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# Food & Agriculture BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (BEP)

*Designed for businesses in value-added agriculture and middle of supply chain food activities.*

## ABOUT

This program is specifically designed for businesses in value-added agriculture and middle of supply chain food activities (processing, manufacturing, distribution, aggregation, etc.) It can help support access to the following resources to expand or advance your business to the next level towards success, at little to no expense.

- 1. MSU Food Product Development Lab**
  - Up to 40 hours of R&D product development
  - + Recipe development, extrusion consultation, sensory evaluation
- 2. Montana Manufacturing Extension Center**
  - Up to 16 hours of TA
  - + Lean training, strategic planning, plant layout, HACCP training, food manufacturing, food safety training, and more.

## 3. Regional Food Business Center (RFBC) Theme Groups

- Building Meat Supply Chain Capacity
- Supporting Right Size Investing and Infrastructure
- Creating Diverse Markets for Climate Resilient Agriculture
- Connecting and Scaling Food Entrepreneurs
- \*Amount of funding/services available vary by project

## 4. Other Consultant Services and Trainings

- BEP will cover up to \$2,000 worth of training/consultant fees



If you are interested in applying for the program, contact your local FADC to determine eligibility ([agr.mt.gov/Food-and-Ag-Development-Centers](https://agr.mt.gov/Food-and-Ag-Development-Centers)). For questions or more information, please contact Hailey Vine ([hailey.vine@mt.gov](mailto:hailey.vine@mt.gov)) or Jim Auer ([jauer@mt.gov](mailto:jauer@mt.gov)).

