

Growth Through Agriculture Program

Statistics from State Fiscal Years 2011 - 2015

Fiscal Year	Funds Awarded	Projects Funded	Leveraged Funds	Jobs Created
2011	\$918,195	40	\$3,792,720	56
2012	\$366,031	40	\$1,858,367	66
2013	\$454,955	41	\$760,881	39
2014	\$607,947	36	\$956,407	39
2015	\$587,163	28	\$956,629	38



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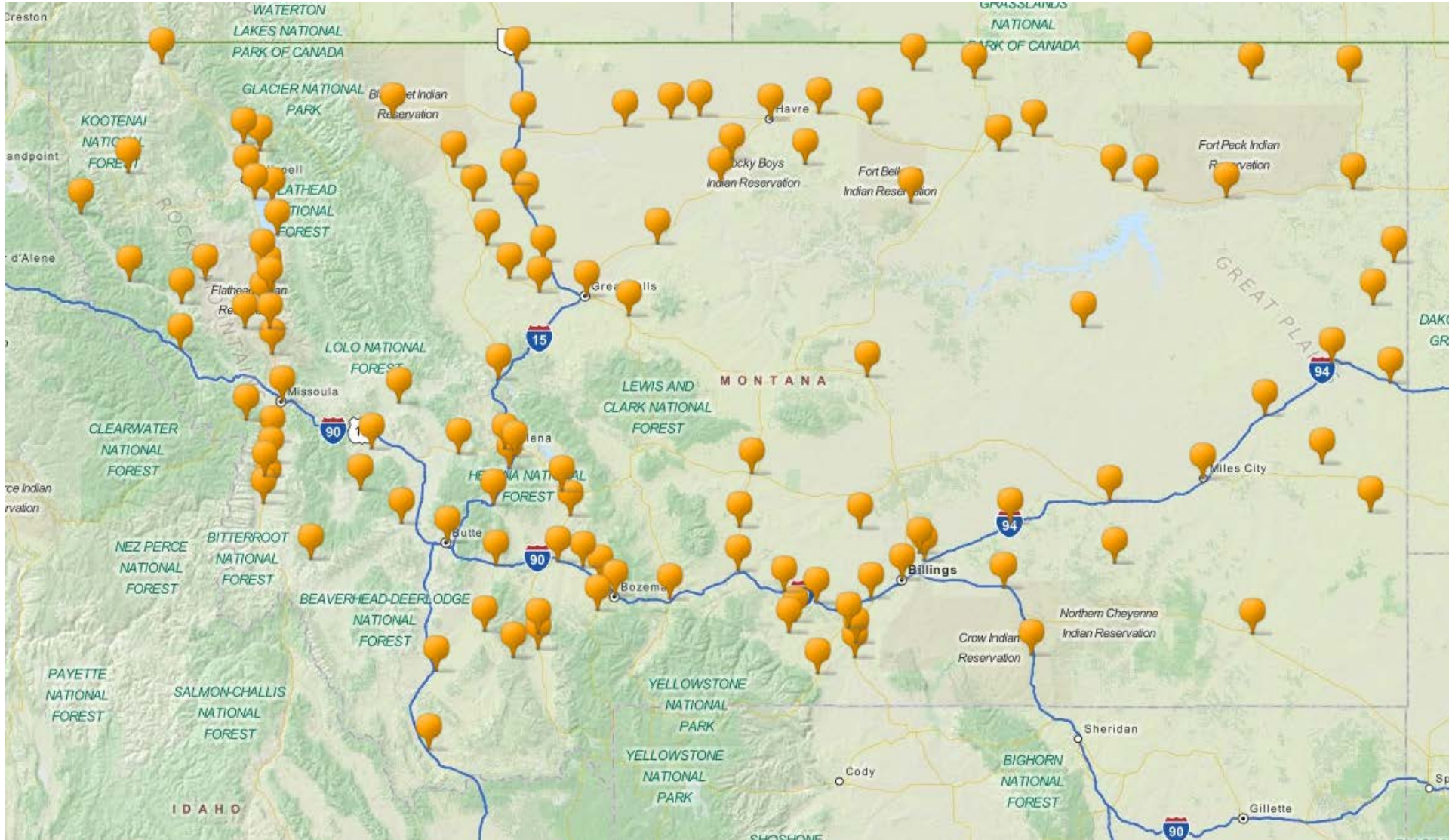
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Mission: To strengthen and diversity Montana's agricultural industry by assisting with the development and growth of agricultural businesses that want to commercialize and market new products and processes, create new jobs and expand small business opportunities

- The GTA program is administered by the Montana Department of Agriculture with counsel from the Agriculture Development Council.
- Provides grants and loans to individuals, businesses, and organizations, public and private agencies, educational institutions, and local government.
- Projects must add value to Montana's agricultural products and have the potential to create and/or retain jobs in Montana.
- Minimum \$1 for \$1 match required



Growth Through Agriculture Awards SFY1989-2014



Appropriation for the Department of Agriculture Growth Through Agriculture Program

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
01100	1,250,000	1,250,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	625,000
02340	614,368	616,495 *	588,211 ^	366,678	385,631	437,237	440,706	422,387	423,511
02132	237,658	200,000	200,000	142,292	187,658	142,292	142,292	142,292	142,292
Total	2,102,026	2,066,495	1,413,211	1,133,970	1,198,289	1,204,529	1,207,998	1,189,679	1,190,803

* includes \$80,000 OTO for economic development and \$30,000 biennial OTO for electronic grants management system

^ includes \$80,000 OTO for economic development

01100 - interest income of the coal severance tax permanent fund that is deposited in the general fund; 15-35-108(9)(b)(ii), MCA

02340 - portion of 5.46% of severance taxes collected (shared with libraries and conservation districts); 15-35-108(3), MCA

02132 - seed capital account; 90-9-301, MCA

Growth Through Agriculture Projects Funded SFY 2014 and 2015

Fiscal Year	Organization Name	City	Investment Type	Total GTA	Project Summary
2014	Bonnie and Jack Martinell	Bridger	Mini Grant	\$250.00	For signage to assist the fruit orchard and produce farm near Bridger, Montana with agri-tourism and on farm sales opportunities.
2014	Missoula County Extension	Missoula	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For equipment costs including soil moisture and temperature sensors, Micro Stations, software and data extraction accessories for a frost monitoring study to extend the growing season of vegetables.
2014	Botanie Natural Soap Inc.	Missoula	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For website development and upgrades in order to improve and expand the company's online marketing and sales.
2014	Great Northern Pasta Company, LLC	Whitefish	Mini Grant	\$1,500.00	To redesign and print product labels to increase product sales for the pasta company in Whitefish, Montana.
2014	Bausch Potatoes, Inc.	Whitehall	Grant	\$40,000.00	For potato processing equipment.
2014	Bausch Potatoes, Inc.	Whitehall	Loan	\$48,388.00	For potato processing equipment.
2014	Montana Gluten Free Prairie, LLC	Manhattan	Grant	\$50,000.00	For processing equipment including oven, mixer, cookie depositor, horizontal flow wrapper, weight filler and/or table top belt conveyor.
2014	Montana Fish Company	Bozeman	Grant	\$26,000.00	For warehouse equipment including forklift, power lift jack, pallet jack, dunnage racks and bins.
2014	Mountain View Gardens Incorporated	Kalispell	Loan	\$50,000.00	For structural improvements including steel, bracing and exhaust fans for hydroponic vegetable greenhouse.
2014	Whistling Andy, Inc.	Bigfork	Grant	\$5,440.00	For equipment purchases including a forklift and grain mill.
2014	Global Agro Commodities, LLC	Irving	Grant	\$23,400.00	For bagging system equipment.
2014	Global Agro Commodities, LLC	Irving	Loan	\$39,900.00	For bin ladders.
2014	Dell Center LLC	Dell	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For the purchase of signage and advertising.
2014	Dell Center LLC	Dell	Mini Loan	\$5,000.00	For the purchase of a vacuum packaging machine.
2014	Kalispell Creamery Inc.	Kalispell	Mini Grant	\$1,900.00	For the promotional costs for the business's new product lines including costs for advertising and labeling.

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2014	Philipsburg Brewing Company LLC	Philipsburg	Mini Grant	\$2,000.00	For consultant costs to develop and implement a website.
2014	Lewis and Clark County Extension	Helena	Mini Grant	\$2,000.00	For travel costs to take extension agents and producers to the University of Saskatchewan in order to learn about the university's fruit breeding program.
2014	RiverStone Health	Billings	Mini Grant	\$1,440.00	For promoting and implementing the Supplemental Nutrition (SNAP) program at the Healthy by Design Gardeners' Market including costs for debit and credit card tokens and promotional materials.
2014	Future Agricultural Resources for Montana	Missoula	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For solar panels to utilize 3 acres of farmland for irrigation to train new farmers and establish a community garden in Missoula, Montana
2014	A Land of Grass	Conrad	Mini Grant	\$750.00	For hotel and registration costs to attend the 2014 Northwest Regional Advocacy Conference in Portland Oregon and for website redesign and update.
2014	Montana Horizons Food Co LLC	Big Sandy	Grant	\$16,800.00	For the purchase of Kamut snack production equipment including a form fill packaging machine.
2014	Anderson Orchards of Rudyard Montana LLC	Rudyard	Grant	\$7,744.00	For the costs of materials, construction and installation of a commercial kitchen for processing apples to make apple butter.
2014	Sweet Peaks Ice Cream	Whitefish	Grant	\$15,200.00	For the purchase of equipment including a refrigerated trailer.
2014	Thomas Britz dba Britz Ranch	Whitefish	Grant	\$42,000.00	For the purchase of a commercial harvester for gathering hops.
2014	Root Cellar Foods LLC	Bozeman	Grant	\$38,550.00	For the purchase of a commercial food washer.
2014	Powder River Meat Company LLC	Terry	Grant	\$24,500.00	For meat processing equipment costs and construction costs cooler system.
2014	Billingsley Cider Orchard LLC	Stevensville	Grant	\$10,000.00	For the purchase of a walk-in cooler.
2014	Chalet Market Inc.	Belgrade	Grant	\$33,600.00	For the purchase of meat processing equipment including a sausage stuffer and linker.

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2014	Montana Meat Company	Bozeman	Grant	\$10,748.00	For the purchase of meat processing equipment including a meat dicer.
2014	406 Brewing Company	Bozeman	Grant	\$12,500.00	For the costs to purchase and install brewery lab equipment including autoclave, pH meter, gas chromatograph, UV spectrophotometer, centrifuge, shaker table, incubation chamber, ventilation hood, hemocytometer, microscope, and glassware.
2014	One Montana	Bozeman	Grant	\$12,500.00	For consultant costs to create a sales and marketing analysis for a meat processing plant.
2014	Mr. McGregor's Garden LLC	Bozeman	Grant	\$6,000.00	For food processing equipment including a steam kettle for canning and a convection steamer.
2014	Western Feedstock Technologies Inc.	Bozeman	Loan	\$14,350.00	For the purchase of malt quality analysis equipment including a spectrophotometer, refrigerated microfuge, thermomixer, picofluorometer, bead beater and a friabilimeter.
2014	Ranchland Packing Co.	Butte	Grant	\$35,000.00	For costs to construct and install a meat processing plant rendering pit.
2014	Great Harvest Franchising, Inc.	Dillon	Grant	\$7,430.00	For costs to produce a short film to promote and highlight the quality of Montana-sourced wheat used in Great Harvest Franchising, Inc.'s products.
2014	Triple Divide Spirits	Helena	Mini Loan	\$5,000.00	For the purchase of an additional still to increase production of vodka and begin the production of gin.
2014	Robarr	Conrad	TSAP	\$2,000.00	For costs to attend Healthy Beverage Expo Trade Show in Long Beach, CA.
2015	Western Montana Growers Cooperative	Arlee	Grant	\$50,000.00	To assist with the development and expansion of a distribution and warehouse facility in Missoula that will support over 40 farms in Western Montana and provide distribution to a wide-range of Montana produced foods and products.
2015	Polebridge Mercantile and Bakery LLC	Polebridge	Grant	\$20,000.00	To assist with the expansion of bakery operations to a new location in Whitefish, creating a sustainable year-round bakery business that uses Montana grown ingredients.

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2015	The University of Montana; Office of Sponsored Programs	Missoula	Grant	\$10,000.00	To assist with the expansion of the university's dining garden and farm to college program to increase high value food production, educate future farmers, and increase consumer demand for Montana's agricultural products.
2015	Philipsburg Brewing Company, LLC	Philipsburg	Grant	\$30,000.00	To expand the Philipsburg brewery for the development of an aluminum bottling line.
2015	Hampton Enterprises, Inc. dba Tizer Meats	Helena	Grant	\$50,000.00	For the purchase of equipment for the expansion of meat processing in Helena, Montana.
2015	MSU - Lewis and Clark County Extension	Helena	Grant	\$9,932.00	For the purchase of fruit trees and supplies for the fruit tree variety research project research sites in Lodgepole and Shelby, Montana.
2015	Lake County Community Development Corporation	Ronan	Grant	\$13,000.00	For the purchase of food processing equipment to assist the Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center in Ronan provide value-added agriculture food processing facilities to producers and entrepreneurs.
2015	Community Food and Agriculture Coalition, Inc.	Missoula	Grant	\$15,000.00	To assist with costs to provide business planning education for new and beginning farmers and ranchers across the state of Montana. This will also provide train-the-trainer training for extension agents, food and agriculture development and small business development staff.
2015	Terry L. Boyd Sr., LLC	Brockton	Grant	\$12,500.00	To assist with the expansion of the organic produce operation in Brockton, Montana.
2015	Cloud Nine Farm	Wilsall	Grant	\$29,713.00	To purchase a mobile salad greens processing kitchen and vending unit for the certified organic farm near Wilsall, Montana
2015	Great Falls Development Authority, Inc.	Great Falls	Grant	\$50,000.00	To assist in the development of market driven business analysis to attract more investment in agricultural processing operations, business startups, expansion and diversification of existing processors in the Great Falls trade area.
2015	Powder River Meat Company, LLC	Terry	Grant	\$50,000.00	To assist with equipment and construction costs to expand the meat processing company in Terry, MT.
2015	Homestead Organics Farm, Inc.	Hamilton	Grant	\$10,500.00	For commercial kitchen expansion to grow the value-added and processing potential of small food businesses in Ravalli County.

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2015	Lower Valley Processing Company, Inc.	Kalispell	Grant	\$50,000.00	To assist with building expansion and equipment upgrades for the meat processing company in Kalispell, Montana.
2015	Montana Lefse, LLC	Opheim	Grant	\$2,218.00	For the purchase of food production equipment to assist with expansion costs of the lefse production company in Opheim, Montana.
2015	Red Gate Garlic, LLC	Stevensville	Grant	\$14,600.00	To assist with construction and expansion costs of a garlic-processing facility in Stevensville, Montana.
2015	The Golden Yoke Creamery, LLC	St. Ignatius	Grant	\$7,900.00	For the purchase and installation of equipment to assist with start-up and expansion costs of the ice cream company in St. Ignatius, Montana.
2015	The Story Mill	Laurel	Grant	\$8,000.00	For the purchase of equipment to assist with increased production and efficiency of the oil seed processing business in Laurel, Montana.
2015	Two Bear Farm, LLC	Whitefish	Grant	\$17,500.00	To Purchase a farm-based mobile kitchen for agri-tourism, events, and on-farm processing that serves seasonal and regional cuisine in the Whitefish, Montana area.
2015	Duckworth, Inc.	Bozeman	Grant	\$30,000.00	To assist with the development of a Montana raised wool sock product line. Duckworth, Inc. sources merino wool from Montana woolgrowers.
2015	Western Montana Growers Cooperative	Arlee	Loan	\$23,700.00	To assist with the development and expansion of a distribution and warehouse facility in Missoula that will support over 40 farms in Western Montana and provide distribution to a wide-range of Montana produced foods and products.
2015	Philipsburg Brewing Company, LLC	Philipsburg	Loan	\$20,000.00	To expand the Philipsburg brewery for the development of an aluminum bottling line.
2015	Glacier Sun Winery	Kalispell	Loan	\$12,500.00	To assist the winery located in Kalispell, Montana with the expansion of the winery utilizing Montana grown cherries, huckleberries, apples, and grapes.
2015	Sustainable Business Council	Missoula	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For promotional costs for 10% Local Food Pledge Campaign in Missoula, Montana
2015	Anaconda Local Development Corp.	Anaconda	Mini Grant	\$800.00	For deer fencing in order to establish a raised bed garden in Anaconda for the Anaconda Food Bank Garden Project.

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2015	Cayuse Prairie School	Kalispell	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For greenhouse costs to integrate education, raising vegetables for a salad bar lunch program and raising flowers, herbs and peppers to sell in the Spring.
2015	The Shovel and Spoon LLC	Sheridan	Mini Grant	\$1,750.00	For the purchase of new signage for the local foods bakery and café in Sheridan, Montana.
2015	Farm to Fork Co-op	Whitefish	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	To develop an online website resource where producers can list their products and consumers can order and purchase them.
2015	Black Bear Soups LLC	Hamilton	Mini Grant	\$1,600.00	To complete a marketing/branding package for the soup making business located in Hamilton, Montana using locally sourced produce.
2015	Stonehouse Distillery, LLC	Winston	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For the distilling operation located in Winston, MT to increase processing capacity with the purchase of distillery production equipment.
2015	Whipped LLC	Bozeman	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	To purchase equipment to support the expansion of the specialty bakery.
2015	AERO	Helena	Mini Grant	\$2,500.00	For costs to promote local food producers and retailers through the organization's Abundant Montana online directory.
2015	Black Wolf Ranch	Saint Ignatius	TSAP	\$2,296.50	For costs to attend the Vogue Knitting Live trade Show in New York, NY.
2015	Nature's Enhancement, Inc.	Stevensville	TSAP	\$1,875.00	For costs to attend the Nevada Landscape Association Trade Show and Conference in Reno, NV.
2015	Montana Gluten Free Prairie, LLC	Manhattan	TSAP	\$2,475.00	For costs to attend the Natural Products Expo East Trade Show in Baltimore, MD.