



*Food and Ag Development Centers*  
**EASTERN MONTANA**  
**AG SUMMIT** *SUCCESS STORY*

## The Project

The Eastern Montana Ag Summit was successfully hosted in a new location this year and drew 65 attendees from across the region. Despite the change in venue, participation remained strong, demonstrating continued interest in agricultural education, networking, and collaboration in Eastern Montana. The event also included 8 agricultural vendors, providing attendees with direct access to industry resources, services, and information.

The summit featured a full day of timely, producer-focused programming. Topics included a cattle market update, offering insights into current market conditions, as well as an agricultural financials session focused on financial planning and decision-making.

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Additional sessions addressed management strategies to improve reproductive efficiency, noxious weed management—specifically Canadian thistle and poison hemlock—and rural emergency preparedness, highlighting considerations for producers operating in remote areas.

The summit also emphasized the importance of supporting local agriculture and businesses. Lunch featured locally sourced beef from Lane Legacy Meats, catered by The Big Game Tavern and Casino in Baker, highlighting Montana-grown products and reinforcing the value of local supply chains.

Attendees reported positive feedback regarding the relevance of the topics, the quality of speakers, and the opportunity to connect with peers, service providers, and industry partners.

Hosting the event in a new location also allowed the summit to reach new audiences while maintaining engagement from returning participants.

Overall, the Eastern Montana Ag Summit successfully combined educational programming, vendor engagement, and local partnerships. The strong attendance, participation from vendors, and positive response underscore the continued value of the summit and its role in strengthening Eastern Montana's agricultural community.

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