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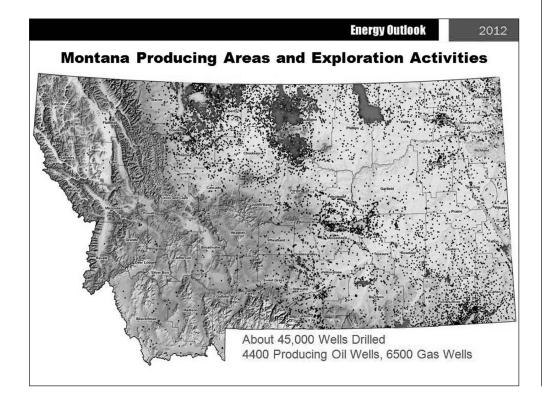


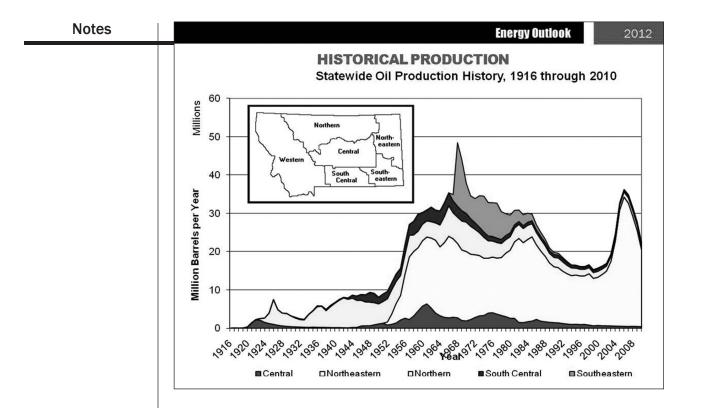


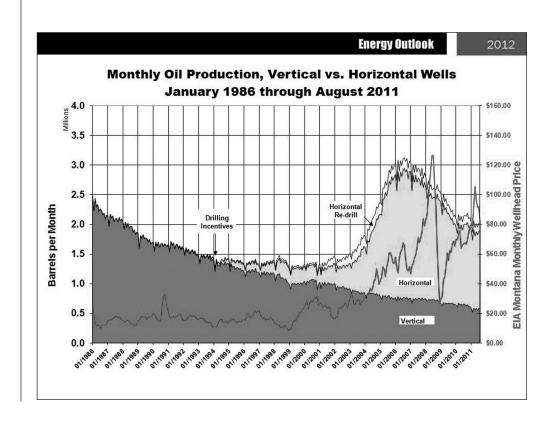
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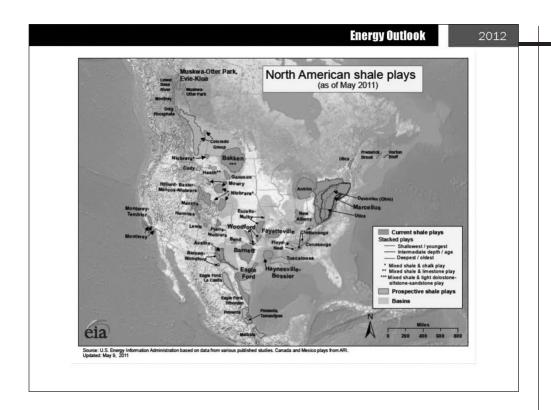
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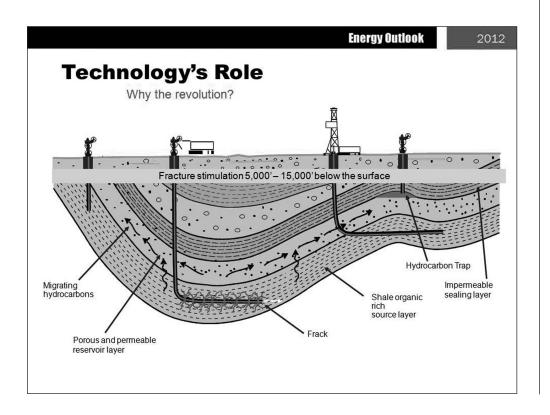


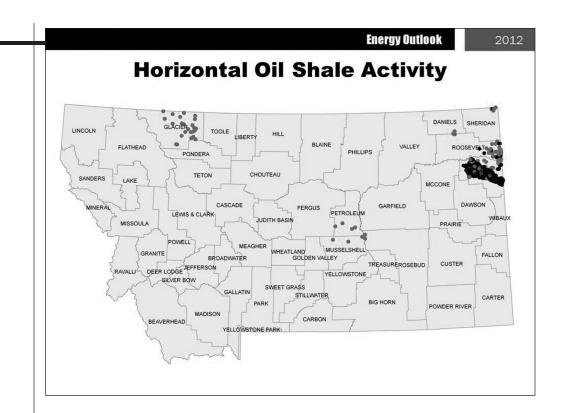


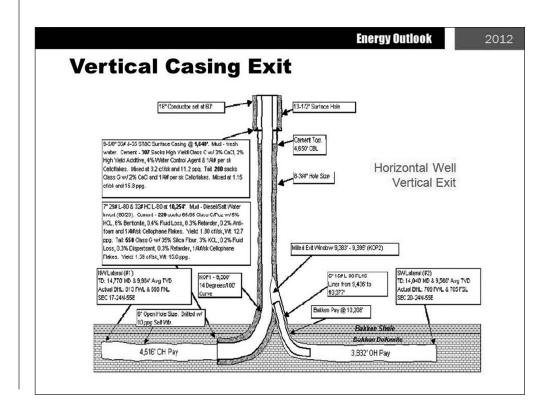


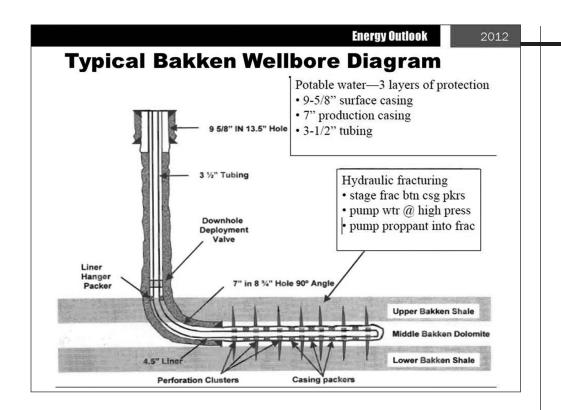


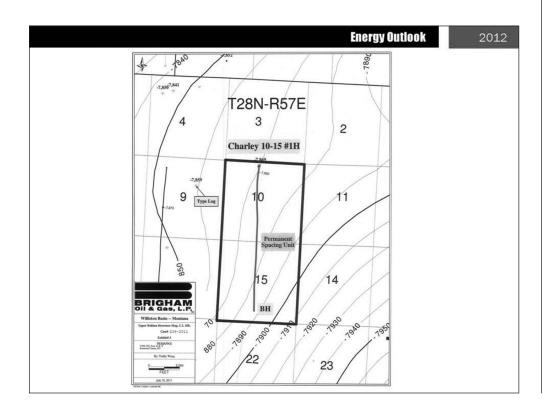


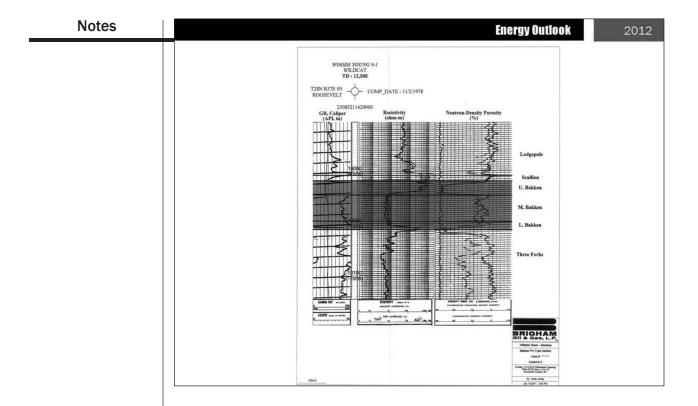


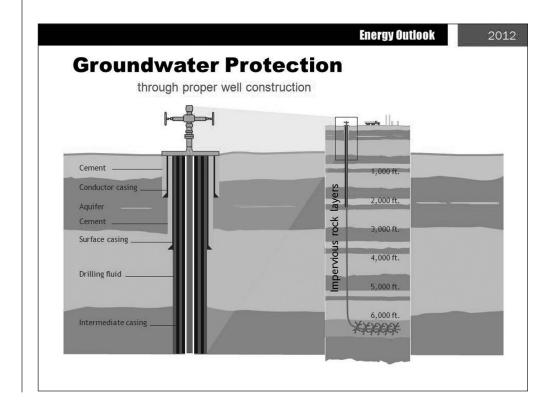


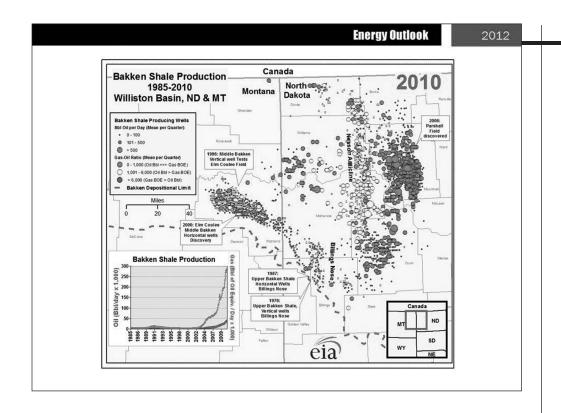


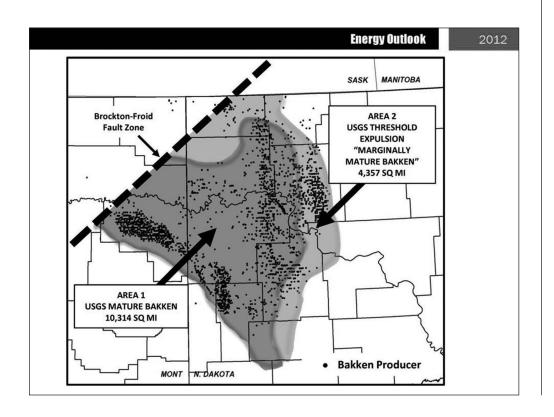


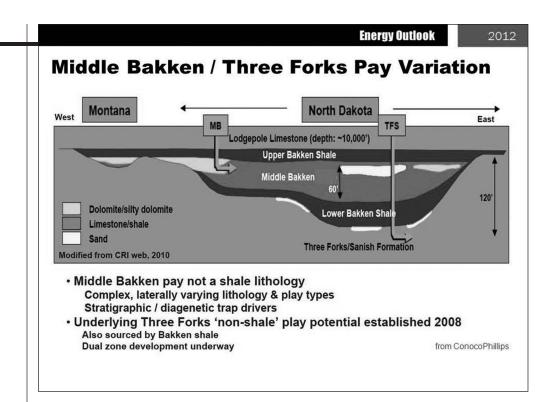


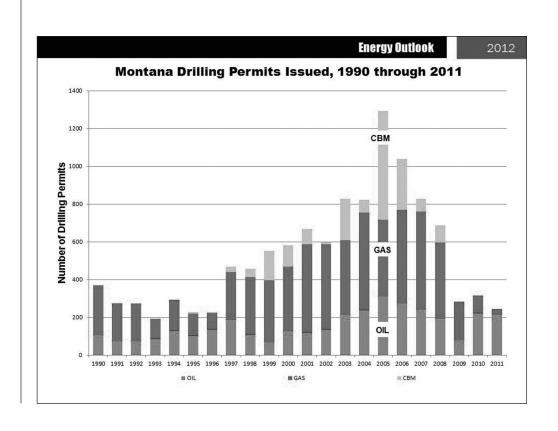




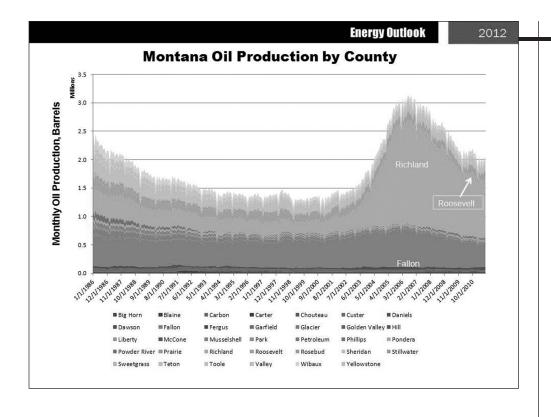


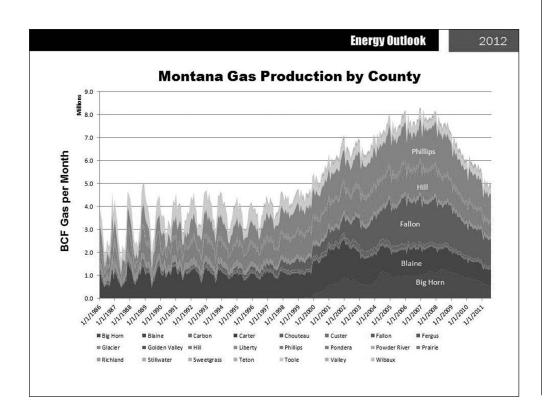


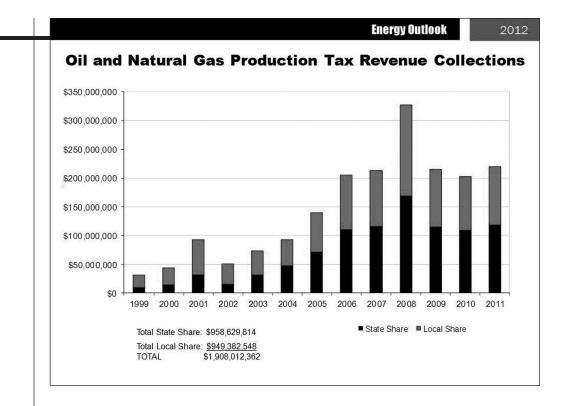


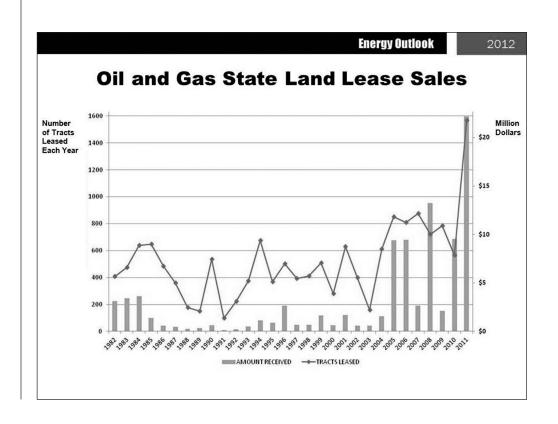












Energy Outlook

2012

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Petroleum Industry Facts

\$9+ BILLION Total economic impact – including E&P and Refining

4,600 Employees in Exploration, Production, or Refining

Economic impact from producing an additional 1 million barrels of oil

- 86 Full time positions
- \$18.5 million in labor income

Each 10% increase in drilling activity leads to about 315 additional jobs.

Drilling Rig Count Increased from 9 last year to 13 in January 2012

Industry likes MT's business climate and tax structure

 Brigham Energy: "They (Montana) have a good operating environment." (Billings Gazette, May, 2011)

Energy Outlook

2012

BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE RANKINGS

THE TAX FOUNDATION FISCAL YEAR 2011



NORTH DAKOTA 20TH Notes Energy Outlook 2012

Montana Oil and Gas Taxes

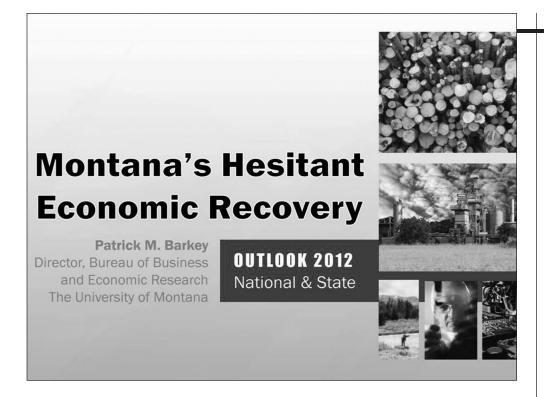
Montana's tax rate on oil is 20% lower than North Dakota's

→ 9.25% vs. 11.5% (Former North Dakota Governor Ed Schafer, FixTheTax.com)

Taxes	Montana	North Dakota	Advantage
Tax Rate	9.25%	11.5%	Montana
Tax Holiday	18 mo. (0.5%)	Only if oil <\$50.07	Montana
Avg. Tax/Bbl (05- 08)	\$4.89	\$5.87	Montana

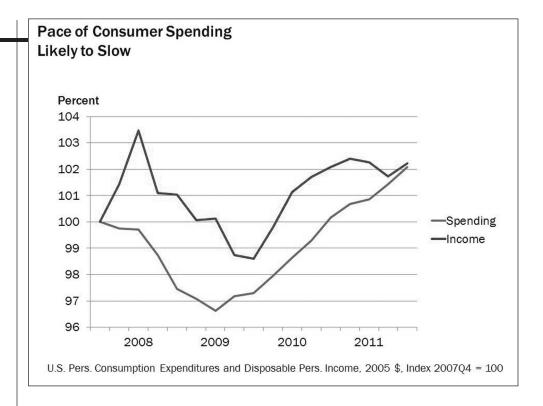
(Montana Department of Revenue Study)

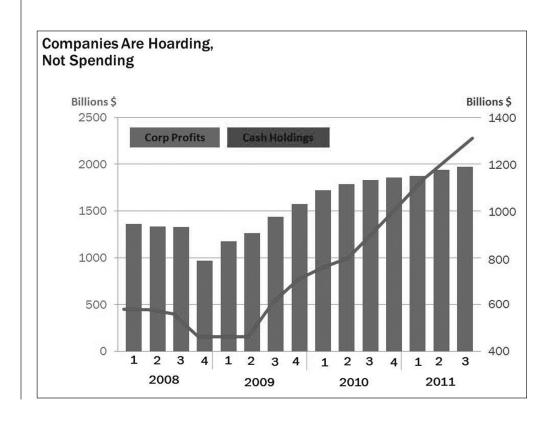
	Energy Outlook 2012
O&G Impact Funds to (Counties, 2007-2001
All O&G Producing Counties (33)	\$555 million
Top 12 Counties Big Horn, Blaine, Fallon, Glacier, Hill, Phillips, Powder River, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Toole, Wibaux	\$515 million
Richland County	\$244 million Over \$26,000/resident

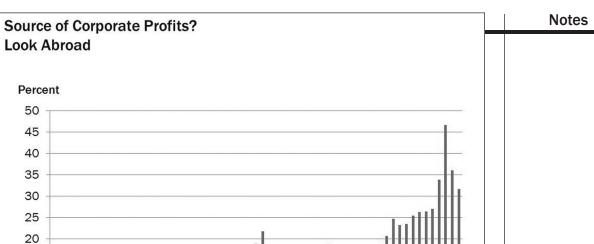


A Great Recession, But Not a Great Recovery

- Persistently weak consumer and business spending
- Slow recovery both here and abroad
- Special problems of housing and the Euro
- Problems of long-term unemployed, government debt, are festering as a result







1990

1980

2000

2010

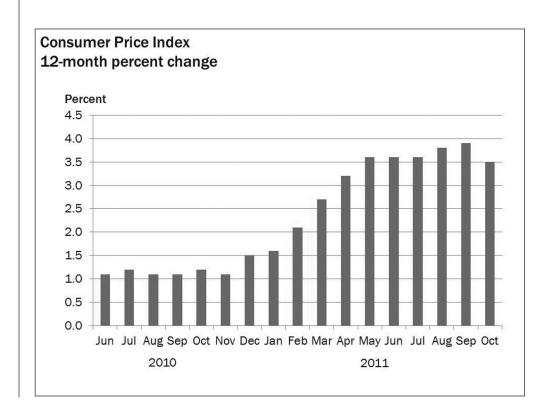
How Much Borrowing Capacity Do Countries Have Left? Survival 10-year Bond Yield, Pct. Fiscal Space, percent of GDP 5 10 15 0 100 200 300 Australia Australia Sweden Sweden Switzerland Switzerland U.S. U.S. Canada Canada Germany Germany U.K. U.K. France France Spain Spain Italy Italy Greece Greece Japan Japan Source: Economy.com

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> Foreign Share of U.S. Corporate Profits, 1948-2010 Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

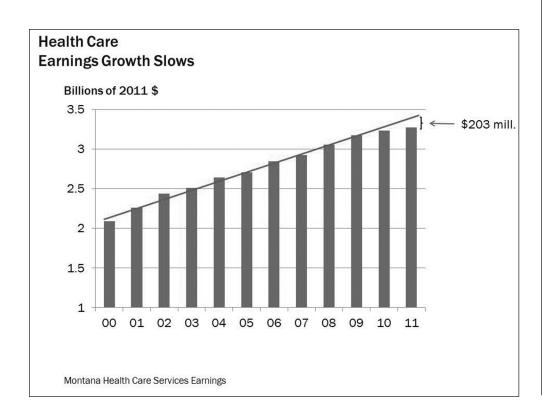
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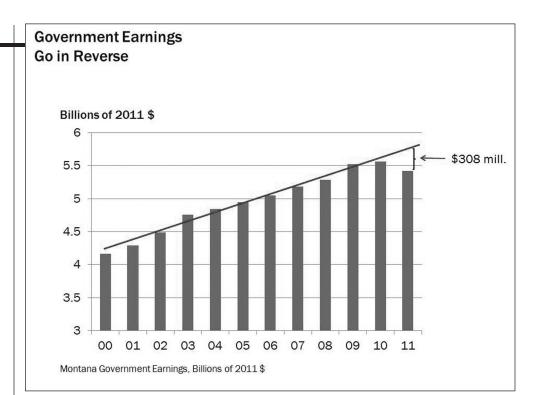
• Reason #1: Inflation



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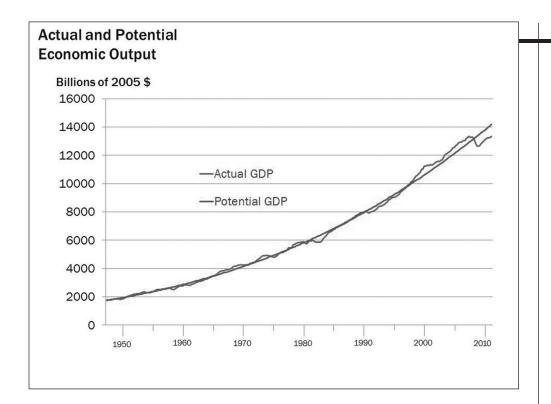
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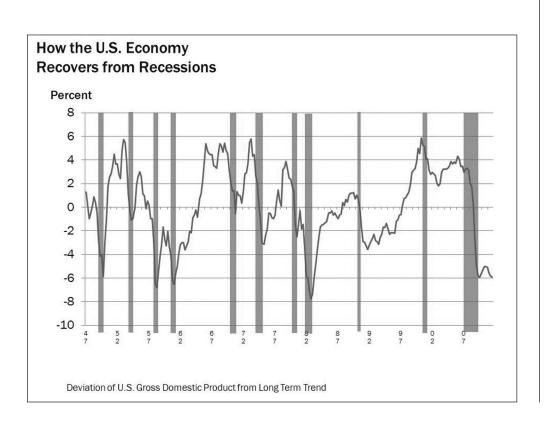




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- Reason #3: The national economy

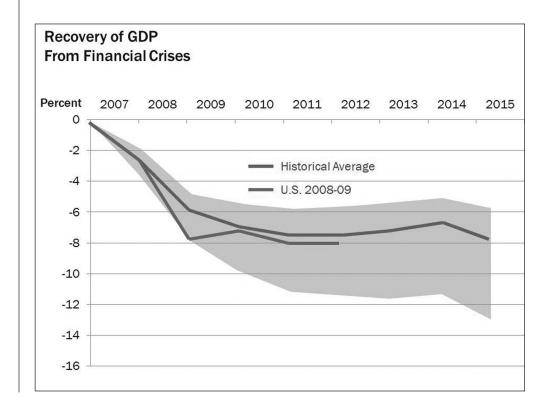




Recessions and Banking Crises

- Austria, 2008
- Hungary, 2008
- U.S., 1929
- Sweden, 1991
- Japan, 1992
- Norway, 1987
- Indonesia 1997
- · Hong Kong, 1997
- Argentina, 2001
- Korea, 1997
- Malaysia, 1997
- Spain, 1977
- · Thailand, 1997





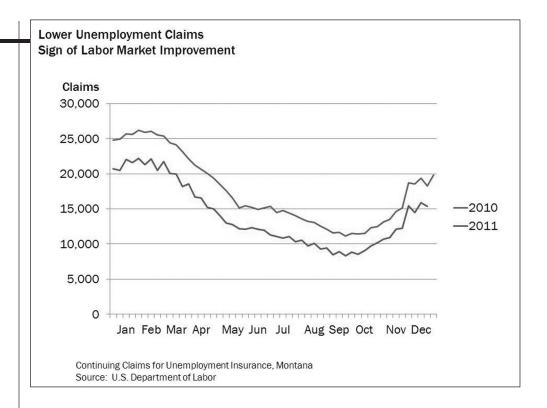
U.S. Outlook Summary

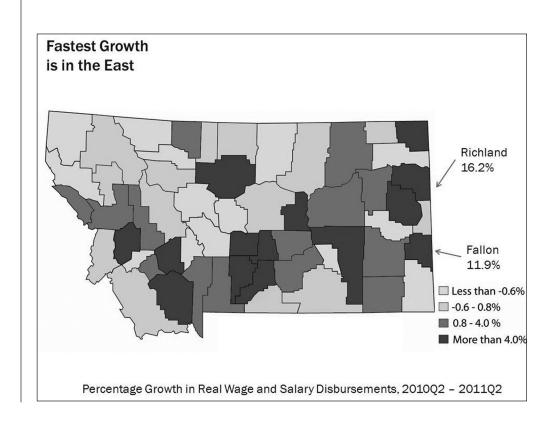
- · U.S. will probably avoid another recession
- Euro Zone is already in recession. Will it be mild or severe?
- · Continued government cutbacks, at all levels
- · Evidence of pent-up demand in a few areas
- · A cooling off for commodity and food prices
- · Very high unemployment rates persist

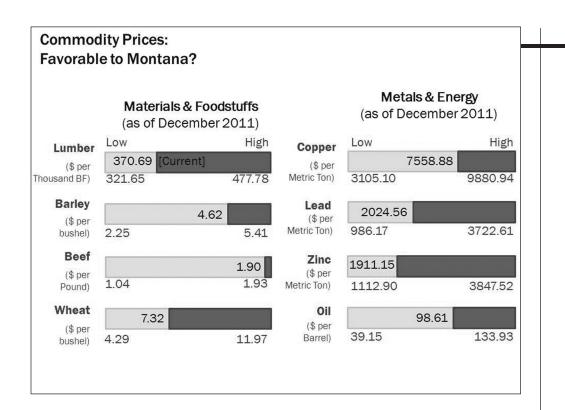
The Montana Economy What's Right and What's Wrong

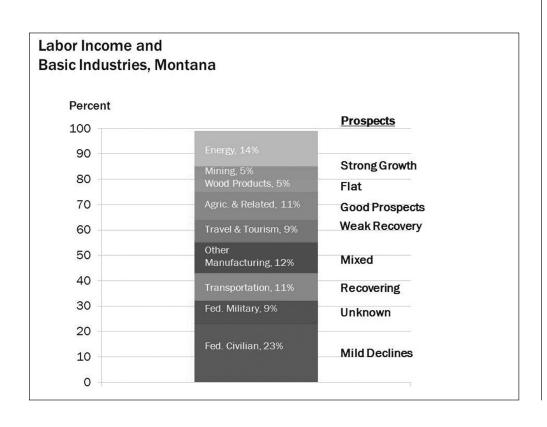
- Energy and natural resources are booming
- Healthy increases in farm gross receipts
- Labor market is healing
- Consumer confidence is higher
- Housing bust hangover still lingers
- Retail remains weak
- Government cutbacks being felt
- Wood products cutbacks still reverberate



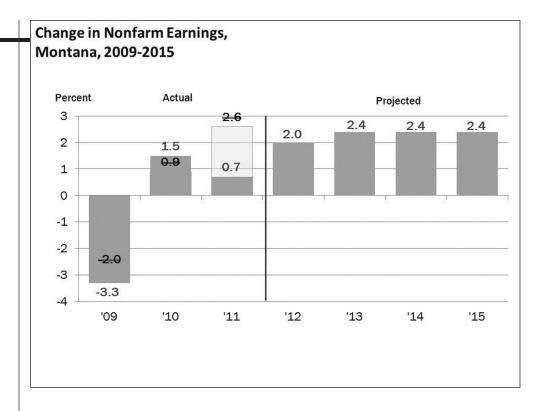


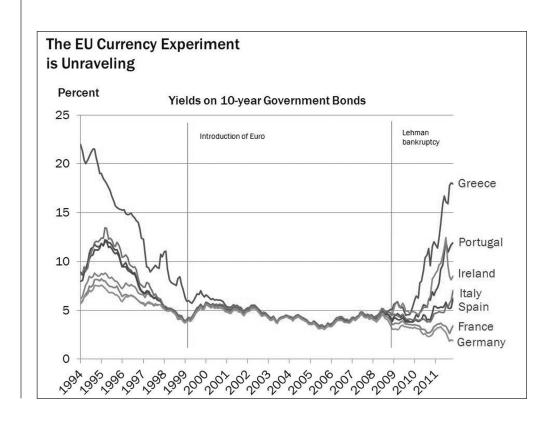












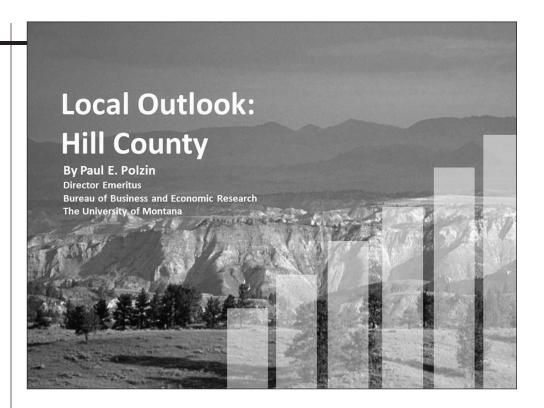
Top 10 Countries Buying Montana Products

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In millions of dollars:

1	Canada	\$539.7
2	Republic of Korea	186.8
3	China (Mainland)	122.9
4	Japan	109.8
5	China (Taiwan)	93.5
6	Mexico	79.9
7	United Kingdom	37.3
8	Germany	25.6
9	Belgium	24.8
10	Netherlands	18.5

^{*}These figures do not include bulk wheat exports



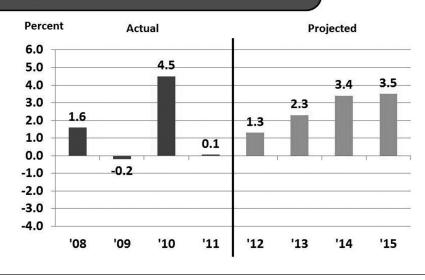
Recession Scorecard

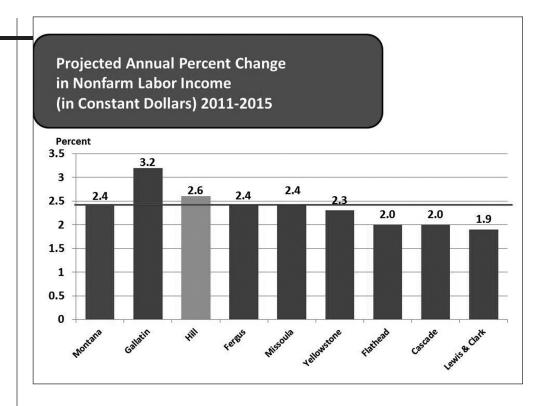
	Duration (Years)	Severity (% Change
Lewis & Clark County Cascade County	What Ro	ecession?
Hill County	1	-0.4%
Yellowstone County	1	-1.5%
Fergus County	1	-2.0
Missoula County	3-4	-4.9%
Gallatin County	2	-7.9%
Flathead County	4	-10.2%

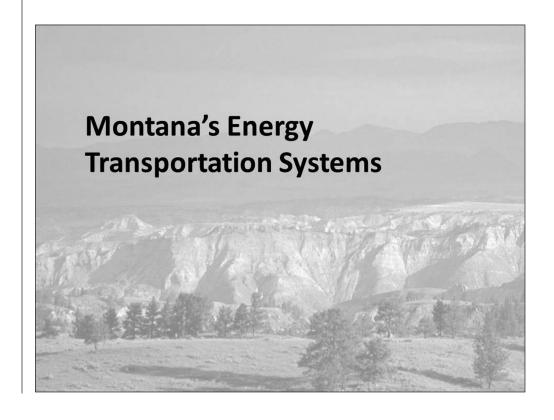
Hill County's Economic Base 2009-2011

•	Travel, Other	4%	Modest Growth
•	Manufacturing, Communication	7%	Stable
•	Oil & Gas	9%	Growth
•	Federal Government	12%	Stable, at best
•	State Government	13%	Pay Freeze
•	Ag and Related	28%	Continued Strong
•	Railroad	27%	Energy Growth



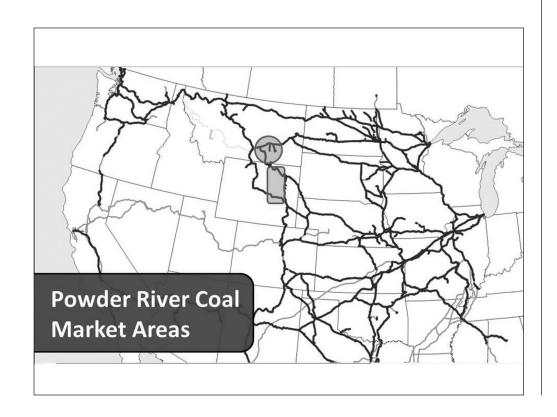


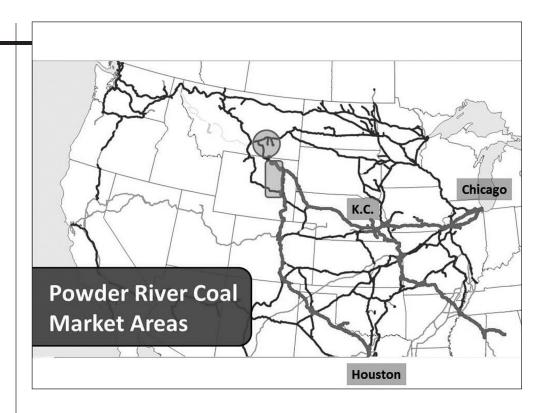


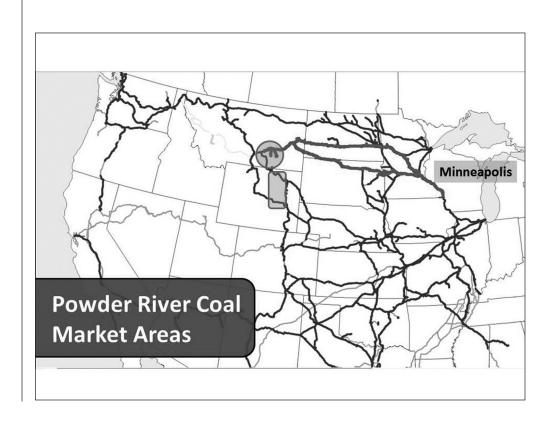


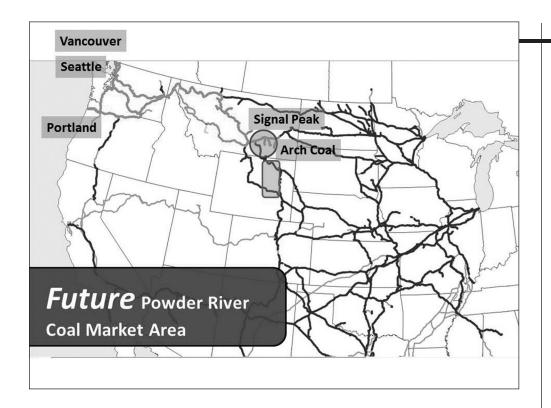
Coal Reserves and Production

	Reserves (Billions of Tons)	
Montana	119.0	
Wyoming	61.0	









Montana Crude Oil, 2010

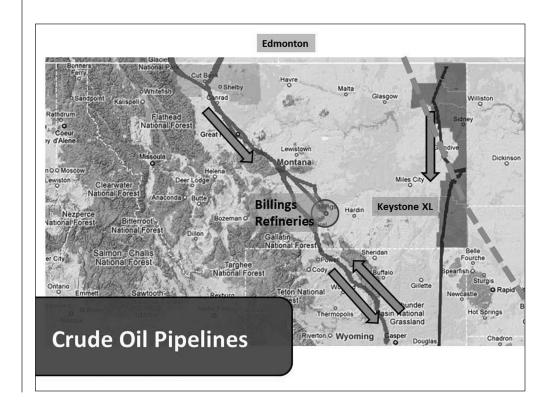
	Barrels
Production	25,317,532
Refined in MT	1,574,362
Percent	6.21

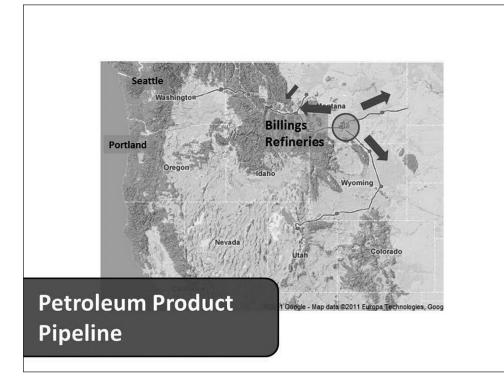
Source: Montana Oil and Gas Conservation Division.

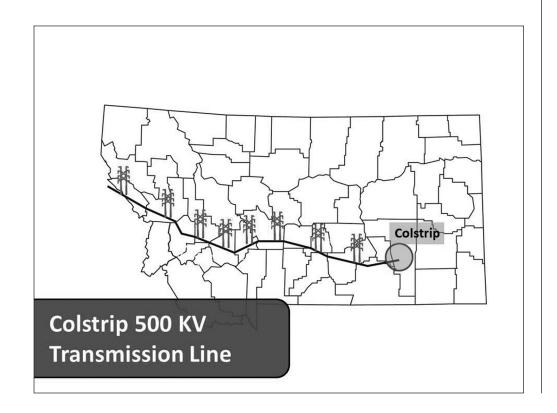
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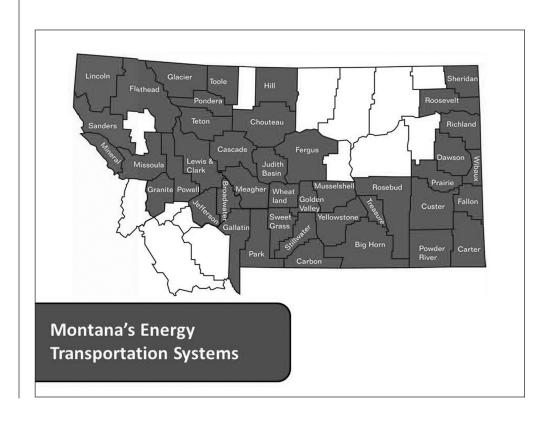




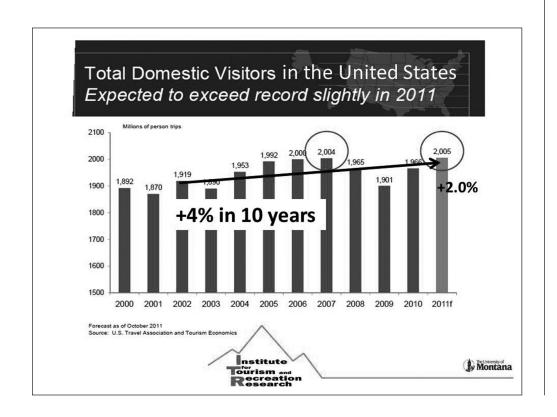


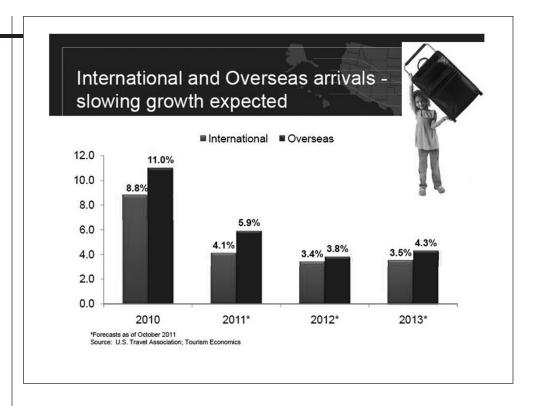
Transmission Line Property Taxes to Counties

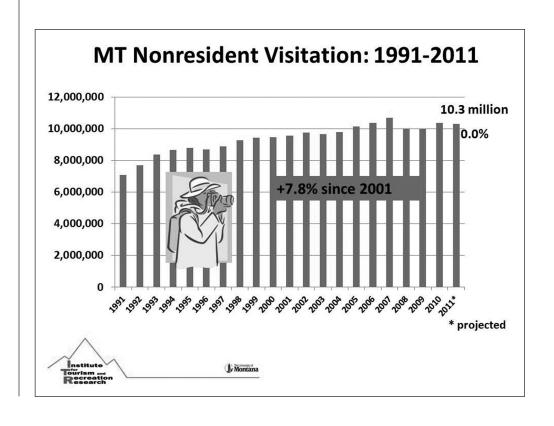
County	Estimated Taxes
Rosebud	\$492,000
Treasure	\$952,000
Big Horn	\$241,000
Yellowstone	\$1,467,000
Golden Valley	\$372,000
Stillwater	\$373,000
Wheatland	\$615,000
Meagher	\$865,000
Broadwater	\$563,000
Jefferson	\$401,000
Powell	\$322,000
Granite	\$401,000
Missoula	\$568,000
Mineral	\$784,000
TOTAL	\$8,417,000



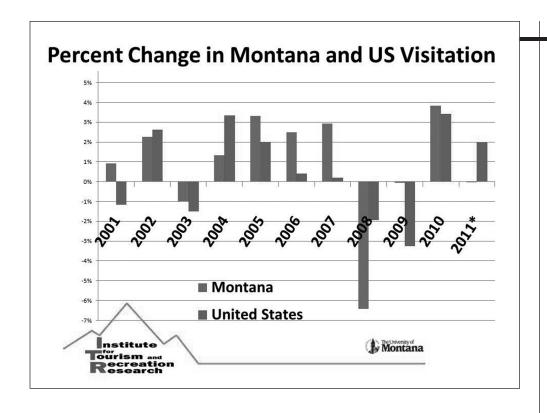
Soaring, Gliding, or 'Bumpy Ride'? Changes in Tourism Norma Nickerson, Director Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research University of Montana 2012 Annual Outlook Seminar

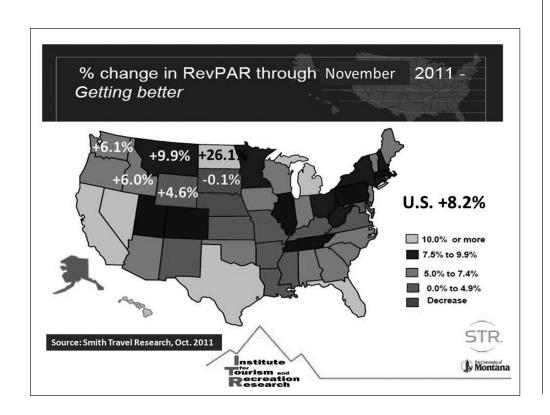


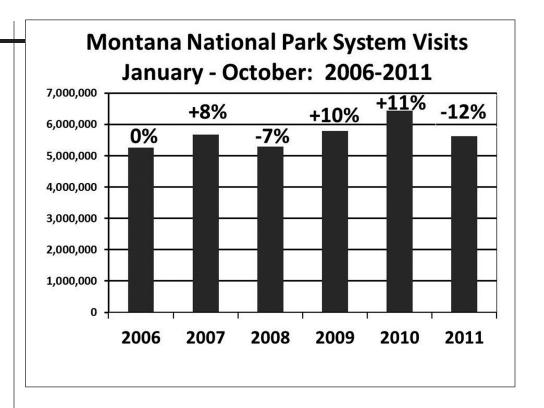


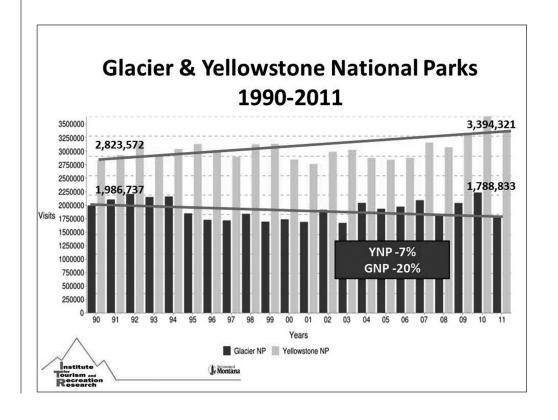


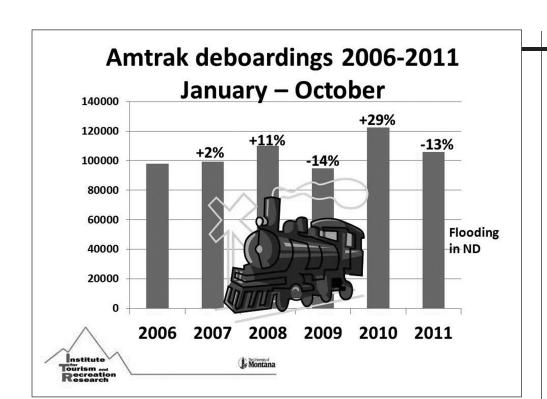












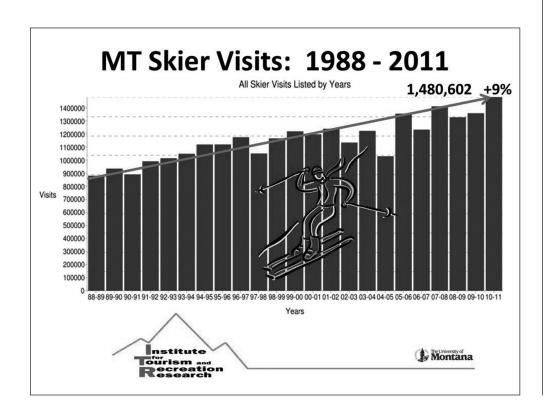
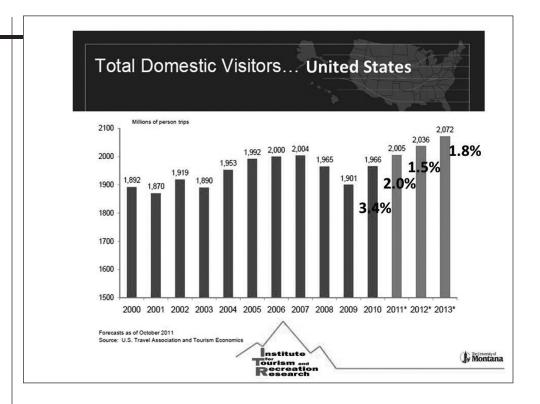


Photo: Norma Nickerson

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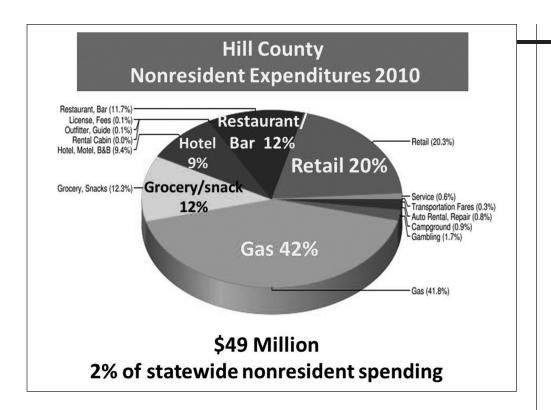
2012 MT Tourism Businesses

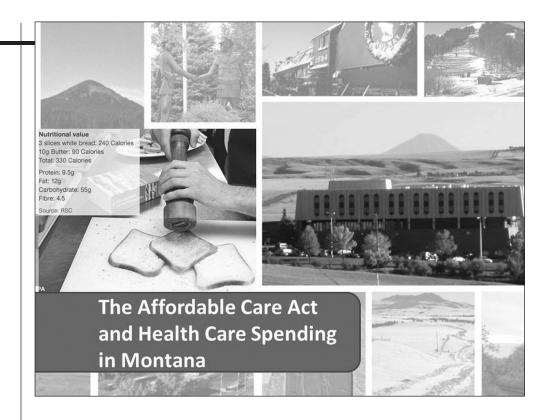
- 48% expect growth in 2012
- 40% expect to stay the same
- Overall: 2% growth expected in 2012

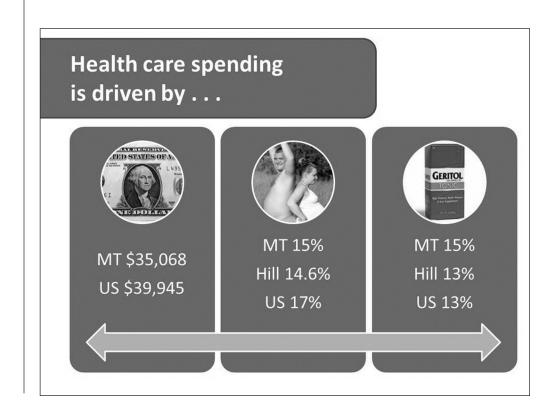
2012 National Tourism

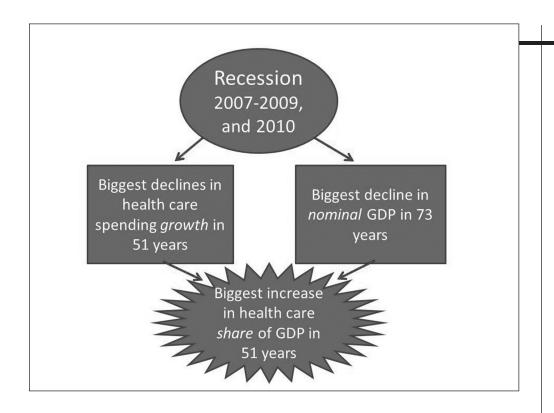
- 1.5% growth in domestic visitors
- 3.4% growth in International visitors
- 3.8% growth in overseas visitors

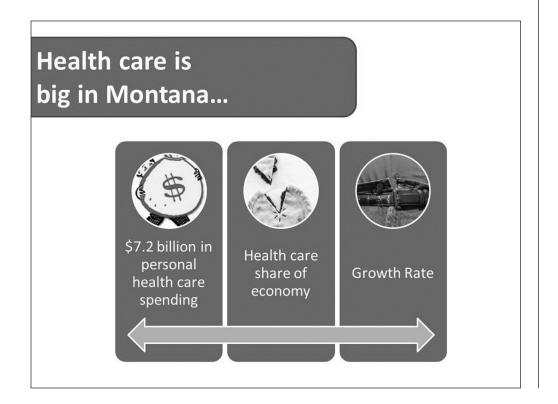




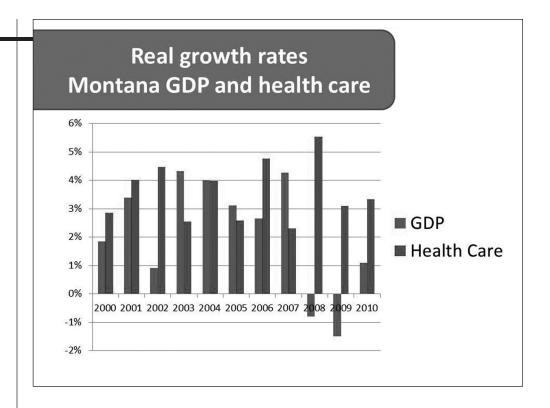


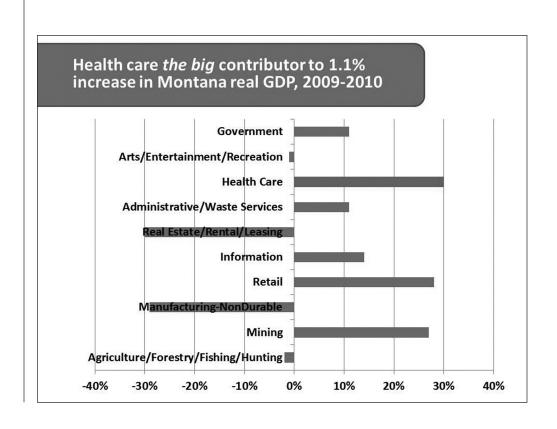




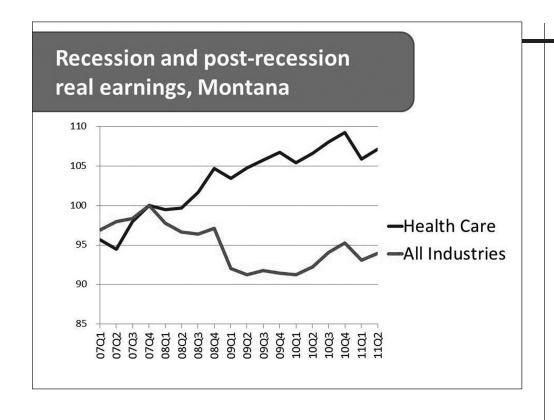


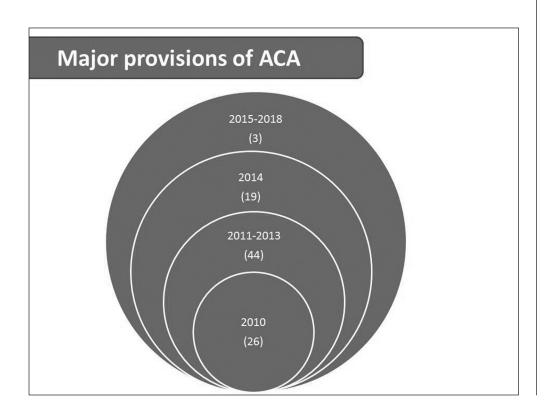












ACA provisions, early starters...

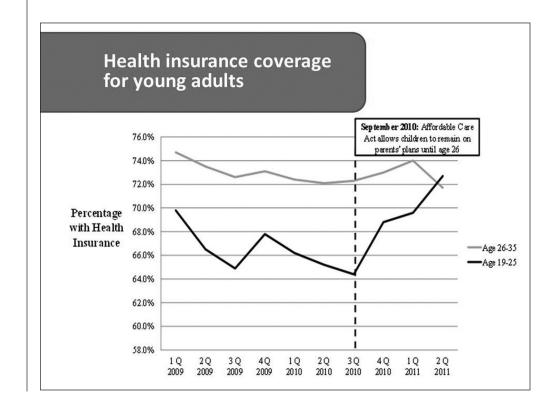




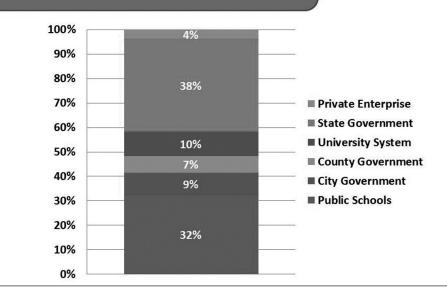


10% Tanning bed tax 7/1/2010 Adults under 26 9/23/10

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program 6/29/2010



Distribution of \$4.2 million ERRP Funds, Montana



Wasn't so simple Small Business Tax Credit

3 SIMPLE STEPS

If you are a small employer (business or tax-exempt) that provides health insurance coverage to your employees, determine if you may qualify for the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit by following these three simple steps:

Determine the total number of your employees (not counting owners or family members):

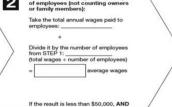
Full-time employees:

Full-time employees and total number of your employees or family members):

Full-time employees:

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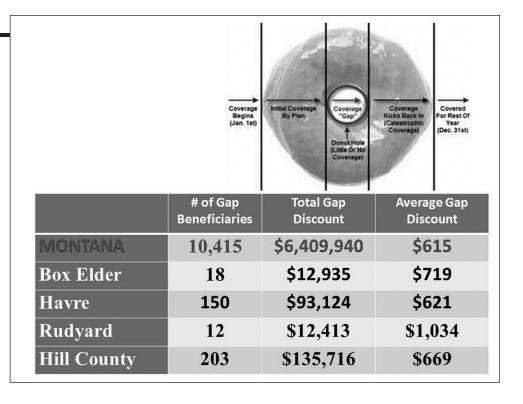
Full-time equivalent of part-time employees:
(Calculate the number of full-time equivalents by dividing the total annual hours of part-time employees by 2080.



3 You pay at least half of the insurance premiums for your employees at the single (employee-only) coverage rate, then

you may be able to claim the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit. Find out more information at IRS.gov





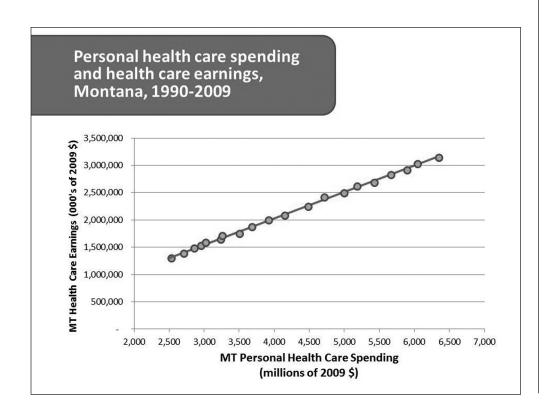
Premiums increase if you are a person of "means"

	Medicare	e Part B Pro	emiums	Medicar
	Joint Tax Return (000's AGI)	Monthly Increase	Total Monthly Premium	Joint Ta Return (0 AGI)
	≤\$170	\$0	\$115.40	≤ \$170
	>\$170 ≤\$214	\$46.10	\$161.50	> \$170 ≤ \$
	>\$214 ≤\$320	\$115.30	\$230.70	> \$214 ≤ \$
	>\$320 ≤\$428	\$184.50	\$299.90	> \$ 320 ≤ \$
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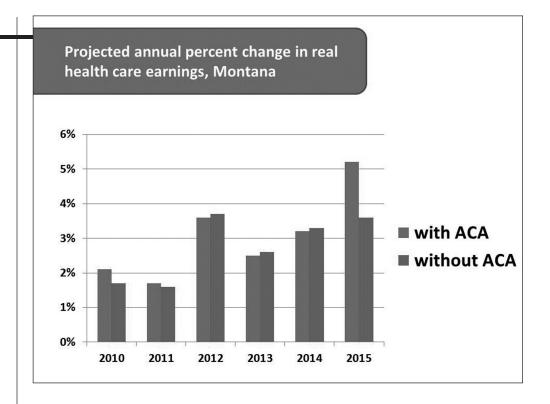
Medicare Part D Premiums							
Joint Tax Return (000's AGI)	Monthly Increase	Total Monthly Premium					
≤ \$170	\$0	\$41.43					
>\$170 ≤\$214	\$12.00	\$53.43					
> \$214 ≤ \$320	\$31.10	\$72.53					
> \$ 320 ≤ \$428	\$50.10	\$91.53					
> \$428	\$69.10	\$110.53					

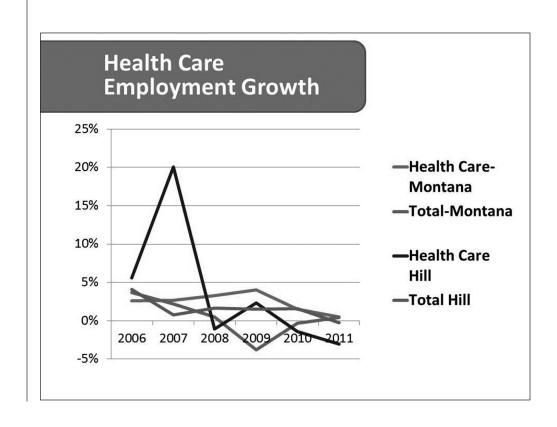
Medicare and Medicaid per enrollee spending in Montana

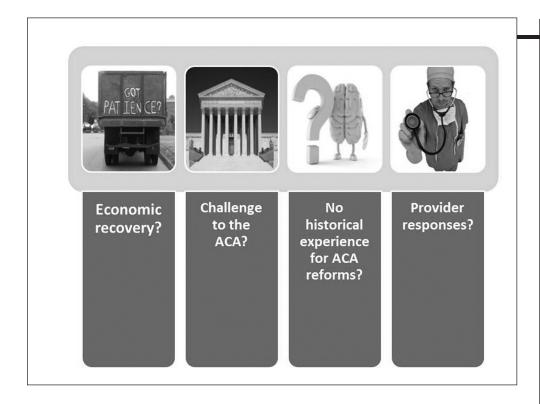
	Average Annual Growth (%)		% of MT total personal health care spending			% of U.S. per enrollee spending		
	'98-'04	'04-'09	1998	2004	2009	1998	2004	2009
Medicare	6.3	6.3	17.4	17.2	19.3	73	76	73
Medicaid	3.3	5.9	13.7	13.5	13.2	122	123	146











2012 Montana Agricultural Outlook

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Data Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service
Montana Field Office



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2011 "Recap"

Crops

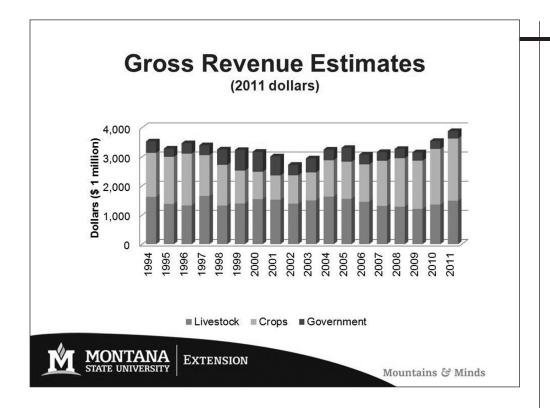
- · All wheat prices up 26%
- All wheat production down 17%
 - Spring Wheat production down 29%
- Pulse crops

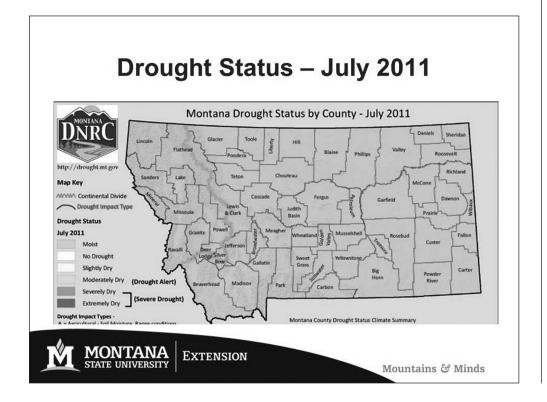
Cattle

- · Cattle and Calf Prices up 15%+
- Cow Herd down by 2%, but total herd value is record high











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EXTENSION

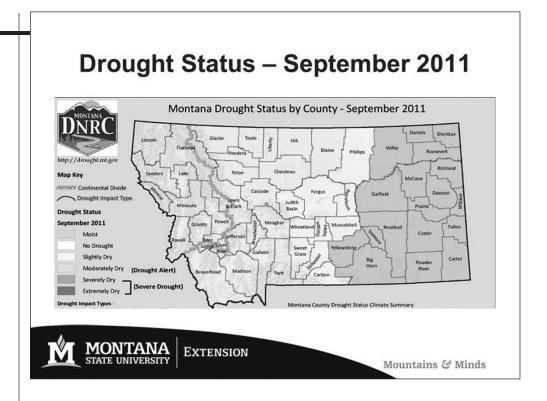


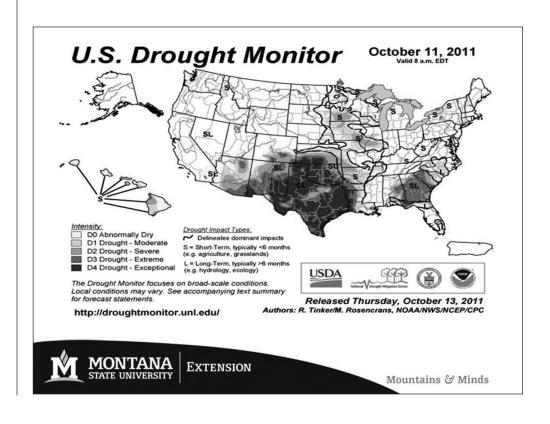


Courtesy of the Billings Gazette







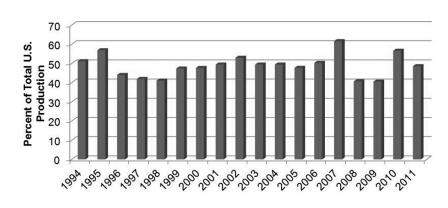


CROPS (GRAIN, HAY & PULSES)



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Wheat Exports percent of total U.S. production



Total U.S. Exports = 34.5 mmt in 2010/2011 and 25.2 mmt in 2011/2012



Where are these exports going?

Wheat (50% of total U.S. wheat exports)

Sub-Saharan Africa
Egypt
Japan
Mexico
Philippines
4.9 million metric tons
3.8
2.8
1.8

Export competition

· Kazakhstan, Australia, Russia, Canada



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"Biggest Losers – Wheat Production" 2010 to 2011

Total Production (1,000 bu.)					
State	2010	2011	Difference	%	
North Dakota	361,550	205,845	-155,705	-43	
Kansas	360,000	276,500	-83,500	-23	
Texas	127,500	49,400	-78,100	-61	
Oklahoma	120,900	70,400	-50,500	-42	
Montana	215,360	178,290	-37,070	-17	
Colorado	108,234	81,828	-26,406	-24	
South Dakota	123,475	104,796	-18,679	-15	
Minnesota	88,070	70,456	-17,614	-20	

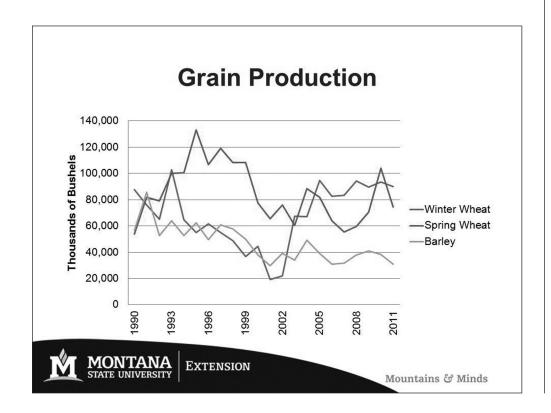


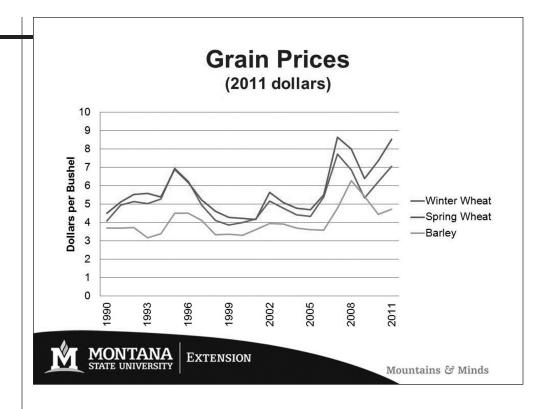
Global Wheat Market Shares

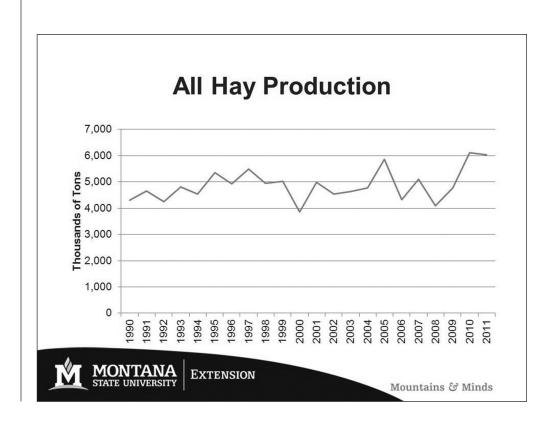
Country	2010/2011	shares	2011/2012	shares
Country	mmt	%	mmt	%
Australia	26.00	4.0	25.00	3.7
Canada	23.17	3.6	24.20	3.6
China	115.18	17.8	117.00	17.2
EU-27	135.61	20.9	136.33	20.0
India	80.80	12.5	85.93	12.6
FSU-12	80.97	12.5	110.45	16.2
U.S.	60.06	9.3	54.65	8.0
Other	126.37	19.5	127.64	18.7
Total	648.16	100.0	681.20	100.0

Source, WASDE-499, October 12, 2011

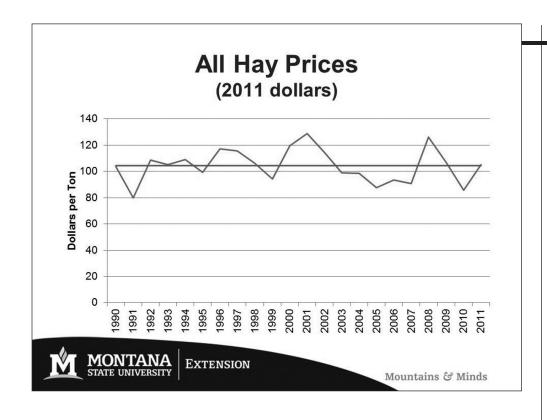


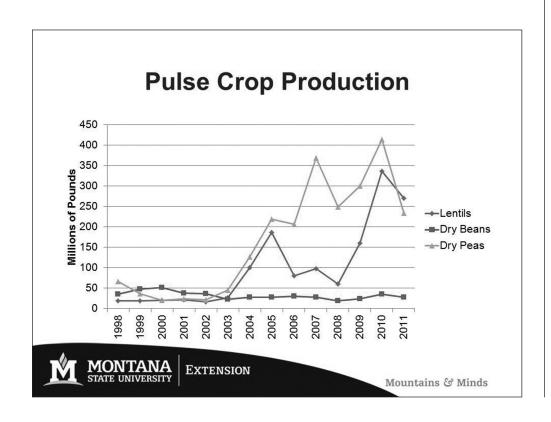


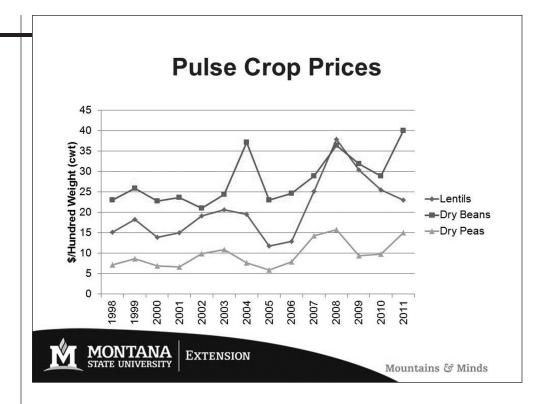












Share of Pulse Crops Grown in MT

			Montana	
	Montana	U.S.	Share (%)	
Crop	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)		
Dry Beans	359	31,801	1.1	
Pinto Beans	275	13,814	2.0	
Garbonzo Beans	84	1,939	4.3	
Lentils	3,359	8,657	38.8	
Dry Peas	4,140	14,221	29.1	
Austrian Winter Peas	110	237	46.4	



Futures Prices (not basis adjusted - 12/29/11)

Location	Units	3/12	5/12	7/12	9/12
Minneapolis Grain Exchange Hard Red Spring Wheat	e \$/bu	8.55	8.31	8.17	7.90
Kansas City Board of Trade Winter Wheat	\$/bu	7.09	7.17	7.25	7.37
Chicago Board of Trade Corn	\$/bu	6.45	6.53	6.59	6.10

Hay and pulse crops



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Montana Wheat 2012

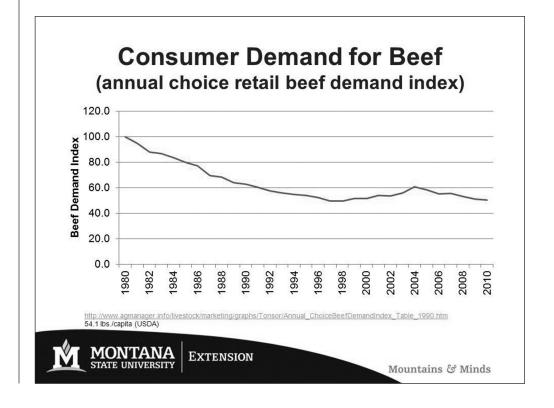
- 2012 Winter Wheat Plantings → ???
- Influence of corn prices (public policy)
- 2012 Production/Prices
 - MT 2012 All Wheat Price: optimistic
 - Early 2012- prices caution (Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan)
 - Late 2012- two important factors
 - Demand worldwide economic conditions

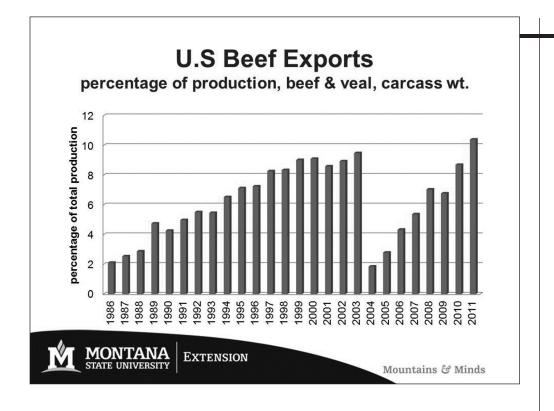
Supply – worldwide growing conditions



CATTLE







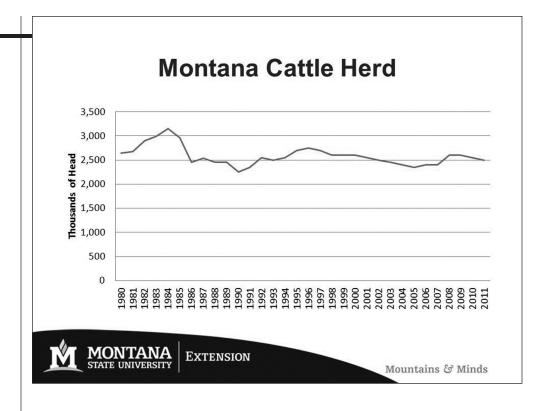
Exports – who's buying U.S. beef

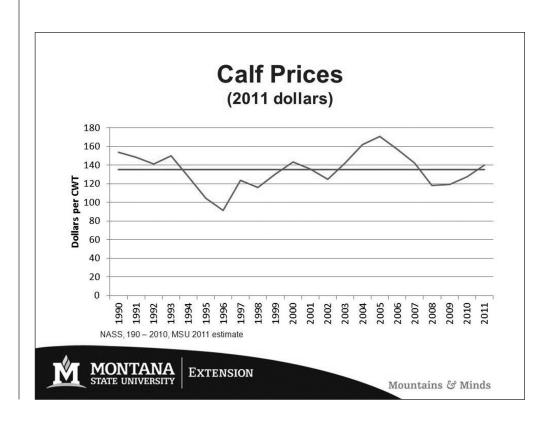
• 90% of U.S. beef exports

Country	Export Value	Growth '10 – '11
Japan	\$ 662 m.	38%
Mexico	670 m.	
South Korea	540 m.	50%
Canada	730 m.	39%
Russia	80 m.	72%

USDA Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Outlook, 10/18/2011







Futures Prices (no basis adjustments – 12/29/11)

Location	04/12	06/12	08/12	12/12
Chicago Mercantile Excha	ange			
Feeder Cattle, cwt	151	152	153	153
Live Cattle, cwt	127	126	127	130

20% increase from 2009



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Montana Cattle 2012

- Strong prices
 - Global demand (growing emerging economies)
 - · Strength of the U.S. dollar
- Opportunity to increase cattle herd
 - · Southern U.S. drought conditions
 - Aging rancher population (interest in expansion)





Montana's Housing Market

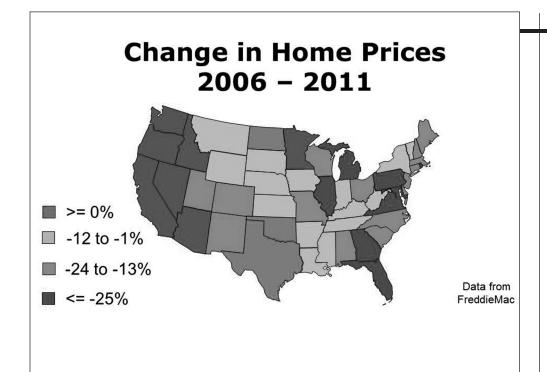
National Conditions











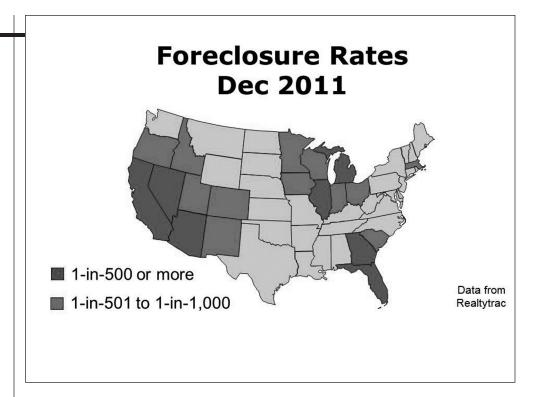
2011 Statistics

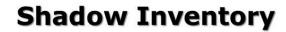


Existing New
Homes Construction

4.26 Million 607,000

\$164,500 \$212,000







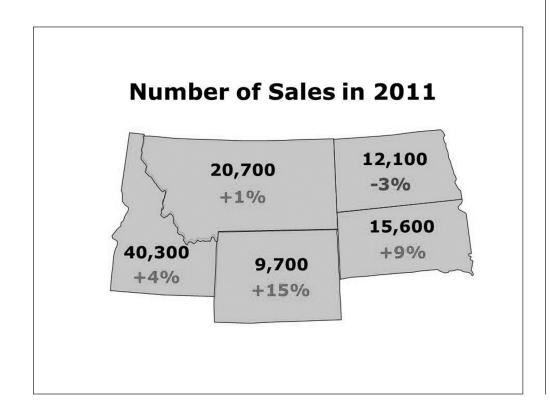
14 Million Units

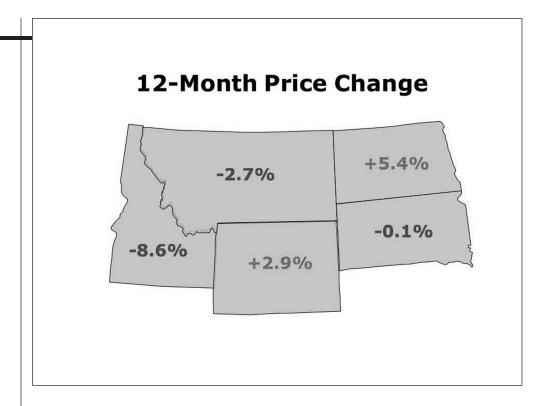
Regional Conditions

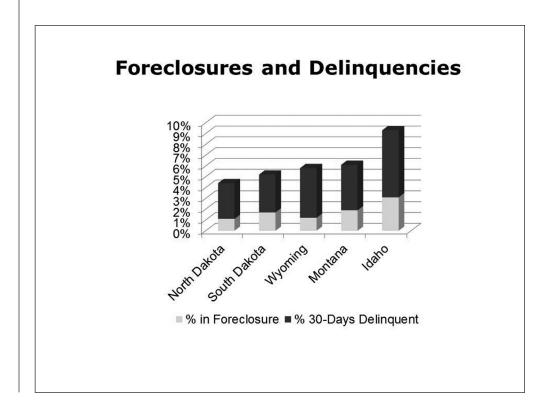




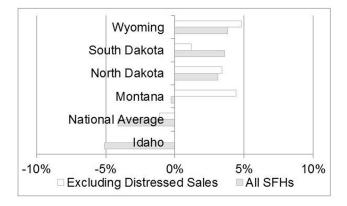


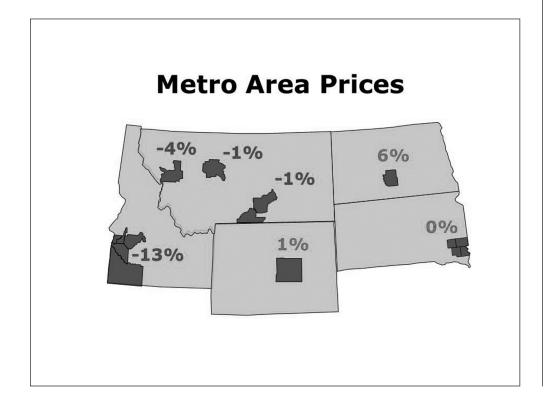


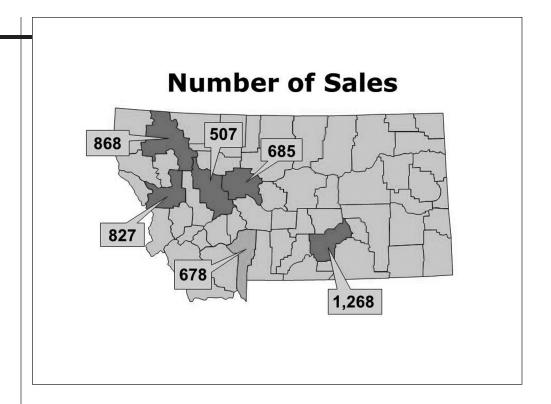


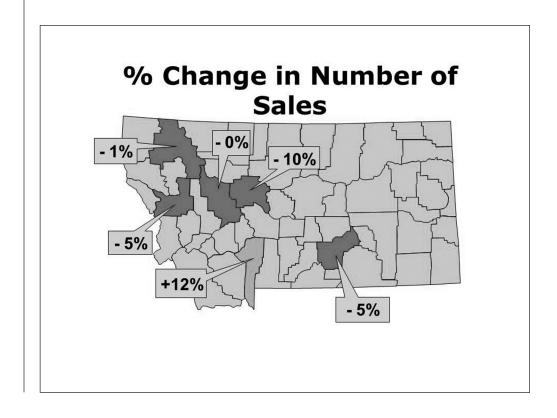


Distressed Sales Reduce Price Growth

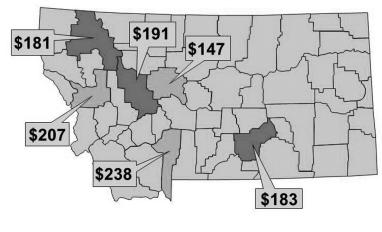




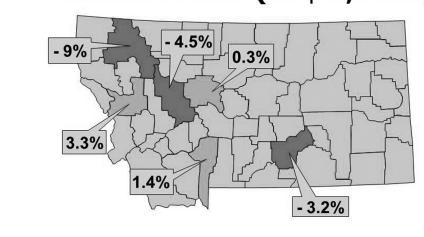




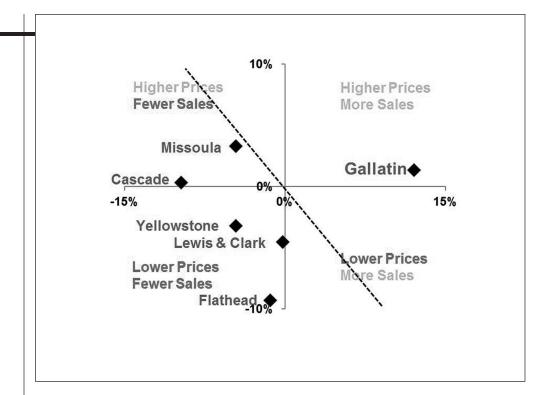




Median Prices (in \$ 1,000s)







MT Housing Starts



From Peak

•	Silver Bow	-25%
•	Yellowstone, L&C	-50%
•	Missoula, Flathead	-60%
•	Many Other Counties	-80%

2012 Conditions



- Incomes Flat
- Limited Wealth
- Abundant Debt
- Shadow Inventories
- Consumer Confidence

2012 Forecast



Overall
Lower Prices
Flat Sales
Higher Rents
More Construction

Montana's Rental Markets



Apartment Rent

	1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3+ Bedroom	
Butte	\$	437	\$	556	\$	650
Billings	\$	448	\$	638	\$	837
Great Falls	\$	454	\$	654	\$	875
Helena	\$	488	\$	699	\$	1,036
Bozeman	\$	489	\$	641	\$	1,123
Kalispell	\$	501	\$	626	\$	817
Missoula	\$	626	\$	694	\$	747

House Rent

	1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3+ Bedroom	
Butte	\$	530	\$	680	\$	868
Billings	\$	604	\$	880	\$	1,313
Great Falls	\$	450	\$	875	\$	1,250
Helena	\$	510	\$	873	\$	1,030
Bozeman			\$	1,042	\$	1,377
Kalispell			\$	838	\$	1,002
Missoula			\$	1,028	\$	1,419

Premium for Renting a House

5			
	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom
Butte	+21%	+22%	+34%
Billings	+35%	+38%	+57%
Great Falls	-1%	+34%	+43%
Helena	+5%	+25%	-1%
Bozeman		+63%	+23%
Kalispell		+34%	+23%
Missoula		+48%	+90%

Premium: 2 BR House vs. 3 BR Apt.

	1 BR House vs. 2 BR Apt	2 BR House vs. 3 BR Apt
Butte	-5%	+5%
Billings	-5%	+5%
Great Falls	-31%	0%
Helena	-27%	-16%
Bozeman		-7%
Kalispell		+3%
Missoula		+38%

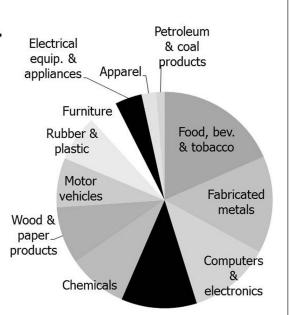
Montana Manufacturing: 2012 Outlook

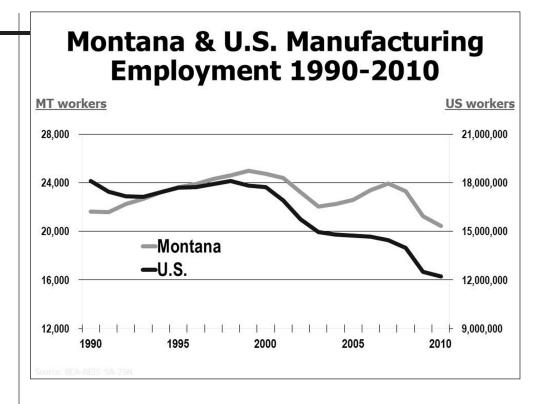


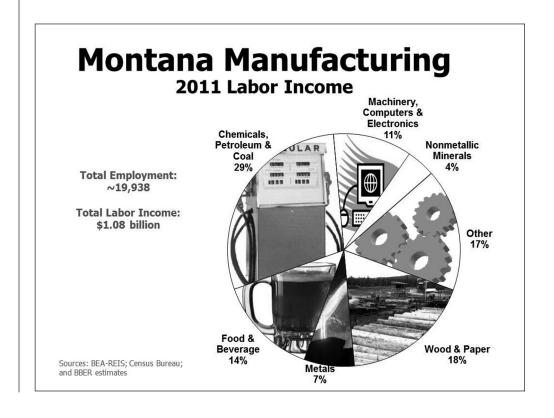
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U.S. Manufacturing

- > 5.5 million fewer jobs than in 2000
- ➤ Annual worker income down by \$49 billion
- ➤ Gross output down by \$296 billion







Hill County Manufacturing

Total Labor Income: \$ 4.1 million

Total Employment: ~ 110

2011-2012 Montana Manufacturers Survey

- annual survey
- conducted in December
- open-ended & multichoice questions
- current & coming year
- 211 firms participated
- response rate >88%

Montana Manufacturing 2011 Recap

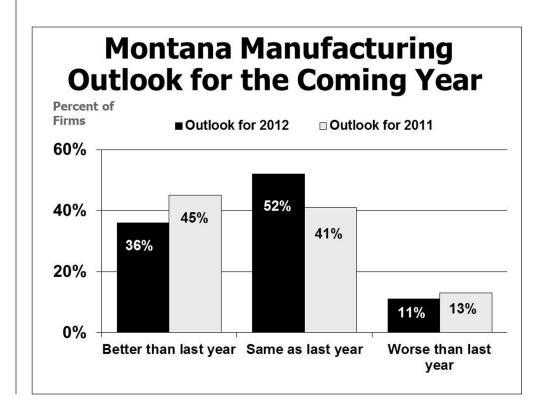
Better than 2010 for many firms

Employment down at one-quarter of firms

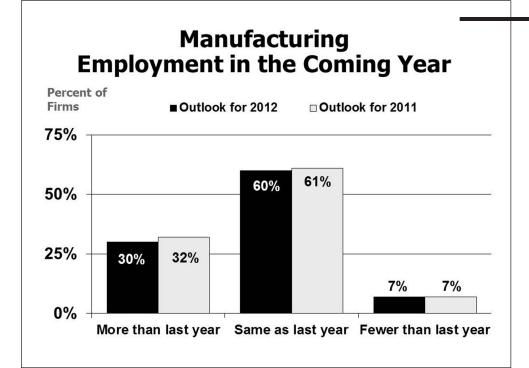
Many firms reported increased production, sales, and profits

Few firms reported curtailments

44% of firms did make major capital expenditures







Montana Manufacturing Forecast for 2012

Little change is expected

Recovery dependent on broader US economy & international factors

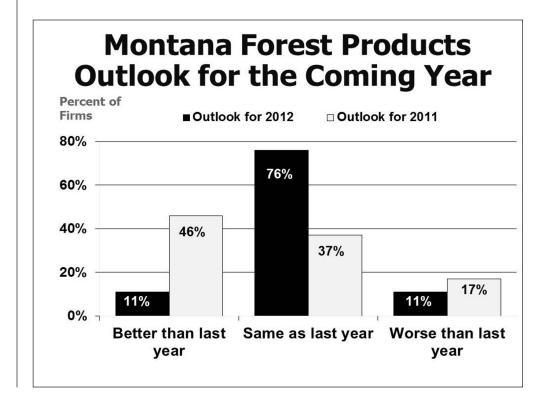
Health insurance costs & workers comp remain the greatest concerns

Half of MT manufacturers expect their energy costs to increase

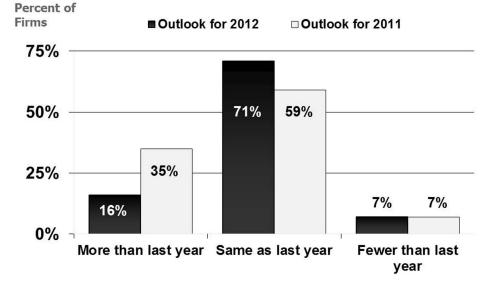
Montana Forest Products: 2012 Outlook



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Forest Industry Conditions

- Slow recovery in US housing
- Chinese lumber & log demand could impact Montana
- Wood energy markets are slowly emerging
- Retaining industry is important to forest landowners
 - The industry is changing

Notes

Montana Forest Products Industry Forecast

2012 markets are expected to be somewhat better than 2011.

Timber harvest & lumber production may increase slightly.

Employment is expected to stay low.

Forests will become more expensive to manage.

Montana Chamber of Commerce

Calendar of Events

Safety Training Workshops www.MTSafetyChoices.com

Montana Candidate Schools

February 7-10, 2012 Great Falls, Missoula, Bozeman, Billings

Montana Chamber Summer Meeting

June 20-21, 2012 Fort Benton

2012 Governors' Cup Golf Tournament

August 2-4, 2012 Flathead Valley www.MontanaGovernorsCup2012.com

Montana Goes to China Tour,

October 8-17, 2012 www.MontanaGoesToChina.com

Montana Chamber Annual Meeting

October 10-11, 2012 Missoula







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Kalispell

August 2, 2012 (Thursday) Noon - 1:30 p.m. Kalispell Hilton Garden Inn

Billings

August 7, 2012 (Tuesday) 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Billings Crowne Plaza

Bozeman

August 7, 2012 (Tuesday) Noon - 1:30 p.m. Bozeman GranTree

Great Falls

August 8, 2012 (Wednesday) 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Great Falls Hilton Garden Inn

Helena

August 8, 2012 (Wednesday) Noon - 1:30 p.m. Helena Red Lion Colonial

Butte

August 9, 2012 (Thursday) 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Butte Quality Inn & Suites (War Bonnet)

Missoula

August 9, 2012 (Thursday) Noon - 1:30 p.m. Missoula Hilton Garden Inn

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