

YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER CONFERENCE



JANUARY 16-18, 2025 • CODY, WYOMING



Thursday, January 16, 2025

4 p.m. Collegiate Discussion Meet (First 2 rounds)

Friday, January 17, 2025

8:15 AM Registration / Check-In

8:30 AM **Y-TEX and George Dairy Tours**

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM Registration/Check-In

1:30 PM **Welcome**

1:45 PM **Mindshift**
Ron Rabou-Keynote Speaker

Drawing from his rich personal experiences in agriculture and diverse entrepreneurial ventures, Ron reveals how our traditional understanding of achieving success and accomplishment can often be misleading. He shares compelling stories and insights that challenge common perceptions, encouraging the audience to rethink their approach to personal and professional growth."

3:15 PM **Networking Break**

3:45 PM **Federal Environmental Policy Update**
Courtney Briggs, AFBF Senior Director of Government Affairs

Courtney Briggs, Senior Director of Government Affairs at the American Farm Bureau Federation will discuss many of the environmental issues facing our industry. With a new Administration and the start of the 119th Congress, Courtney will outline AFBF's legislative and regulatory priorities ranging from the definition of "waters of the United States," PFAS liability and conservation issues.

4:30 PM **Collegiate Discussion Meet Final Round**

6:00 PM **Social/Dinner/Collegiate Discussion Meet Awards**



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Saturday, January 18, 2025

7:00 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM **Nutrition and Management Heading Into Calving Season**
Steve Paisley, University of Wyoming-SAREC

9:00 AM **Break**

9:15 AM **Using Your Financials to Measure Your Operational Health**
Robbie Alexander, Farm Credit Services of America

Balance sheets are the score card of your operation one piece of the financial picture. Balance sheets can also be a valuable tool to gauge if your operation is growing or begging to face stress. We will take some time to give you the resources to build that information yourself and let it guide you to operational excellence. During our time together we will build a better understanding of working capital, owners' equity and financial ratios that affect you.

10:45 AM **Speed Table Talk with the WyFB YF&R Committee**

- What is WyFB? Opportunities available through WyFB YF&R?
- Grassroots Policy Development

11:15 AM **It's Weather, Not Climate**
Don Day, Meteorologist

12:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

1:15 PM **Agriculture Policy with the WyFB Policy Team**
What are the top issues impacting rural Wyoming and America? WyFB's policy staff will discuss agricultural issues that impact Wyoming farmers and ranchers. Discussion will also focus on how Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation policy is developed from the grassroots and implemented in our work to keep agriculture strong in Wyoming and America.

2:30 PM **I'm Not Scared, You're Scared: Leading with Courage and Creativity**
Caitlin and Jason Keck, American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer & Rancher Committee Members

3:30 PM Closing Remarks-WyFB YF&R Committee

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