

**Department of Livestock
Centralized Services Division
2021 Biennium Goals and Objectives**

Guiding Principles:

- Service, Efficiency, Effectiveness, Sustainability

The Centralized Services Division Goal:

- The goal of the Centralized Services Division is to provide efficient and accurate budgeting, accounting, payroll, personnel, risk management, public information, purchasing, data processing, general services, milk pricing and auditing, livestock loss reduction and mitigation and administrative functions for the department and the livestock industry.

The Centralized Services Division Objectives:

- Provide timely budget and accounting information to the Board of Livestock, Executive Officer and program managers. Prepare all budgets for OBPP and the Legislature.
- Accurately respond to legislative audit questions and findings.
- Update legacy information technology systems and sustain existing systems.
- Recruit, retain and compensate a qualified workforce.
- Keep the livestock industry and public informed of industry programs and issues through timely and accurate public information and education.
- Assist divisions in procuring and managing cooperative agreements.
- Represent the department and fiscal programs to the executive and legislative offices.
- Provide the department with workable and efficient information technology systems.
- Effectively staff the Board of Milk Control and the Livestock Loss Board.

**Board of Milk Control
Administratively Attached to Department of Livestock
Milk Control Bureau (Central Services Division)
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Guiding Principles:

- Regulation of the milk market is in the public interest and mandated by statute

The Board of Milk Control Goal:

- The Board of Milk Control shall supervise, regulate, and control the milk industry of this state, including the production, processing, storage, distribution, and sale of milk sold for consumption in this state in such a manner as to ensure an adequate supply of milk to the public through an orderly and profitable milk market.

The Board of Milk Control Objectives:

- License all producers, producer-distributors, distributors, and jobbers subject to the Milk Control Act.
- Provide monthly announcement of minimum milk prices to be paid to producers based on classes of utilization.
- Calculate uniform prices to be paid to producers based on monthly utilization of milk by milk plants in accordance with the state's milk quota and pooling plans.
- Audit reports submitted by pool plants that are used to calculate uniform prices paid to producers and audit uniform price calculations.
- Monitor the dairy value chain to understand industry conditions and guide market regulation.
- Enforce rules of fair trade practices.
- Secure funds to administer the Milk Control Act through assessment fees on an annual basis.
- Submit budgetary requests through the department.

**Livestock Loss Board
Administratively Attached to Department of Livestock
(Central Services Division)
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The Livestock Loss Board Goals:

- Support Montana livestock communities by reducing the economic impacts of wolves and grizzly bears on individual livestock producers.
- Aid in bringing diverse groups together in order to lead to suitable solutions for all parties involved.

The Livestock Loss Board Objectives:

- To provide financial reimbursements to producers for losses caused by wolves or grizzly bears based upon program criteria.
- To proactively apply prevention tools and incentives to decrease the risk of wolf or grizzly bear caused losses.
- Develop an incentive program that integrates with the overall Montana wolf and grizzly bear programs.
- Recognize the importance of economic viability and sustainability of individual livestock operations in Montana.
- Recognize the complex interactions between people, livestock, wolves and grizzly bears.
- Seek a broad range of funding sources to meet the livestock industry needs by providing long-term viable solutions.
- Work with federal and state agencies to develop a broad spectrum of options to reduce conflicts and potential depredations.