

Break Out Group Discussions

Meat Processing and Cattle Feed

Three (3) Action Items:

- A. Identify opportunities for more research collaboration and information sharing
- B. Meet with universities to identify needs and areas of support
- C. Identify best practices and research that is applicable to Montana and can enhance and add value to agriculture

Two Goals:

One MT Feasibility Study on packing plant in MT

- Get numbers from DNRC (and water rights info) and permitting info from DEQ, seed and crop numbers from Department of Agriculture
- Marketing piece from Feasibility Study

Expand Local Foods

Objectives Identified:

Work cooperatively with OPI's farm-to-school advisory committee to identify the needs of schools so they can source more local food and ensure that every school that is participating is counted by USDA.

Work with Department of Livestock to make the licensing and regulatory process for small scale poultry processors workable, consistent, and efficient.

Ag Manufacturing and Grain Processing

Objectives Identified:

Focus on transportation issues and constraints for shipping grains and agricultural products with weight limits for trucking and railroad shipping issues. Identify opportunities for the subcommittee to offer input when shipping issues arise.

Support the hiring of a food science specialist within the university system or through extension to assist agriculture manufacturing companies comply with regulatory requirements.