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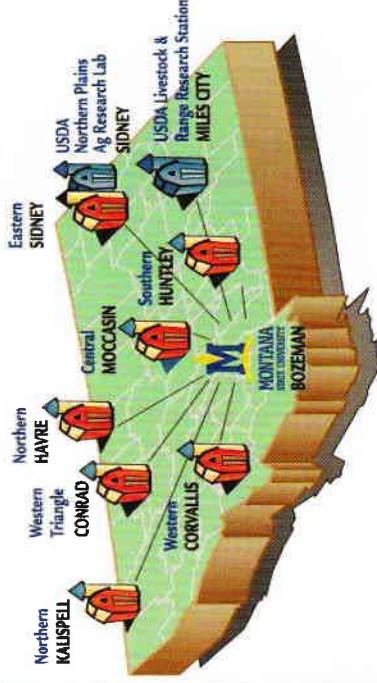
You and I both know that agriculture is the heritage of our state and the primary driver of Montana's economy. Our joint mission of providing research and outreach to stimulate innovation and the adoption of new technologies feeds this way of life and sustains the economy. Quality research enhances our competitive position in a global environment.

The combination of top-notch scientists with quality physical infrastructure is hard to beat. Montana's Legislative Assembly has recognized this and made a commitment to provide \$5 million for new improvements in agricultural research. We have the opportunity to demonstrate that our industry invests in itself by matching the state's investment with a 4:1 match that will provide an additional \$1.25 million for facilities improvements. Now is the time to stand together and show Montana how strong we are as an agricultural community and how we value the impact of our system of research centers. I urge you to join this \$5 Million Plus Campaign by giving financial support to your Montana Agricultural Experiment Station research centers. Our contributions will demonstrate to the Legislature how strongly we feel about agricultural research and outreach, our land-grant university system, and the future of Montana's agricultural families and businesses.

Thank you for your support of these very important projects.

*Jeff Jacobsen
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We have made great strides in addressing the facility needs at a few of the research centers, but now is an opportunity to carry that progress to a new level. Please contact us soon to discuss how you can help preserve Montana's agricultural heritage by supporting our research capabilities.



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\$5 Million Plus Campaign



For over 100 years, the Montana Agricultural Experiment Stations (MAES) have created new knowledge through research in support of a vibrant agricultural economy.

We need your help now more than ever!



MONTANA AGRICULTURAL
EXPERIMENT STATION

Agriculture is a Source of Pride and Economic Development in Montana

Over the last century, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station research centers have made life better for agricultural producers through:

- **Development and introduction of various small grain varieties for Montana, including barley, spring and winter wheats.**
- **Exploration of high-value alternative crops.**
- **Innovative options for profitable livestock production techniques.**
- **Management strategies to fight diseases, insects and weed pests.**
- **Essential recommendations for herbicide efficacy, irrigation management, nitrogen fertilization and livestock breeding.**

MAES innovations and recommendations return millions of dollars each year to the local and state economy, and MAES has a reputation throughout the Northwest for innovative research and bottom-line results. Our scientists are among the elite in their fields, and are dedicated to serving the people of Montana. They are also your neighbors, friends and community members.

About MAES

Seven research centers are located across Montana at Conrad, Corvallis, Havre, Huntley, Kalispell, Moccasin and Sidney.

Extensive research is also conducted

near the MSU-Bozeman campus. The Million-Dollar Match campaign of 2001-2006 enabled us to make significant progress in meeting our needs for new construction and renovation. However, we are not done! A recent assessment has identified over \$10 million worth of facility needs throughout the system.

Current Needs

MAES staff have identified top priority projects that can be accomplished with \$6.25 million; \$5 million from the 2007 Legislative Assembly and \$1.25 million raised privately. Examples include:

Kalispell

Dry Lab/Seed Processing Building - \$338,400

Sidney

Office/Lab/Classroom Building with Attached Greenhouse - \$1,680,000

Havre

Office Building - \$560,000

Lab Space - \$480,000

Upper Calving Barn - \$296,800

Conrad

Seed Processing Lab - \$240,000

Huntley

Machine Storage Shed - \$120,000

Irrigation System - \$36,000

Moccasin

Upgrade Water System - \$52,000



Every Dollar Donated Returns Five Dollars of Improved Research Facilities

The 2007 Montana Legislative Assembly,

recognizing that many of our MAES research facilities have become out-dated and suffer from neglect, appropriated \$5 million for new construction projects and renovations. MAES wishes to match these funds by raising \$1.25 million in donations.

This will enable MAES to invest \$6.25 million for building projects at locations across Montana, designed to improve and advance the research enterprise. And it means that every dollar donated will create five dollars of improved facilities!

<http://ag.montana.edu/departments/researchcenters.htm>

Let's Meet This Challenge!