2010 Montana Agricultural Outlook

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Highlights for 2009

Financial Crisis

Crops (primarily wheat)

- Lower prices (average prices down nearly 30%)
- Production stable to higher

Livestock

Stable prices (although, below historical averages)

Mountains & Minds

Stable production

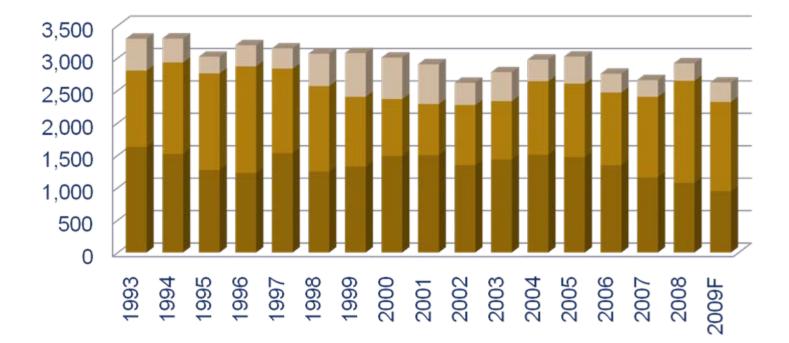


Financial Crisis

- Lower net farm income, but . . .
 - Good years in the last two years
 - Low debt:asset ratios
 - Stable agricultural land values
 - Farm program effect



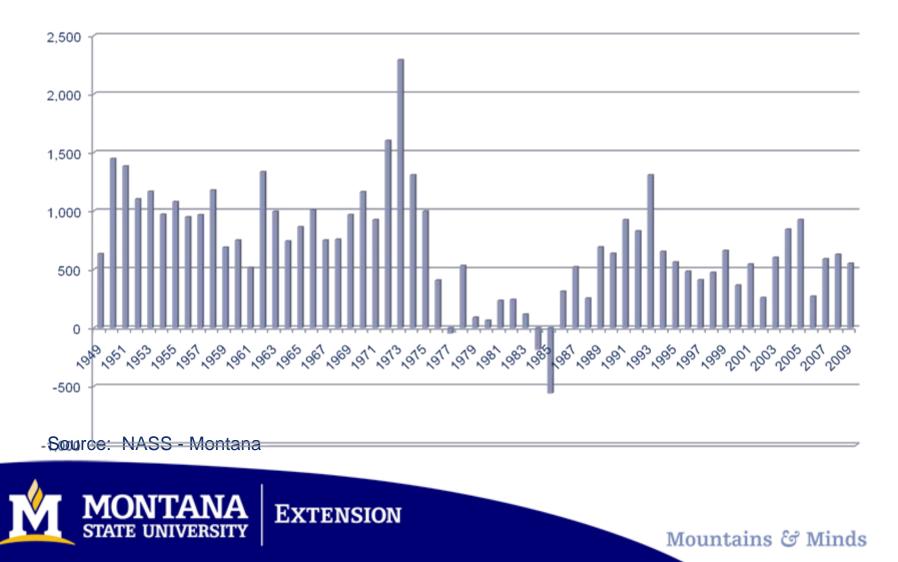
Cash Receipts and Government Payments Montana 1993 – 2009 (million 2009\$)



Livestock Crops Government

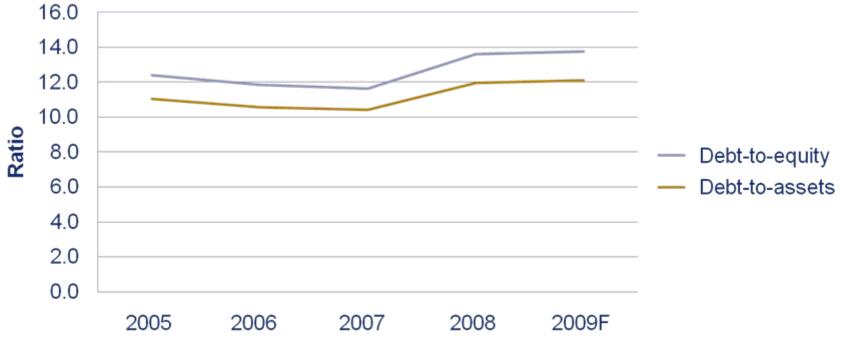


Montana Net Farm Income 1949 – 2009 (million 2009\$)



Debt:Equity and Debt:Asset Ratios

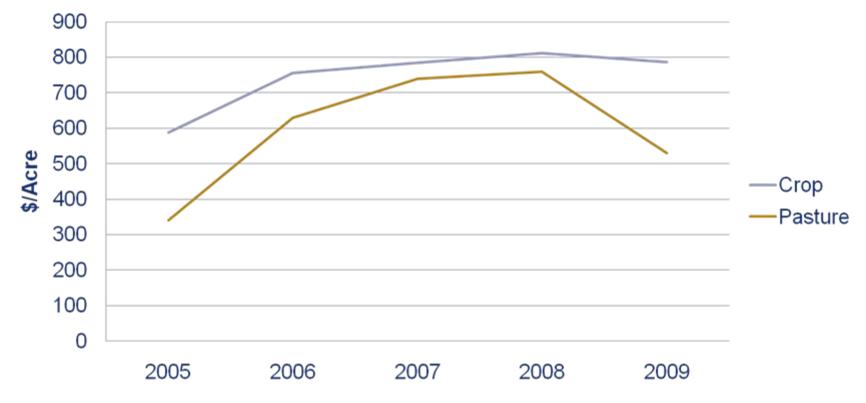
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Source: www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/AgOutlook/AOTables/Table32



Average Farm Real Estate Values



http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/AgriLandVa/AgriLandVa-08-04-2009.pdf



Farm Program Effect

Crops

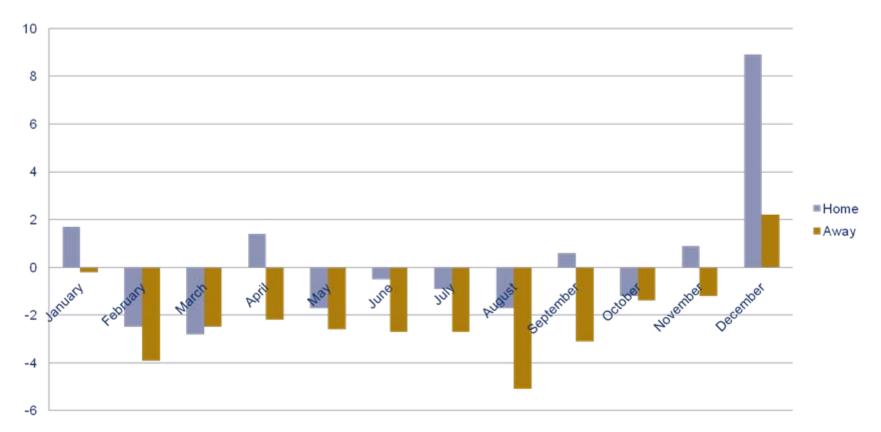
- Direct payment
- Counter cyclical
- Marketing loan assistance (loan deficiency program)
- Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)
- Supplement Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)
- Others
- Livestock
 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
 - Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
 - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bee and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)
 - Others



LOWER DEMAND FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



Food Sales (Home/Away) 2008 to 2009

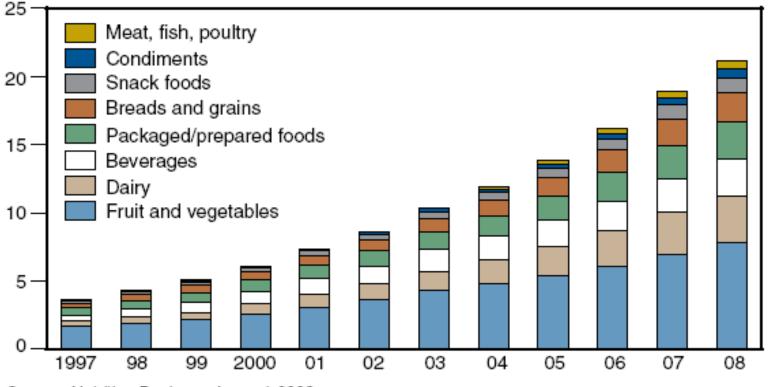


Source: www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/AgOutlook/AOTables/Table 36 - Food Sales



Organic Food Market (Growth)

Billions of dollars



Source: Nutrition Business Journal, 2009.

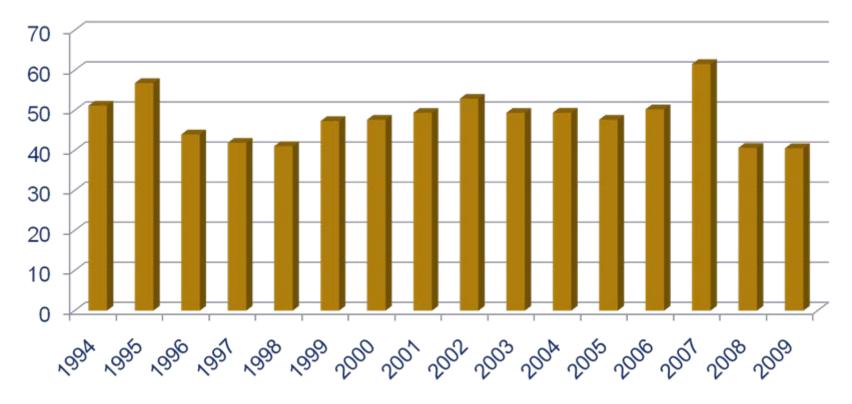
3.5% of total food and beverage sales



LOWER EXPORT DEMAND



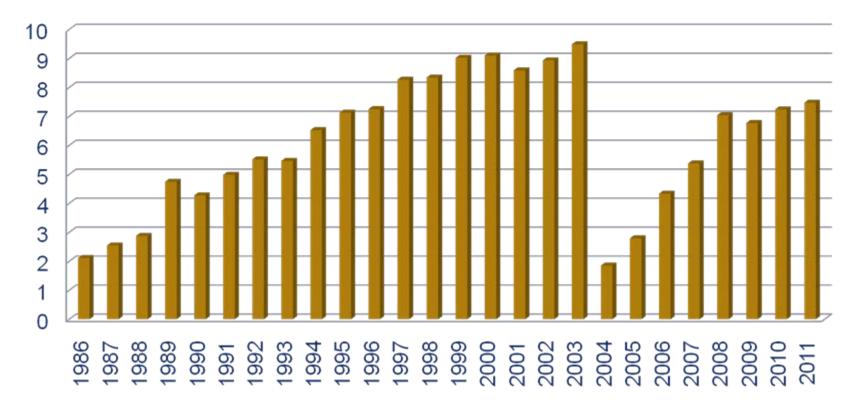
Wheat Exports Percentage of Production, Marketing Year



Source: usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/WHS/WHS-10-14-2009.pdf



U.S. Beef Exports Percentage of Production, Carcass Weight



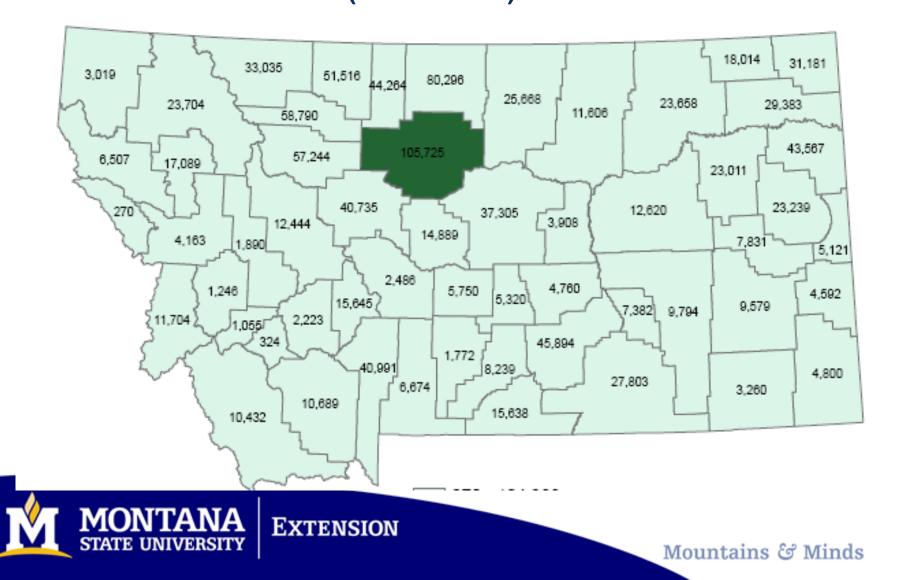
Source: USDA-FAS and ERS; Compiled and Forecasts by LMIC



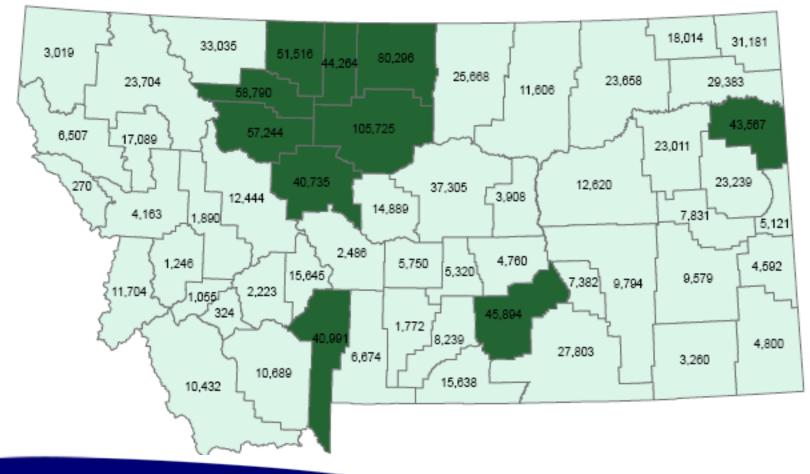
COMMODITY PRICES AND YIELDS



Crop Production - #1 County Chouteau (Fort Benton) – 9.5% share

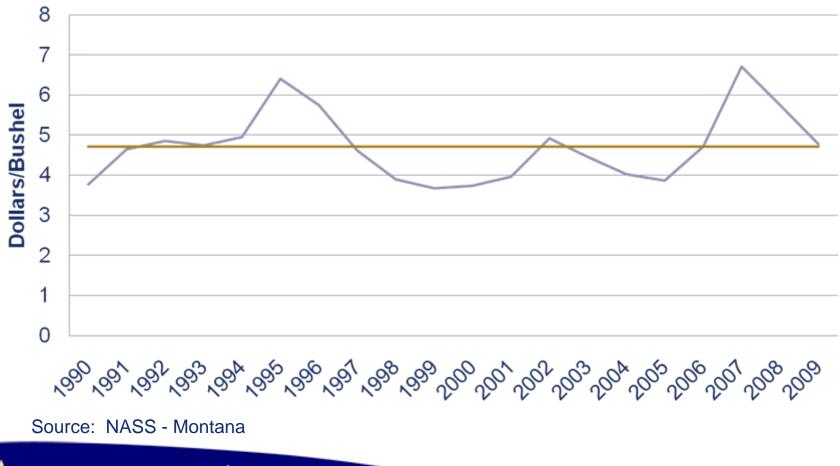


Crop Production – Top 50%





Montana Winter Wheat Prices 1990 - 2009



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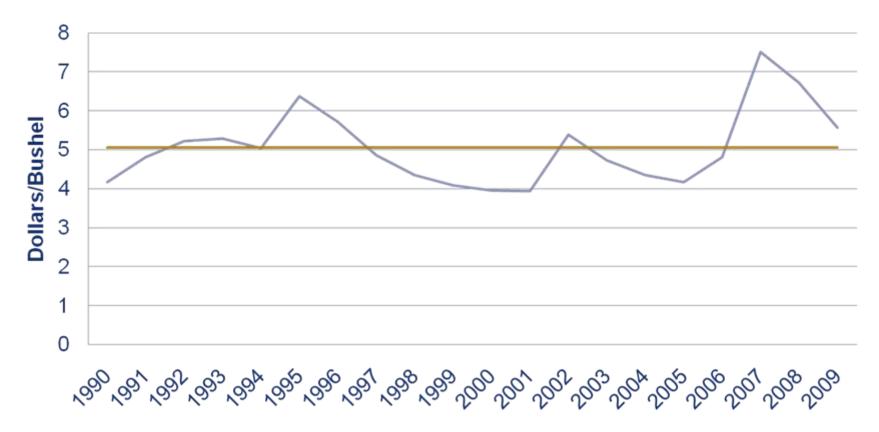
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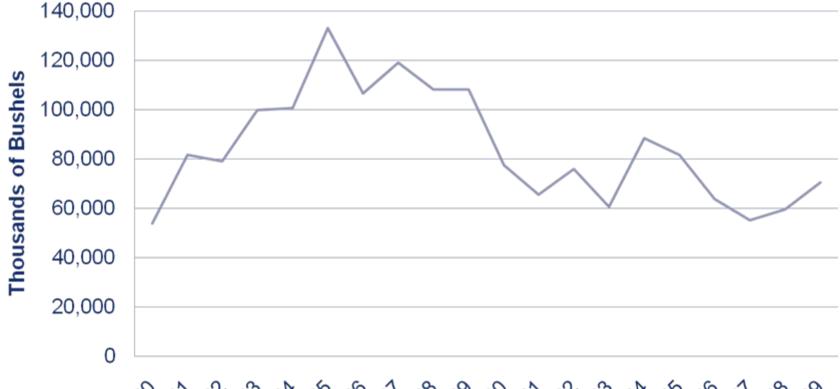
Montana Spring Wheat Prices 1990 - 2009



Source: NASS - Montana



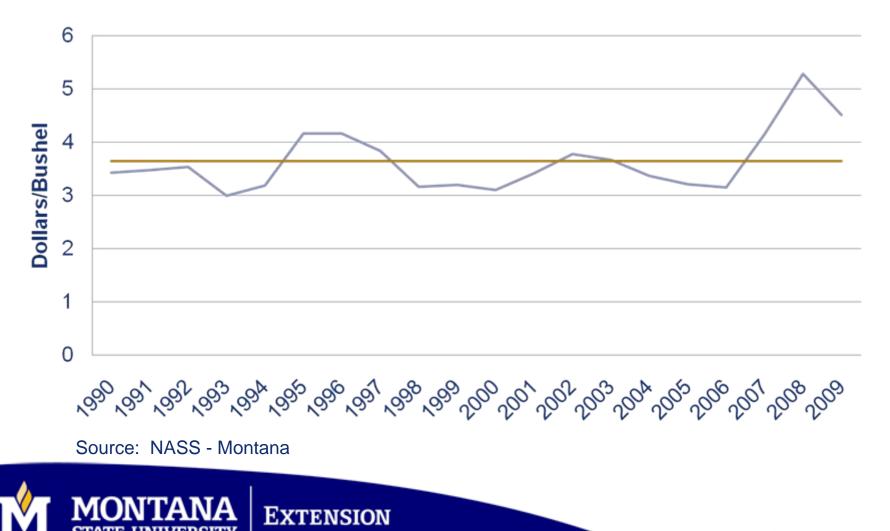
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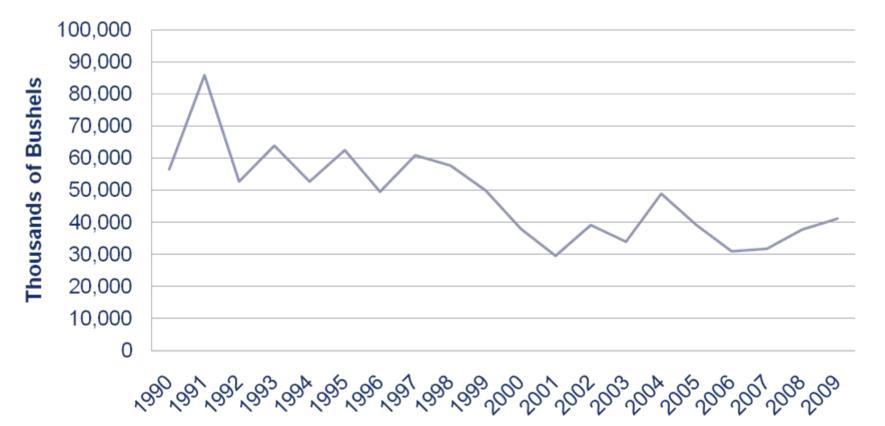




Montana All Barley Prices 1990–2009



Montana Barley Production 1990-2009



Source: NASS - Montana



Future Prices

Location	Units	3/10	5/10	7/10	9/10
Minneapolis Grain Exchange					
Hard Red Spring Wheat	\$/bu	5.13	5.11	5.23	5.34
Hard Red Winter Wheat	\$/bu	4.90	4.98	5.10	5.19
Chicago Board of Trade					
Corn	\$/bu	3.56	3.66	3.77	3.86

SW - \$1.00 down, WW - \$0.20 down, CN - \$0.40 down from 2009



Global Wheat Market Shares

Country	2008/09	shares	2009/10	shares
	mmt	%	mmt	%
Australia	21.50	3.1	23.50	3.5
Canada	28.61	4.2	24.50	3.6
China	112.50	16.5	114.50	17.0
EU-27	151.07	22.1	139.08	20.7
India	78.60	11.5	80.58	12.0
FSU-12	115.59	16.9	106.42	15.8
U.S.	68.02	10.0	60.30	9.0
Other	106.86	15.7	123.02	18.3
Total	682.75	100.0	671.90	100.0



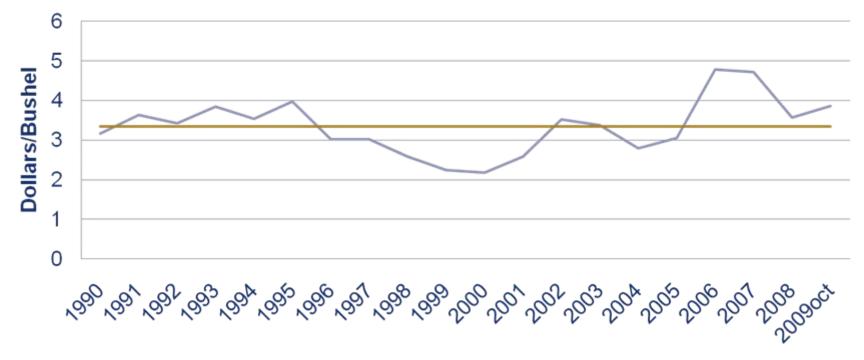
Montana Wheat 2010

- 2010 Winter Wheat Plantings \rightarrow down 22%
 - And low quality winter wheat crop
- 2010 Production (Forecast) → ???
 - -MT 2010 All Wheat Price: ???
 - *—Early 2010 prices soften*
 - -Late 2010 two important factors
 - Demand worldwide economic conditions
 - -Supply worldwide growing conditions



Montana Corn Prices

Corn Prices, 2009 Dollars



Source: NASS - Montana



Corn Prices (in Montana?)

Almost nothing is going right for corn prices:

- Higher Acreage
- Ample supplies
- Weak Exports
- Very cool summer & high yields
- But, delayed harvest
- Weak oil prices
- Ethanol uncertainty

But, Good News for Cattle Producers

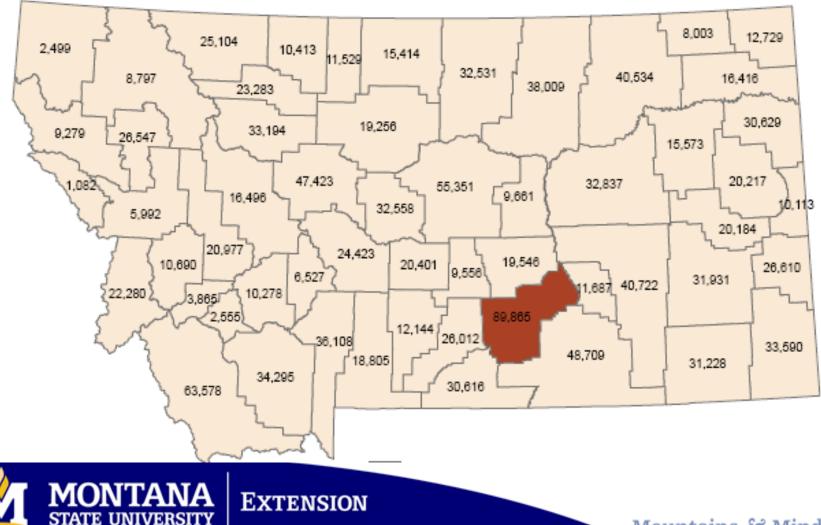


LIVESTOCK SECTOR

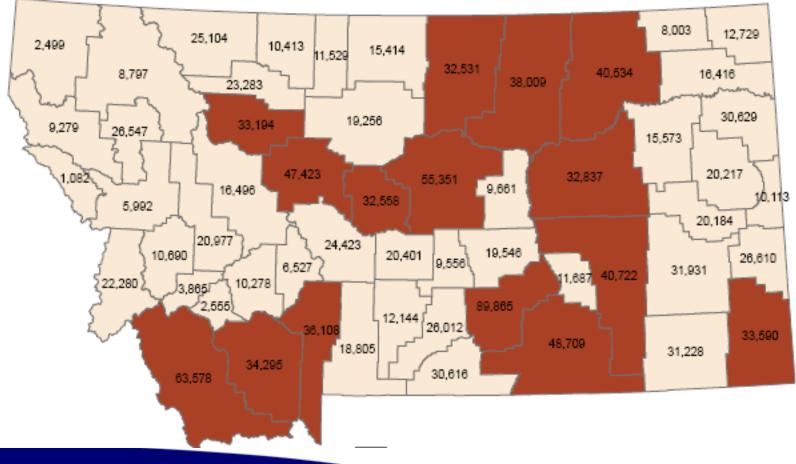


Livestock Production - #1 County

Yellowstone – 6.8% share



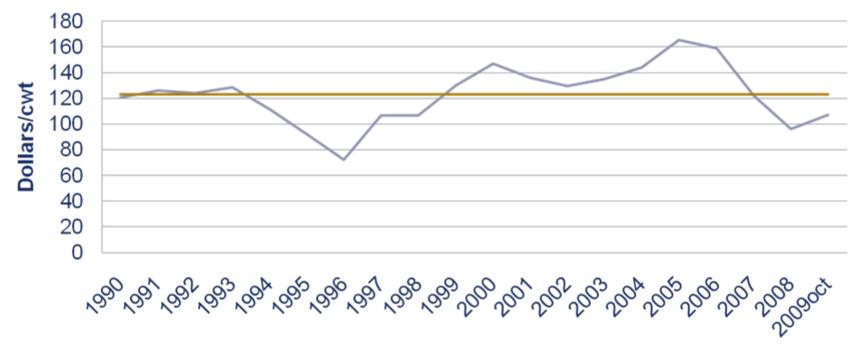
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Agricultural Products: Calves

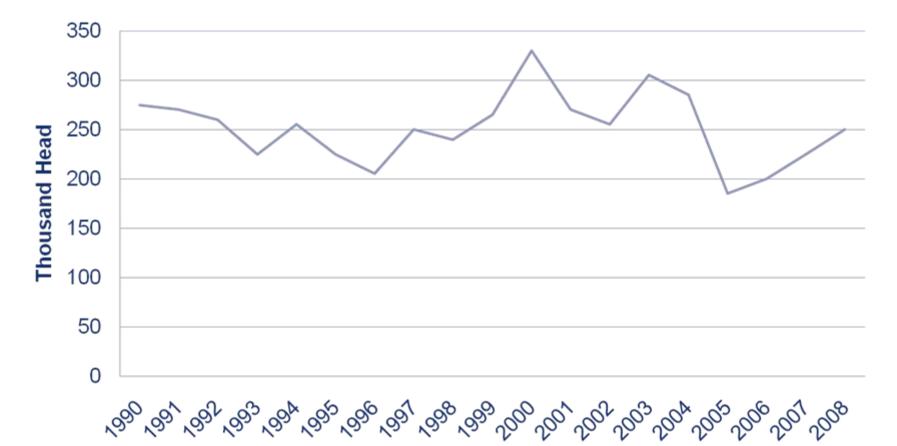
Calf Prices, 2009 Dollars



Source: NASS - Montana

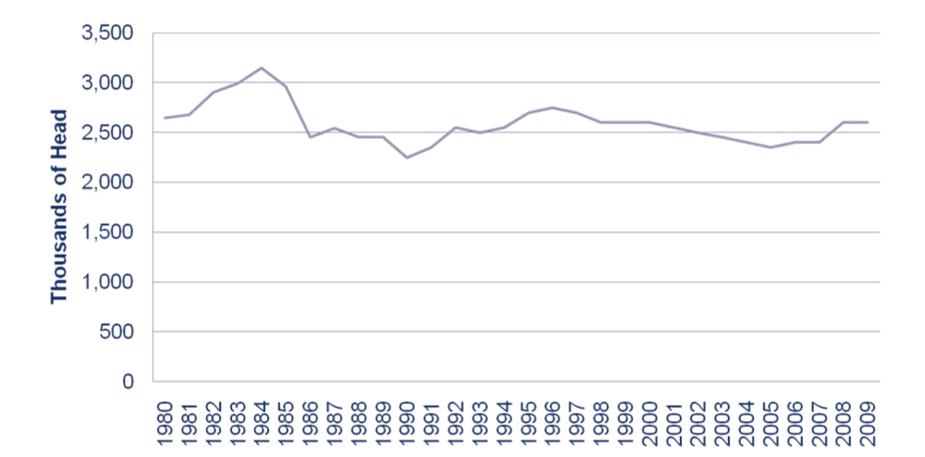


Montana Calves Marketed 1990 - 2008





Montana Cattle Inventory (Jan. 1)





Futures Prices (01/20/10)

Location	04/10	06/10	08/10	12/10
Chicago Mercantile Ex	xchange			
Live Cattle	94.45	92.30	90.67	94.90
	04/10	05/10	08/10	11/10
Feeder Cattle	105.95	106.80	108.90	108.00

Mountains & Minds

Up \$8/cwt in last three months



Cattle Outlook 2010

Consumer Demand

- Domestic
- International
 - Expect exports to increase by 10% over 2009 (Asia, Mexico and Canada)

Mountains & Minds

Ethanol

Price of corn



Any Questions



