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Agenda

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<td>Participants will be invited to enjoy coffee and juice with light refreshments.</td>
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<td>Keynote #1: Symposium Kickoff (Brandt Auditorium)</td>
<td>Pete Pearson will introduce sustainable agriculture topics and our agenda for the day.</td>
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<td>8:20am – 9:15am</td>
<td>Keynote #2: Reversing Desalination Through Grazing Management</td>
<td>Doug Warnock and the Pac NW Savory Institute will outline the principles of Holistic Grazing Management. The session will be introduced with a viewing of an Allan Savory’s Ted Talk.</td>
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| 9:30am – 10:30am | CONCURRENT INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS                                       | • Featured Breakout: Missing Links in Soil Management – Mir Seyyedbagheri will present and has dedicated his life to the mission of teaching the farmers and gardeners the importance of understanding the missing links in soil management. Perfect for large farmers, small-scale farmers and backyard gardeners.  
• North Banquet Room: Plant Vaccines: Biological Control in Disease Management – Jennifer Miller will discuss the natural defense response in plants, including how it can be primed (somewhat like a vaccine) and used to manage plant diseases. The session will include information on Idaho trials in potatoes and dry beans.  
• Central Banquet Room: Introduction to Cover Cropping and No Till Farming – Marlon Winger Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Based on the presentation Marlon gave at our conference last year, participants will be introduced to no-till techniques and soil structure basics.  
• South Banquet Room: Inter-seeding Legumes into Grass Pastures to Improve Profits – Glenn Shewmaker will lead an overview of a project that was created to demonstrate to producers how legumes can be inter-seeded into existing grass dominated pastures and hayfields, thereby increasing the quantity and quality of forage produced while reducing nitrogen fertilizer inputs. Both on-farm demonstration and small plot trials were used.  
• Casler Room: Regional Water Management – Dee Carlson from the Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) will conduct a summary of water pollutant concerns, demonstrate the nutrient risk assessment tool, and cover the conservation practices and techniques recommended to address the problems. The presentation will highlight a ‘case study’ pertinent to regional crop production.  
• Featured Breakout: GMO Farming – Duane Grant and the Biotechnology Council will showcase a research and demonstration project conducted by University of Idaho Extension personnel in Emmett, Idaho and supported by a USDA-NRCS grant.  
• North Banquet Room: How to Manage Soil Nutrients with Cover Crops and Compost – University of Idaho Extension Educators will use their years of field and research experience to enhance your knowledge on how compost and cover crops can be used to invest in your soils. Through on-farm replicated trials, Hunter and Falen are recognized as regional experts in managing soils with compost and cover crops in high-desert farming systems. Participants will go beyond the knowledge of compost and cover crops to knowing how to calculate soil nutrient benefits from these practices and how these inputs will directly impact their soils.  
• Central Banquet Room: Savory Institute – An In-Depth Analysis of Grazing and Planning Holistic Management, Financial Management and Profitability.  
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| 10:30am – 11:00am | EXPO AVAILABLE                                                        |                                                                                           |
| 11:00am – 11:45am | Keynote #3: Exploring Antibiotic & Hormone Use in Animal Agriculture (Brandt Auditorium) | Set in the Nampa Civic auditorium, Sasha Lyubie from the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC) will present current state of antibiotic use in animal agriculture and will outline alternatives. Presentation will be followed with an engaging format and time for audience Q&A.  |
| Noon – 1:00pm    | LUNCH                                                                 | Locally sourced lunch. EXPO AVAILABLE                                                   |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm   | Featured Keynote: Wenonah Hauer (Brandt Auditorium)                    | Wenonah Hauer is the Executive Director of Food & Water Watch. She has worked extensively on food, water, energy, and environmental issues at the national, state and local level. Her book Foodopoly: The Battle Over the Future of Food and Farming in America examines the corporate consolidation and control over our food system and what it means for farmers and consumers. Book signing available at the EXPO. |
| 2:00pm – 2:30pm   | BREAK                                                                 | EXPO AVAILABLE                                                                             |
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• Featured Breakout: Exploring the Future of GMO Farming (Brandt Auditorium) – Duane Grant – Farmer; National Spokesperson for Sugar Industry Biotechnology Council.  |
| 3:45pm – 4:15pm   | EXPO AVAILABLE                                                        |                                                                                           |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm   | Networking Reception                                                   | Local Beer / Wine networking reception.                                                 |