



The “Heart Of Wyoming Awards” recognize current and historic farm and ranch contributions of women to Wyoming and its fabric called agriculture. As primary partners in each operation, they are often the “magic” which holds it all together; they empower new generations and collaborate on decisions.

This award effort will take annual nominations from agriculture organizations in each county, and begin to highlight the great impacts made across the state. A committee of women producers will lead the review of nominees.



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EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE SYMPOSIUM



Wednesday, May 1, 2019

CAMPLEX ENERGY BUILDING

1635 Reata Dr. Gillette, WY 82718

Join us for industry updates, a celebration of Wyoming Women Producers and,

Our Keynote Speaker:

Wyoming First Lady

Jennie Gordon

Pre-registration Required

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THE SPEAKERS:

Jennie Gordon, First Lady of Wyoming with her husband Governor Mark Gordon, are the owners/operators of the Merlin Ranch, a cow-calf and heifer development operation located near Buffalo, Wyoming. The Wyoming Beef Council wrote about Jennie, *“She, like the majority of women in ranching, wears many hats. While technically she is the owner-manager, she heads up marketing, record keeping, and the vaccination program on the ranch. Jennie also cooks for everyone working, helps care for the animals and the land, and has been known to mend a fence or two.”* Jennie has now added another hat to wear as the First Lady of Wyoming and has kindly agreed to talk about her outlook on agriculture in Wyoming.

Dr. Steve Paisley, UW Beef Specialist and Director of the SAREC, provides leadership to the state on scientific beef data and production guidelines as well as being an active rancher and 1st Vice President of the Wyoming Stockgrowers.

Dr. John Hewlett, UW Ag Econ Specialist and Caleb Carter, SE Area Extension Educator lead the Ag Legacy, Management Skill Transition as well as training on Difficult Conversations: which are ANYTHING you find hard to talk about and could include: the raise you clearly deserve, how we will split up the farm when it comes time, or who should be the one to get a job in town.

Cat Urbigit is a full-time producer, non-fiction book author, photographer, blogger, and co-owner and editor of The Shepherd magazine. Urbigit lives on a working sheep ranch in western Wyoming with her family and her livestock guardian animals, including guardian dogs and burros.

Jim Logan, DVM and Wyoming’s State Veterinarian is the lead on protecting our state’s livestock from disease, agrosecurity risks and interruption of our industries.

Jim Magagna, Executive Director of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association, plays a lead role in our state monitoring and responding to agriculture issues that need to be addressed in a timely manner.

SCHEDULE		
8:30 AM	Registration and Trade Show	
9:00AM	Room 1	Room 2
Concurrent Session 1	Dr. Steve Paisley, UW Beef Specialist - National Beef Quality Emphasis and Production Implications	Dr. John Hewlett, UW Ag Econ Specialist and Caleb Carter, SE Area Extension Educator—Difficult Conversations
10:00 AM	Main Room—Sponsored by Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation	
Break		
10:30 AM	Room 1	Room 2
Concurrent Session 2	Dr. Jim Logan, WY State Veterinarian—Livestock Health & Disease Update	Cat Urbigit, Rancher & Author—Avoiding Livestock Interaction Disasters with Predators.
11:30AM	Main Room—Sponsored by Wyoming Woolgrowers Association	
Break		
12:00 Noon	Updates on Wyoming Agriculture Issues—Jim Magagna, Wyoming Stockgrowers Association	
12:30 Lunch & Keynote	<p><u>Wyoming First Lady, Jennie Gordon—“The Significance of Women In Wyoming Agriculture Production”</u></p> <p>(Sponsored by the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association and the USDA Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program)</p>	
2:00pm	Recognition of Wyoming “Heart of Agriculture” Award Winners	
2:30pm	Program Conclusion	

REGISTER AT:
<https://uwextension2019excellenceinag.eventbrite.com>
No Later than 4pm Friday April 26, 2019



NOMINEES for the “Heart of Agriculture Award” can be submitted to Scott Cotton, Scotton1@uwyo.edu anytime before April 22, 2019 with inclusion of:

Name, County of Operation, Description of the efforts of the producer, Contact Information for Producer, and a photo if possible. Nominees will be contacted for acceptance. All material will be held confidential by the UW Extension program.

