



Community Food & Agriculture Coalition


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Less than 10% of food
consumed in Montana
is produced here...

Compared to 70% in
the 1950's.



A man with a beard and curly hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, blue jeans, and green rubber boots, is harvesting lettuce in a field. He is holding a pair of blue-handled scissors and a head of green lettuce. The field is filled with rows of green and red leafy vegetables. In the background, there are mountains and a clear blue sky with some wispy clouds. A semi-transparent white circle on the left side of the image contains text.

Building a vibrant future for Montana's farmlands, farmers, and food system.

Our three main programs work together to ensure that farmlands are conserved, farming remains a viable livelihood, and all Montanans can equally access nutritious, affordable, locally grown food.



**Only 2% of Missoula
County's best soils
have not been
developed over**

Farmland Conservation Program

- In 2019 CFAC spoke in defense of 35+ acres of agricultural lands under development pressure
- New Land Map Project identifies key areas for ag land preservation



**57% of all farmland
will change hands
within the next
decade**



Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program

- In 2019, 200 BFR's attended business planning workshops
- Business planning workshops expanded to 11 communities in 2019
- \$52,000 direct to local farmers through 0% interest loans





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A wide-angle photograph of a farm at sunset. In the foreground, a row of young green seedlings is planted in dark, rich soil. In the background, two people are walking away from the camera along a path. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the scene.

CONNECTING MONTANA'S BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED

Photo by Laurie Child



RESOURCES

A close-up photograph of a woven wicker basket filled with fresh vegetables. The basket contains a large quantity of green onions with long, thin green stalks. In the foreground, there are several red radishes with their characteristic root shape and green leafy tops. To the right, a cluster of small, round purple onions is visible. The basket is placed on a light-colored surface, and the background is slightly blurred, showing more greenery.

**16% of Montanan's
cannot consistently
afford healthy food.**

Food Access Program

- 2,000 customers enjoyed local produce thanks to Double Snap Dollars
- \$112,000 spent on local food outlets in 2019



A scenic landscape featuring a vibrant green field in the foreground, partially enclosed by a rustic wooden fence. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees sits at the base of a range of blue-toned mountains. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. Overlaid on the center of the image is white text.

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