

## MAAE News:

The Montana Ag teachers have had a busy and event-filled spring. Our State FFA Convention was held in Bozeman March 28 -30. We had record attendance numbers and chartered 2 new chapters this year. Bringing our total number of FFA Chapters in Montana to 85! We will also have at least one more to charter next year. During a special ceremony called "Blue Jackets Open Doors", we recognized our retiring teachers and MAAE award winners. Clark Krantz of Kalispell and George Simmons of Forsyth announced their retirement this year. we will greatly miss both of these outstanding teachers and commend them on an excellent career. We also announced our state MAAE award winners. Outstanding young teacher is Brandon Braaten of Melstone, Teacher Turn the Key is Casey Lunceford of Big Timber, Outstanding Administrator is Dana Quenzer of Roundup, Outstanding Service Citation was George Simmons of Forsyth, Outstanding Cooperation was Torgerson's, Ideas Unlimited was Kristy Rothe of Victor, Outstanding Teacher was Milford Wearley of Choteau and the Outstanding Program was Cascade. There have been 8 Ag Teaching position open so far with 2 being filled at this point. We had an outstanding group of student teachers in field this spring and are looking forward to having them join our ranks.

10 Montana Ag Teachers traveled to Bellingham, WA for the Region 1 NAAE conference in April. It was an excellent conference and our teachers enjoyed excellent professional development and toured 3 Agriculture tours in the area. We are looking forward to finishing up the school year and attending our summer Update Conference June 10-13 in Billings.