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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

These Montana projects will help grow Montana's agricultural economy by investing in research and small business development across the state.

Information about each project was provided by the requesting entity. Amounts requested are not guaranteed; funds secured are likely to differ from the requested amount. Senator Tester's appropriation requests to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2011 are listed below.

[United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies](#)

Animal Biosciences Research Facility

Montana State University - USDA/ARS

Bozeman, MT

\$10,000,000

Funds will complete construction of a facility that will include state-of-the-art multi-user research facilities, technology transfer capabilities, new opportunities for increased grant funding and academic-industry partnerships, and increased competitiveness of the nation's livestock industry while identifying ways to improve economic and environmental sustainability in the production of safe, high quality and consistent beef products.

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)

National Center for Appropriate Technology

Butte, MT

\$3,000,000

Funding will be used to continue ATTRA's national sustainable agriculture information service, which offers technical information and assistance to farmers, ranchers and agricultural information providers from all 50 states who are interested in sustainable agriculture technologies and in marketing methods which improve farm sustainability.

Barley for Rural Development, ID, MT

Montana State University

Bozeman, MT

\$600,000

Funds will continue the collaborative Montana State University/University of Idaho/Institute for Barley and Malt Sciences release of high quality dryland malt, feed, food and ethanol barley varieties that will support American growers and industry.

Bitterroot Pellet Mill

Bitterroot Pellet Mill LLC

Victor, MT

\$7,000,000

Bitterroot Pellet Mill Project (BPMP) will establish a locally-owned, Montana-based biomass production project based in Victor, Montana, that will generate woodstove pellets.

Brucellosis Vaccines

Montana State University

Bozeman, MT

\$500,000

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Funds will be used to refine and simplify vaccines for livestock, to develop an effective vaccine for bison and elk and to test the vaccines in animals.

Endless Sky Food Processing Facility

Montana Food Bank Network, Inc.

Missoula, MT

\$6,000,000

This project will build a 30,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility that processes high volumes of food product, much of it grown and/or raised in Montana.

Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee

Montana Department of Livestock

Helena, MT

\$750,000

Funding will be used to conduct brucellosis prevention, surveillance, control and eradication activities in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming in the Greater Yellowstone Area, and to develop and implement brucellosis herd unit management plans.

Integrated and Biochemically-Based Management of Wheat Stem Sawfly

Montana State University

Bozeman, MT

\$500,000

The WSS causes severe economic losses in Montana and in other impacted areas. Continued research will further develop strategies for WSS management, resulting in savings of millions of dollars in crop losses throughout the Northern Great Plains.

Mobile Biomass Energy Unit for Diseased Timber Harvesting

University of Montana

Missoula, MT

\$2,400,000

This research initiative proposes to utilize a mobile bioenergy unit to aid in forest health treatments. The Unit will be deployed to treatment sites to process residues into useful energy that could then displace fossil fuel utilization by treatment equipment and help defray treatment costs.

Montana Agro-Energy Industrial Park

Bear Paw Development Corporation

Havre, MT

\$357,200

This funding request will fully complete Phase 1 of the necessary infrastructure development for the Montana Agro-Energy Industrial Park, which is being designed to properly accommodate the emerging value-added agriculture and alternative energy sectors of Montana's economy.

Montana Food and Agriculture Center Network

Bear Paw Development Corporation

Havre, MT

\$412,500

Proposed funds will be used to assure that the capacity of the MFACN continues through five Value Added Agriculture Coordinators that provide professional business counseling to assist start-up ventures or expansions to existing businesses, delivered through regional economic development non-profit organizations located in rural Montana.

Regional BioMass Center

Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc.

Butte, MT

\$750,000

This funding will be used to create a regional non-profit biomass center in Southwest Montana to consolidate collection, processing and distribution of BioMass as a primary commodity.

Sustainable Food and Bio-Energy Systems

Montana State University

Bozeman, MT

\$1,400,000

Funds will assist agricultural producers in improving the sustainability of their operations and creating and improving value-added food products. Research personnel will provide answers about sustainable agronomic practices for market gardens and other local food operations, as well as assistance with local food processing and product development.

Rural Montana Local Food Production Center

Flathead Valley Community College

Kalispell, MT

\$1,003,500

This project will create a facility to serve community based agri-entrepreneurs to generate significant job growth and support local agricultural specialists, coordinate a fluid set of curricula among high schools, Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC), and Montana State University (MSU) that funnel interested students in the study and practice of sustainable agriculture; conduct research, coordination, and implementation of farm-to-cafeteria programs at FVCC and local high schools; and instigate the first veterinary technician program in Montana to meet state-wide need.

Tribal Quarantine Facility for Yellowstone National Park Bison

Inter Tribal Bison Cooperative

Fort Belknap, MT

\$500,000

Funds will be used to develop facilities on Tribal lands in Montana to deal with the buffalo coming out of the Yellowstone National Park quarantine facilities to ensure animals are going to Public land and Tribes and not to fund the privatization of a public trust animals.