

Track 1: Local Food Manufacturing & Processing

How can we increase our food
processing, manufacturing, and
distribution of Montana Food by 25% by
2025?

Specific Goal
What does it look like?
What is the outcome?

Start with a more clear description of a solution

Notes on the triangle diagram:

- Before when... (top)
- After when... (bottom)
- What is the... (left side)
- What is the... (right side)
- What is the... (bottom)

Other sticky notes:

- What is the... (top left)
- What is the... (middle left)
- What is the... (bottom left)
- What is the... (middle right)
- What is the... (bottom right)

Desired Outcomes

- Strengthen Montana's food system to more sustainably provide all Montanans with access to locally grown and processed foods
- Develop recommendations and action steps to:
 - Assist beginning farmers/ranchers to access and finance one plan and equipment acquisition production for local markets
 - Montana-based value added processing and sale
 - Increase community economic opportunities and health by providing affordable access to local Montana products
- Increase capacity number of Montana processors/manufacturing businesses to provide greater volume diversity of Montana products
- Strengthen Montana's markets / create new marketing opportunities for Montana producers / food businesses

Assist Montana producers to be more resilient and work effectively and proactively in response to climate change

- Solve 10 Percent of Montana processors food businesses to build new chains to supply people and distribute Montana products and meet the demand for locally grown and processed food within Montana and beyond

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Tax Credit for Agribusiness

- Group/Goal 3
1. Legislative approval of tax credit for value added processing similar to Wisconsin by April 2017.
 2. Find party/entity willing + able to be lead advocate to carry bill.
 3. MEDA, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
 4. MEDA
 5. Dec 1 to pass football to lead organization
 6. ① Set-up steering committee ② Gauge temp + inform MEDA ③ Monitor initiative process.

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Regional F2S Coordinators

TEAM 4

1. **GOAL** Regionally located Farm to School program coordinators ^{institution??} across the state.
 - Increase amount of local food served in schools
 - Develop mentorship/training programs for schools to connect kids to Food/Ag/Cooking Industry
2. **STRATEGY**
 - Provide incentives for schools to purchase local food
 - modify state policy to create more resources
 - create a program that allows farmers to donate food
 - MAXIMIZE pre-existing kitchen facilities for food processing throughout state
 - CLONE BRIANNA
 - change foodservice program directors position description to include support for local farmers/growers.
3. **RESOURCES**
 - NO KID HUNGRY
 - FOOD BANK NETWORK
 - Ag in the Classroom
 - USDA
 - COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS
 - PREVIOUS F2S legislation
 - FOOD!
 - UNUSED SCHOOL KITCHENS/FACILITIES
 - MMFEC FARM TO SCHOOL MODEL
 - HARVEST OF THE MONTH
 - SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT
 - STATE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION
 - PFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
4. **LEAD ORGANIZATIONS**
 - OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTITUTION
 - STATE FARM TO SCHOOL COORDINATOR
 - FOOD AG CENTERS
 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTERS
5. **TIMELINE** 2019 Legislative Session
6. **NEXT STEPS**
 1. Identify lead organization to take charge / host/employ the F2S coordinator.
 2. OBTAIN FUNDING
 - grants
 - state funding
 - policy changes
 3. Identify potential processing facilities and distribution opportunities.

Food Policy Council

GOAL:

ESTABLISH MT FOOD Policy Council

STRATEGY:

1. Create Vision Statement
2. Identify key members
3. Define the mission
4. ENGAGE the GOVERNOR'S office
5. ESTABLISH QUASI Public-Private Structure

RESOURCES

1. NCAT/grow MT
2. Council members \$1000 membership fee
3. Existing models from ACROSS U.S.
4. CHIEF OF STAFF OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Expand Food & Ag Dev. Network

- A. To eliminate limit on F+ADN and expand centers to include food processing centers.
- B. Needs to be at least one food scientist in the State of Montana

1. Present strategies to Food Council to have plans ready ~~for~~ ^{to present to} legislature
2. After proposal to Food Council create action plan to have F+ADN funded + at least one food scientist.

Collaborative Food Council

Action Plan:

Include ALL stakeholders

Create discussion board/listserv to keep in contact

Support for Meat Processors

Increase localized meat/poultry processing to meet state demands

* Do not want to decrease sanitation or food safety *

③ HELP STARTUPS + COOPERATIVE DVPMT

- Training, business planning, understanding regs
- Connect w/resources, models
- Access to capital

① ASSESS CURRENT PROCESSING CAPACITY

→ to understand the need for increasing inspectors or not

→ are some underutilized

② ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS

- Small Business Development Centers + SBA
- Meat Processors Assoc. - CFAC?
- MT Poultry Growers Coop.
- Food + Ag Development Centers

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