

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK



The mission of the Montana Department of Livestock is to control and eradicate animal diseases, prevent the transmission of animal diseases to humans, and to protect the livestock industry from theft and predatory animals



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STATISTICS

Livestock Annual Cash Receipts: \$1,974,464,000

Pasture & Range Land: 39,321,367 Acres (66% of Agriculture)

Total Active Montana Brands: 51,032

Livestock Inspections: 1,671,828 Cattle; 16,633 Horses

Market Sales: 649,154 Cattle; 3,863 Horses

Livestock Imports: 155,367 Cattle; 15,924 Horses; 7,159,752 Poultry

Livestock Exports 1,165,746 Cattle; 17,887 Horses; 1,118,554 Swine

MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

MEMBERS

Chairman: Gene Curry, Valier

Other Members:

Lillian Andersen, Livingston

Jake Feddes, Manhattan

William Kleinsasser III, Augusta

Eric Moore, Miles City

Vice-Chairman: Alan Redfield, Livingston

Greg Wichman, Hilger

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



**Mike Honeycutt,
Executive Officer**

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Total Department Budget is \$18,841,782

21.2% General Fund; 58.6% State Special Revenue

12.9% Federal; 7.3% Proprietary; 142.62 FTE

- Responsible for day-to-day operation of the Department & Human Resources
- Represents the Board of Livestock to the Governor's Office, Legislative, other government agencies & industry stakeholders

HERE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA AND ITS LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

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Centralized Services Division

Brian Simonson, Deputy Executive Officer 406-444-4994/brian.simonson@mt.gov



Total Division budget is \$3,686,150 (8.2% General Fund; 91.8% State Special Revenue; 17 FTE)

- Responsible for all business administration activities needed to help the Department function effectively
- Responsibilities include: budgeting, finance, payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, risk management and contract administration
- Represents the Department in absence of the Executive Officer

Livestock Loss Board Vacant, Executive Director - 406-444-5609/LIVLossBoard@mt.gov

Total Program budget is \$702,589 (43.1% General Fund; 56.9% State Special Revenue; One FTE)

- The Livestock Loss Board is an independent, Governor-appointed board, administratively attached to the Department
- Program provides support to Montana communities by reducing economic impacts of wolves, grizzly bears and mountain lions on livestock producers
- Support is accomplished by reimbursing producers for confirmed losses to these predators and funding programs that will discourage them from attacking livestock

Milk Control Program Michele Satre, Program Manager - 406-444-4299/michele.satre@mt.gov

Total Program budget is \$227,185 (100% State Special Revenue; Two FTE)

- The Board of Milk Control is an independent, Governor-appointed board, administratively attached to the Department
- The program regulates the transfer of milk among producers and distributors
- The regulation of the milk market promotes public welfare and helps maintain a stable market for milk within the state of Montana

Brands Enforcement Division

Jay Bodner, Administrator - 406-444-2925/jay.bodner@mt.gov



Total Division budget is \$5,117,758 (100% State Special Revenue; 54.61 FTE)

- Performs professional law enforcement activities and investigations to solve and prevent livestock-related criminal activities
- Conducts field and market inspections of livestock to ensure proper ownership records and legal movement
- Records ownership of all legal brands and maintains records for proper livestock identification
- Regulates and licenses all livestock markets and dealers doing business in Montana

Animal Health & Food Safety Division

Dr. Tahnee Szymanski, Montana State Veterinarian/Administrator
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Total Division budget is \$10,037,874

(36.9% General Fund; 25.3% State Special Revenue; 24.2% Federal; 13.6% Proprietary; 71.1 FTE)

- Responsible for the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases
- Responsible for the prevention of transmission of livestock diseases to humans

Animal Health Bureau Dr. Heidi Hildahl, Veterinarian Supervisor - 406-444-5214/heidi.hildahl@mt.gov

Total Bureau budget is \$3,016,277 (38.7% General Fund; 30.8% State Special Revenue; 30.5% Federal, 13.75 FTE)

- Regulates the import and export of livestock
- Manages the Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area

Meat, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau Alicia Love, Bureau Chief - 406-444-5293/alicia.love2@mt.gov

Meat Program

Total Program budget is \$2,956,060 (50.1% General Fund; 0.3% State Special Revenue; 49.6% Federal; 28.5 FTE)

- Functions to ensure that meat and poultry products slaughtered, processed or stored in Montana meet State and Federal requirements, and is accomplished through product and site inspections, licensing, evaluating product labeling and laboratory testing
- Program has regulatory oversight over retail processors, custom exempt processors and meat depots

Milk & Egg Program

Total Program budget is \$796,419 (98.1% State Special Revenue; 1.9% Federal; 6.75 FTE)

- Functions to ensure dairy producers and dairy processing plants meet all requirements for shipping milk and finished milk products out of state (FDA compliance)
- Ensures that all egg producers, graders and handlers meet the requirements set by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
- Investigates complaints and outbreaks of disease associated with dairy and egg products with sanitarians businesses and citizens to solve these issues
- These functions are accomplished through on-site and product inspections, laboratory testing and imbedded employees within processing locations

Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Gregory Juda, Ph.D., Lab Director - 406-994-4885/gregory.juda@mt.gov

Total Bureau budget is \$3,269,118 (32.2% General Fund; 25.2% State Special Revenue; 0.7% Federal; 41.9% Proprietary; 22.01 FTE)

- The Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Lab is the only accredited, full-service veterinary laboratory in Montana
- Provides disease diagnostic support to veterinarians, livestock producers, companion animal owners and the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks as well as other State and Federal agencies
- Operates an FDA-certified milk products laboratory that supports our regulation of milk and milk products and certifies private milk labs within the state
- Provides integral support to the Animal Health Division and Meat & Poultry and Milk & Egg Programs in meeting their missions
- Plays a role in protecting the public health of Montana by being on the front line of surveilling disease that can transmit from animals to the human population