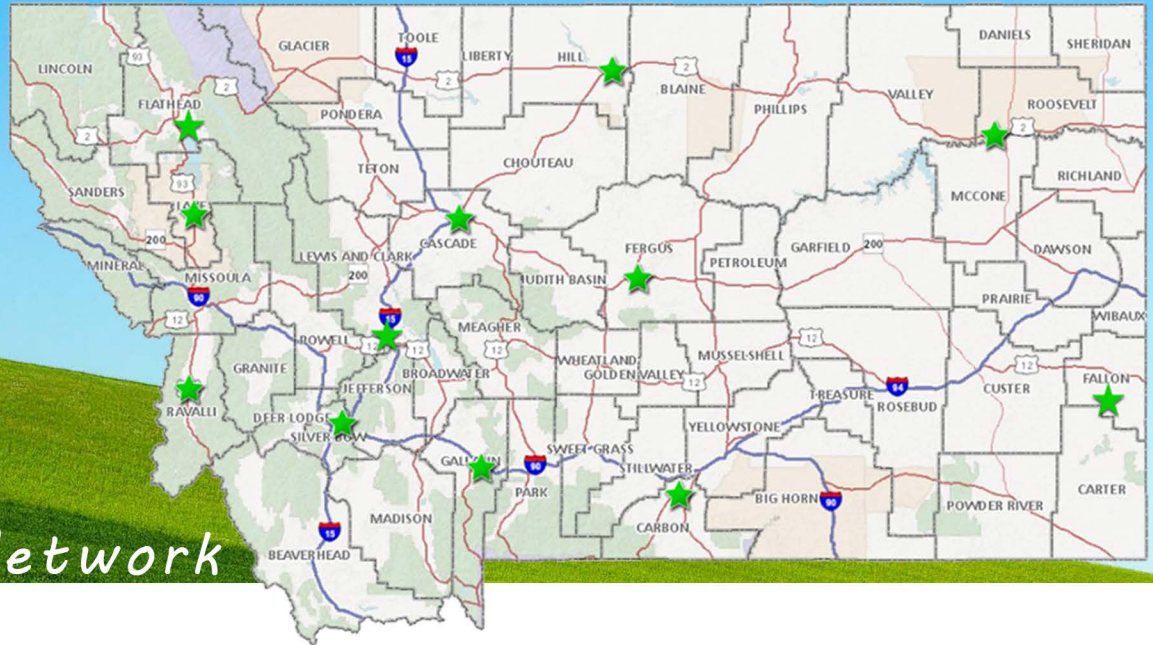




MONTANA FOOD & AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



The FADC Network

ABOUT

The Food & Ag Development Center (FADC) Network exists to help Montanans innovate and grow businesses that produce and commercialize food, agricultural and renewable energy products, and processes. The FADCs support local businesses to create wealth and jobs for our communities, farms, and ranches while expanding Montana's value-added agriculture industry. The Centers - located throughout Montana - operate as a network serving community-based businesses, agricultural producers, and food entrepreneurs. Through an FADC, businesses are able to access statewide connections, national resources, and business support tailored to their needs. TA services are offered at no charge.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Business planning and development
- Business networking – statewide, nationally, and internationally
- Access to financing
- Grant application support
- Farm to School Program support
- Regulatory navigation
- MDA program support

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Product development, testing, and analysis
- Market research
- Food safety training
- Cooperative development
- Education on industry dynamics and technologies

CURRENT CENTERS

1. Bozeman - Prospera Business Network
2. Butte - Headwaters RC&D
3. Great Falls - Great Falls Dev. Alliance
4. Havre - Bear Paw Dev. Corp.
5. Helena - Montana Business Assistance Connection
6. Joliet - Beartooth RC&D
7. Kalispell - Montana West Economic Dev.
8. Lewistown - Snowy Mountain Dev. Corp.
9. Ronan - Mission West Community Dev. Partners
10. Ravalli - Ravalli County Economic Dev. Authority
11. Wolf Point/Baker - Great Northern Dev. Corp.