 miles, (transmission is bad)

## SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

- 2007 Dodge Durango, 132,220 miles (all decals will be removed)
- 2013 Chevy Silverado 4x4, 99,500 miles (all decals will be removed)
- 2016 Ford Explorer 118,950 miles (all decals will be removed)



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~Rick

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# Montana FSA: USDA To Provide Approximately \$6 Billion To Commodity & Specialty Crop Producers Impacted By 2020-2021 Natural Disasters

## First Wave of Payments Based on Crop Insurance Data

### USDA Farm Service Agency

Washington, May 16 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments totaling approximately \$6 billion through the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) new Emergency Relief Program (ERP) to offset crop yield and value losses.

"For over two years, farmers and ranchers across the country have been hard hit by an ongoing pandemic coupled with more frequent and catastrophic natural disasters," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "As the agriculture industry deals with new challenges and stressors, we at USDA look for opportunities to inject financial support back into the rural economy through direct payments to producers who bear the brunt of circumstances beyond their control. These emergency relief payments will help offset the significant crop losses due to major weather events in 2020 and 2021 and help ensure farming operations are viable this crop year, into the next growing season and beyond."

### Background

On Sept. 30, 2021, President Biden signed into law the "Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 117-43)", which includes \$10 billion in assistance to agricultural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms, and other eligible disasters experienced during calendar years 2020 and 2021. FSA recently made payments to ranchers impacted by drought and wildfire through the first phase of the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP). ERP is another relief component of the Act.

For impacted producers, existing Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) data is the basis for calculating initial payments. USDA estimates that phase one ERP benefits will reach more than 220,000 producers who received indemnities for losses covered by federal crop insurance and more than 4,000 producers who obtained NAP coverage for 2020 and 2021 crop losses.

### ERP Eligibility – Phase One

ERP covers losses to crops, trees, bushes, and vines due to a qualifying natural disaster event in calendar years 2020 and 2021. Eligible crops include all crops for which crop insurance or NAP coverage was available, except for crops intended for grazing. Qualifying natural disaster events include wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture, qualifying drought, and related

conditions.

For drought, ERP assistance is available if any area within the county in which the loss occurred was rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a:

- D2 (severe drought) for eight consecutive weeks; or
- D3 (extreme drought) or higher level of drought intensity.

Lists of 2020 and 2021 drought counties eligible for ERP is available on the emergency relief website.

To streamline and simplify the delivery of ERP phase one benefits, FSA will send pre-filled application forms to producers where crop insurance and NAP data are already on file. This form includes eligibility requirements, outlines the application process and provides ERP payment calculations. Producers will receive a separate application form for each program year in which an eligible loss occurred. Receipt of a pre-filled application is not confirmation that a producer is eligible to receive an ERP phase one payment.

Additionally, producers must have the following forms on file with FSA within 60 days of the ERP phase one deadline, which will later be announced by FSA's Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs:

- Form AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet.
- Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity.
- Form CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable).
- Form FSA-510, Request for an Exception to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for Certain Programs (if applicable).
- Form CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, if applicable, for the 2021 program year.

• A highly erodible land conservation (sometimes referred to as HELC) and wetland conservation certification (Form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELCL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification) for the ERP producer and applicable affiliates.

Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these required forms on file. However, those who are uncertain or want to confirm the status of their forms can contact their local FSA county office.

### ERP Payment Calculations – Phase One

For crops covered by crop insurance, the ERP phase one payment calculation for a crop and unit will depend on the type and level of coverage obtained by the producer. Each calculation

will use an ERP factor based on the producer's level of crop insurance or NAP coverage.

• Crop Insurance – the ERP factor is 75–95% depending on the level of coverage ranging from catastrophic to at least 80% coverage.

• NAP – the ERP factor is 75–95% depending on the level of coverage ranging from catastrophic to 65% coverage.

Full ERP payment calculation factor tables are available on the emergency relief website and in the program fact sheet.

Applying ERP factors ensures that payments to producers do not exceed available funding and that cumulative payments do not exceed 90% of losses for all producers as required by the Act.

Also, there will be certain payment calculation considerations for area plans under crop insurance policies.

The ERP payment percentage for historically underserved producers, including beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmers and ranchers will be increased by 15% of the calculated payment for crops having insurance coverage or NAP.

To qualify for the higher payment percentage, eligible producers must have a CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, form on file with FSA for the 2021 program year.

Because the amount of loss due to a qualifying disaster event in calendar years 2020 and 2021 cannot be separated from the amount of loss caused by other eligible causes of loss as defined by the applicable crop insurance or NAP policy, the ERP phase one payment will be calculated based on the producer's loss due to all eligible causes of loss.

### Future Insurance Coverage Requirements

All producers who receive ERP phase one payments, including those receiving a payment based on crop, tree, bush, or vine insurance policies, are statutorily required to purchase crop insurance, or NAP coverage where crop insurance is not available, for the next two available crop years, as determined by the Secretary. Participants must obtain crop insurance or NAP, as may be applicable:

- At a coverage level equal to or greater than 60% for insurable crops; or
- At the catastrophic level or higher for NAP crops.

Coverage requirements will be determined from the date a producer receives an ERP payment and may vary depending on the timing and availability of crop insurance or NAP for a producer's particular crops. The final crop year

to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage to meet the second year of coverage for this requirement is the 2026 crop year.

Emergency Relief – Phase Two (Crop and Livestock Producers)

This announcement is only phase one of relief for commodity and specialty crop producers. Making the initial payments using existing safety net and risk management data will both speed implementation and further encourage participation in these permanent programs, such as Federal crop insurance, as Congress intended.

The second phase of both ERP and ELRP programs will fill gaps and cover producers who did not participate in or receive payments through the existing programs that are being leveraged for phase one implementation. When phase one payment processing is complete, the remaining funds will be used to cover gaps identified under phase two.

Through proactive communication and outreach, USDA will keep producers and stakeholders informed as program details are made available. More information on ERP can be found in the Notice of Funding Availability.

### Additional Commodity Loss Assistance

The Milk Loss Program and On-Farm Stored Commodity Loss Program are also funded through the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act and will be announced in a future rule in the Federal Register.

### More Information

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov), including the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool. For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [usda.gov](https://usda.gov).



# CRANE CREEK RANCH FARM AUCTION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 | 10:00 A.M.**

**LOCATION: FROM SIDNEY MT- TAKE HWY 16 S TO CRANE, MT, TURN RIGHT ON ROAD 115 (JUST ON THE EDGE OF CRANE) FOR 1.1 MILES, TURN RIGHT ON ROAD 344 FOR 3/10THS OF A MILE. LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE.  
OWNER: CRANE CREEK RANCH INC. • FOR MORE INFORMATION: JAKE 406-480-2712**

## FARM MACHINERY & MISC.

- JD 8630 4-wheel drive Tractor, PTO, (new Reman motor)
- Steiger Wildcat 1000 4-wheel drive Tractor, PTO, Cummins engine, 18.4x38 tires, (4) hydraulics, 5,760 hrs.
- Case 2870 4-wheel drive Tractor, 20.8x34 tires, (4) hydraulics, 4,742 hrs.
- Intl. 5288 diesel Tractor, (1200 hrs. on new motor) 3 pt. PTO
- Intl. 1566 diesel Tractor, turbo, PTO, (2) hydraulics, 5,918 hrs.
- Intl. 1256 diesel Tractor, 3 pt. PTO, (4,000 hrs. on overhaul

- engine) & Farmhand XL940 Front-end Loader w/bucket & grapple
- Farmall 450 diesel Tractor (rear-end needs work)
- Intl. 886 Tractor (burned)
- Intl. Farmall M Tractor (needs work)
- Farmall 400 Tractor (restorable)
- JD 1030 Iron Wheel Tractor
- JD model D Iron Wheel Tractor
- JD 70 Tractor, wide front-end
- Case Intl. 42' Drill model 8500, 12" spacing
- (3) 16' Case Intl. Hoe Drills,

- model 7100, 7" spacing, Eagle points & transport
- Intl. 42' Hoe Drills, 10" spacing, model 150 & Drill Transport
- (2) 14' Intl. Hoe Drills, 10" spacing
- Krause 36' Off Set Disc
- Sunflower 20' Off Set Disc
- Intl. 36' Toolbar
- Intl. 34' Toolbar
- Int. 26' Toolbar (for parts)
- Morris Magnum II 36' Toolbar
- Eversman 2-yard Dirt Scraper
- Pull-type V Plow



## COMBINES, TRUCKS, PICKUPS & TRAILERS

- (4) Intl. Axial 1460 Combines (1-3,050 hrs., 1-3,200 hrs.)
- (2) 25' Headers, model 1010
- (2) 24' Headers
- (3) Header Trailers
- (2) Pickup Attachments, model 810
- 2001 Freightliner Semi, Detroit engine, 13-speed, large sleeper
- 1981 Intl. Transtar II Twin Screw Truck, diesel engine, 22' box & hoist
- 1979 GMC 7000 tandem axle Truck, 427 engine, 5&2, 20' box & hoist

- 1974 Chevy C60 Truck, 366 engine, 5&2, 18' box & hoist
- 1967 Chevy 50 Truck, 16' box & hoist
- 1961 Chevy Viking Truck, 12' box & hoist
- 1984 F250 2x4 Pickup (needs work)
- 1968 Intl. 1100 Pickup (runs)
- Wilson 45' Hopper Bottom Trailer
- 45' Reefer Van

## HAYING & LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

- Hesston 6450 gas Swather, 16' Draper head & conditioner
- JD 530 Big Round Baler
- MF model 24 Little Square Baler
- Stack Mover
- Danport Hay & Bale Hauler

- JD model 200 Hay Loafer
- Powder River Squeeze Chute
- Portable Stur D Tub & 24' Alleyway
- Old Chute
- Calf Table

- Big Valley Headgate
- Approx. (30) 10' Portable Panels
- Approx. (100) 9' Feed Bunks
- Hog Feeder



## AUGERS, GRAIN BINS, GRAIN CLEANERS, SPRAYER & MISC.

- Brandt, model 4000 Grain Vac
- Farm King 10"x71' Swing Tongue Auger
- Farm King 7"x46' Auger w/16 hp B&S engine
- (2) Hydraulic Drill Fill Augers
- End gate mount Drill Fill Auger
- 4" Auger w/electric motor
- 5" Auger w/electric motor
- Smith Roles Drag Auger
- (2) Butler 21' diameter Grain Bins

- Gilmore-Tatge Grain Cleaner w/electric motor
- Larger Grain Cleaner w/220 v electric motor
- Flex-i-coil pull-type Sprayer, 100' booms, 100-gallon tank
- Fimco pull-type Sprayer, booms & 100-gallon poly tank
- (2) 1250-gallon Poly Tanks
- JD 3 pt. Post Hole Digger

## SHOP & MISC.

- FMC Tire Machine
- Ascot Wheel Balancer, model Cb114
- Titan 5500 diesel Generator
- Titan 8000 Generator
- Portable Air Compressor
- Shop Press
- Acetylene Welder
- Lincoln 225-S Welder
- Arc Welder

- Pressure Washer
- Floor model Drill Press
- Bench Grinder
- Space Heaters
- Chains & Boomers
- Bolts, Nuts, Washers
- Floor model Toolbox
- Misc. Shop Tools
- Many Iron Wheels
- Misc. Tractor Chains

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## AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:

Crane Creek Ranch Inc. has decided to liquidate all their equipment. A lot of the bigger equipment and trucks were kept inside. There is a nice variety of items at this auction. We hope to see you on June 11th!

— Rick



# THE EQUIPMENT YOU NEED TO RUN YOUR FARM!



CASE IH 8250 COMBINE



RB565 ROUND BALER



CASE IH MAXXUM 150



CASE IH WD1505 WINDROWER

## TOUGH EQUIPMENT FOR TOUGH JOBS

### New Tractors

Case IH Maxxum 150

### Used Combines

2010 Case IH 7120, 1725 sep. hrs, full auto guidance, consigned.....\$95,000  
2009 Case IH 7120, 1947 sep. hrs, full auto guidance, consigned.....\$95,000

### New Harvest Equipment

Case IH 8250 Combine

### Used Skid Steer

1996 New Holland L565, low hrs, nice machine .....\$14,000

### Used Seeding, Tillage, Sprayers

Brandt 5B4000 suspended boom sprayer, 90' booms .....\$19,900

### New Haying Equipment

Case IH RB565 Premium

Case IH WD1505 Windrower

### Used Haying Equipment

2009 Case IH RB564, net & twine, 10,500 bales .....\$18,000 Consigned



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### NEW HAYING EQUIPMENT

ProAg 900 Bale Carrier

### USED LAWN MOWERS

Grasshopper 321D, 72" deck.....\$4,500

### NEW LAWN MOWERS

Grasshopper 727K, fuel injected, 60" deck

### NEW MISCELLANEOUS

- Danuser Palet Forks - 48", 4000lb
- Danuser Hydraulic Post Hole Digger & Augers
- Danuser T3 Hydraulic Post Drivers
- Garfield 10' drag scraper
- Danuser Hammer post pounder
- Patriot Pivot Track
- Haybuster 2660 Bale Processors
- Schulte FX-1800 Mower
- TC Machine Heavy Duty Wive Winder