
On behalf of Montana's food and agriculture community, **we invite you to invest** in the growth of our state's food system and agricultural economy by sponsoring the **3rd Governor's Summit on Local Food and Agriculture: Maximizing Montana's Agriculture Opportunity**, October 23–24, 2026, in Helena.

The third such event in 20 years, the 3rd Governor's Summit on Local Food and Agriculture ("2026 Governor's Summit") will convene leaders from across the food, agriculture, education, healthcare, institutional procurement, and community sectors to build a practical, statewide strategy to grow the share of Montana-sourced food purchased and served in Montana from 3% today to 33% by 2033.

Sponsors do more than fund the Summit. They help lead us to a statewide solution. Your sponsorship positions you as a visible partner in the work Montanans increasingly care about:

- Building economic growth that stays here, keeping more Montana dollars in Montana while supporting jobs and strengthening rural economies
- Supporting a resilient supply chain and building in-state capacity to withstand disruptions
- Delivering health and community impact by expanding access to Montana-grown foods and improving food security across the state
- Focusing on real outcomes by producing a roadmap and a cross-sector action plan with real focus on implementation.

The two prior Governor's Summits laid the foundation for this work, identifying opportunities to strengthen the food system and build networks and action plans that support future growth. **A more resilient, self-reliant, and accessible food system keeps more food dollars in Montana, supports rural communities, and improves nutrition and food security for all Montanans.**

Outcomes from prior Summits include:

- Creation of the Food and Agriculture Development Centers (FADCs), including the Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center;
 - Legislative reforms that simplified public purchasing of Montana-grown food;
 - Updates to food safety rules enabling direct-to-consumer sales of non-hazardous foods; and
 - Expansion of Farm to School programs and Montana State University Extension's local food systems programming.
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Despite this progress, Montana's food economy still holds significant untapped potential. Montanans spend approximately **\$5.2 billion** on food annually, yet only **\$158 million (3%)** is spent on Montana-sourced food. Increasing that share to 33% would keep an estimated **\$1.5 billion** circulating within the state.

In advance of the 2026 Governor's Summit, the Summit Planning Committee is actively engaging stakeholders statewide to shape a focused, results-driven agenda, mapping assets and needs, and identifying pinchpoints and opportunities for collaboration. Areas of focus for the Summit agenda and roadmap include:

- **Resilient Markets & Economy:** Growing local and regional markets to create good jobs, boost farm income, and build a more self-reliant and shock-resistant food economy;
- **Healthy Food & People:** Expanding access to Montana-grown whole foods to support farmers, reduce food miles, and improve our health when these foods are included in our diets;
- **Healthy Soil:** Supporting regenerative and climate-healthy agriculture practices to ensure long-term productivity, land stewardship, and food security; and
- **Food Security and Community Resilience:** Investing in local food systems to strengthen rural economies, foster community connections, and build resilient, place-based infrastructure, reducing reliance on external supply chains.

Your sponsorship of the 2026 Governor's Summit is an investment in Montana producers, consumers, and businesses. The 33x33 initiative supports a healthier, more resilient, and economically vibrant food system that benefits individuals, communities, and the environment.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this important statewide effort. To book your sponsorship, fill out the [2026 Summit Sponsor form](https://growmt.org/summit-sponsorship) (growmt.org/summit-sponsorship). For sponsorship questions and more information, please contact **Maura Henn** at maurah@ncat.org.

Sincerely,
Planning Committee for 3rd Governor's Summit on Local Food & Agriculture

3rd Governor's Summit Sponsorship Packages

Thank you for investing in the growth and security of Montana's food system and agricultural economy by sponsoring the 3rd Governor's Summit on Local Food and Agriculture: *Maximizing Montana's Agriculture Opportunity*, October 23–24, 2026, in Helena.

The goal of this Summit is to design a strategic plan to increase the Montana markets for Montana-sourced food from their current state of 3% to at least 33% in the coming decade.

Summit Partner: \$25,000

- Recognition at keynote sessions
- Banner placement at event
- Logo on all promotional materials
- Full page in program
- 6 social media posts
- 6 tickets to event

Food System Sponsor: \$10,000

- Banner at event
- Logo on all promotional materials
- 1/2 page in program
- 4 social media posts
- 6 tickets to event

Sustainability Sponsor: \$5,000

- Logo on all promotional materials
- ¼ page in program
- 2 social media posts
- 6 tickets to event

Community Roots Sponsor: \$2,500

- ⅛ page in program
- 2 social media posts
- 4 tickets to event

Harvest Sponsor: \$1,000

- ⅛ page in program
- 2 tickets to event

Sprout Sponsor: \$500

- Listing in program
- 1 ticket to event

Seed Sponsor: \$250

- Listing in program
- 50% discount on 1 event ticket

To book your sponsorship, fill out the [official sponsor form](https://growmt.org/summit-sponsorship) (growmt.org/summit-sponsorship)! Got questions? Contact **Maura Henn** at maurah@ncat.org.

See you at the Summit!