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Educational seminars presented during the 2009 MATE show

BILLINGS, MONT.- Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE Show) attendees will be able to experience educational seminars February 19-21 in the MATE Theater located in the far side of the show building.

2009 Seminar topics include:

- **Trimble GPS and Your Farm** – Presented by Torgerson’s. This GPS & auto guidance seminar teaches the basics of Trimble GPS products and the benefits it can bring to you and your farm. Seminars held daily from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Power by Mother Nature** – Presented by Wind Power of Montana. This seminar showcases the different styles of alternative energy. Solar and wind will be shown with full demonstration of installation. Federal and state rebates and tax credits are available. Seminars held daily 12-1 p.m.
- **Growing Camelina in Montana** – Presented by Great Plains-A Camelina Company. Local growers are back at the MATE Theater this year to talk about new developments with camelina in Montana and with the company. This year’s presentation will feature a grower who has experienced success with this innovative oilseed crop. Seminars held daily 1-2 p.m.
- **Lubrication Trainer** – Presented by GM Petroleum. This seminar will exhibit the new Conoco diesel engine oil. Seminar held Thursday 2-4 p.m.
- **Developing Rangeland Management Plans for Carbon Credits** – Presented by Montana Farm Bureau Federation. The market for trading Carbon Credits is creating a new revenue opportunity for producers with rangeland who are committed to an improvement program. One requirement of Rangeland Carbon Credit contracts is to develop and implement a rangeland management plan. Determining how to develop a plan that is acceptable for these contracts can be an intimidating process. This seminar will discuss Rangeland Carbon Credits and will present rangeland management practices that will help you develop a plan that will allow you to participate in the Carbon Credit market. Seminars will be held Friday and Saturday 2-4 p.m.

For more information about the MATE, Billings Home & Garden Show and Health & Fitness Expo visit www.themateshow.com or call 406-651-0440.

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The Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE Show), Health & Fitness Expo/Billings Home & Garden Show are owned by the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE). The MATE is held the third week of February and has a three day attendance of over 12,000 people. The NILE is a non-profit organization established in 1967 that is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect of the western tradition. For more information contact the NILE office at 406-256-2495 or visit www.thenile.org.