



MT AGRITOURISM FELLOWS

SEMINAR ONE

RECAP



14 Agritourism Fellows Meet in Helena, MT

LEARNING TO DEFINE AGRITOURISM

Kicking off the Montana Agritourism Fellowship Program, 14 leaders from across the state met in Helena, MT on February 16-17 to explore, learn, and discuss what agritourism means in Montana.

The two days were jam-packed as the fellows became acquainted with the facilitators and one another, visited Little Creek Lamb (Townsend, MT), and met at the Capitol to examine important information pertaining to agritourism.

Fellows had the opportunity to hear from and connect with Caroline Nelson (Little Creek Lamb), Christy Clark (Director of MDA), Weston Merrill and Alicia Hamm (MDA), Susan Joy (Dept. of Commerce), and Dax Schieffer (Voices of MT Tourism).

Photo: Fellows help doctor sheep at Little Creek Lamb (Townsend, MT)

Behind the Scenes

MEET THE AGRITOURISM TEAM

- Dr. Shannon Arnold, MSU Department of Ag & Tech Ed.
- Kim Woodring, Toole County Extension
- Dr. Beth Shirley, MSU Department of English
- Dr. Dusty Perry, MSU Department of Ag & Tech Ed.

Photos: Top Left, Shannon Arnold; Top Right, Kim Woodring; Bottom Left, Beth Shirley; Bottom Right, Dusty Perry



Get to Know the Fellows

MEET THE LEADERS AT THE FOREFRONT OF
CREATING AN AGRITOURISM COMMUNITY



- Todd and Molly Barkley, Baker, owners of Barkley's Home Grown LLC, exploring year-round greenhouse agriculture
- Tana and Tienna Canen, Glendive, multi-generational ranchers exploring the Ranching for Profit sustainability program
- Andy Fjeseth, Helena, Montana Department of Agriculture bureau chief, exploring agritourism development
- Laura Garber, Hamilton, director of Cultivating Connections and owner of a diversified vegetable farming operation, exploring community agriculture education
- Susan Joy, Helena, manager of the Made in Montana program, exploring agritourism development
- Carissa McNamara, Plains, owner of Wild Horse Lavender Farm and ambassador for Northwest Farmers Union, exploring agritourism development
- Tamara Robertson, Forsyth, diversified rancher and farm tour host, exploring sustainable ranch management practices
- Haylie Shipp, Glasgow, rancher, exploring communications outreach and agritourism
- Jon and Erin Turner, Missoula, owners of Turner Farms and hosts of outreach events, exploring community engagement and community-supported agriculture
- Liz and Toby Werk, Hays, ranchers, exploring cultural agritourism

Photo: (Back; L to R) Todd Barkley, Erin Turner, Tana Canen, Jon Turner, Dusty Perry (Middle; L to R) Beth Shirley, Laura Garber, Shannon Arnold, Tienna Canen, Andy Fjeseth (Front; L to R) Carissa McNamara, Molly Barkley, Tamara Robertson, Haylie Shipp, and Kim Woodring (Not Pictured) Liz and Toby Werk



Following the Fellows

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Coming Up

SEMINAR TWO

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