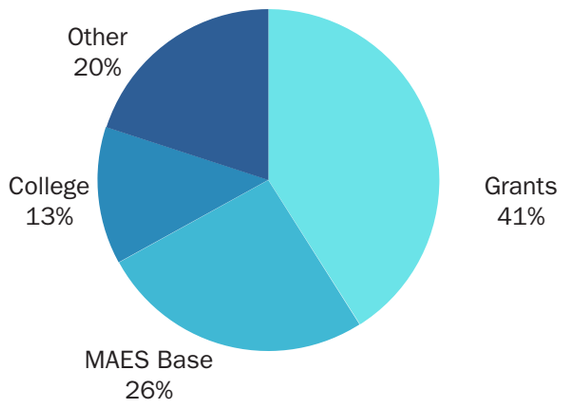
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

BUILDING RESEARCH THAT FEEDS THE WORLD

The Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) has been serving the research needs of Montana agriculture since 1893. Alongside MSU's College of Agriculture, MAES serves as a cornerstone of the university's land-grant mission, conducting applicable and cutting-edge scientific research in natural resources, agricultural sciences, animal and human health and agricultural economics for the people of Montana and beyond.

Our **foundational capacity** comes from the generous support of the Montana Legislature and U.S. Congress via the Hatch Act. Last year, we leveraged $20.5 million in funding to secure more than **$34 million** in grants and contracts, supporting more than 100 graduate and undergraduate research projects.



OUR WORK IN ACTION

- In 2024, 1.9 million acres of MSU-developed grain varieties were planted in Montana, contributing roughly $600 million to the state's economy.
- Last year, Montana producers grew 74% of the lentils, 55% of the dry peas and 36% of chickpeas produced in the U.S.
- The Montana Wool Lab tests over 15,000 samples annually, helping producers with marketing and genetic improvements.

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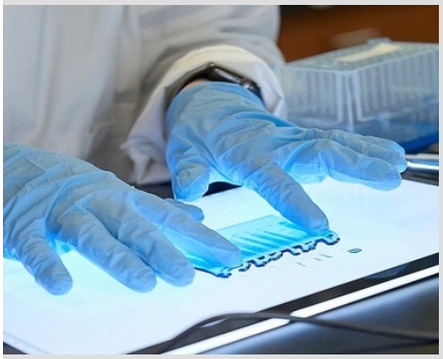

National leaders in microbiology are studying genetic pathways, immune responses and viral transmission to make strides in human, animal and plant health.

Research on pollinator health is addressing honeybee colony losses and advancing existing knowledge to protect these critical insects.

Scientists present their work all over our state and region to maximize community engagement and build research programs around the needs of our communities.

PEOPLE OF MAES

97	115	84
FACULTY	STAFF	STUDENTS

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH CENTERS

Stay up to date with the work the College of Agriculture and MAES are doing at MSU and around Montana. Scan the QR code to see the latest updates on our research, or visit **www.montana.edu/news/agriculture**.

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