

Montana Agriculture

How statistics help tell the story



Montana Ag Stats At A Glance

- 27,400 farms and ranches in Montana
- #2 in acres of land in farms and ranches –
 - 59,700,000 acres (out of 93,134,579 total)
- #2 in average farm size – 2,179 acres per farm



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- #1 in pulse (peas, chickpeas, lentils) production
- #2 in barley production
- #2 in flaxseed and safflower production
- #3 in wheat production (all wheat)
- #3 in canola production
- #3 in alfalfa hay production
- #3 in honey production
- #5 in wool production
- #5 in sugar beet production



How do we use the data?

- Market Development
- Business & Industry Development
- Production Trends



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- Dude ranches, U-Picks, Corn Mazes
- Working with Department of Commerce to gather and analyze data
- The next opportunity to diversify?



Questions?

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