



# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

From: <b>Mike Spatz</b>	Division/Program: <b>New Business-Executive Officer Updates to Board</b>	Meeting Date: <b>1/28/2026</b>
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u>      Human Resources Updates</b>		
Background Info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff Openings and Recruitment Updates</li><li>• General Updates</li></ul>		
Recommendation: n/a		
Time needed: 30 min	Attachments:	Yes X   No   Board vote required:   Yes   No X
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes   No   Board vote required:   Yes   No
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Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes   No   Board vote required?   Yes   No
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Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes   No   Board vote required   Yes   No



# **DOL Board Meeting**

**January 28, 2026**

## **Human Resource Update:**

- **Staff Openings, Recruitment**
- **General Updates**

# Staff Openings and Recruitment



## OVERVIEW-DEC. 17, 2025-JAN 28, 2026

- ✓ DOL had **1** new hire and **2** internal promotion since the last board meeting. *(Brands- Market Inspector/Brands –Market Supervisor, Animal Health- Administrative Specialist)*
- ✓ DOL had **4** vacated positions *(Brands- Market Assistant Supervisor-Billings/ Market Supervisor- Ramsay/Livestock Investigator-District 11; CSD- Purchasing Technician)*
- ✓ The Department has **(1)** notice of future resignation at this time. *(Animal Health-MVDL- Veterinary Pathologist)*



# Staff Openings and Recruitment

**DOL is actively recruiting for 11 positions:**



Livestock Market Inspector- Billings

Milk Laboratory Technician

Veterinarian Microbiologist- Section Head- Bozeman

IT Systems Support -2

Livestock Market Inspector - Ramsay

Livestock Market Inspector - Part-Time- Sidney

Livestock District Investigator- District 11 (Yellowstone, Musselshell County)

Veterinary Diagnostic Pathologist- Bozeman

Livestock Market Inspector- Part-Time- Glendive

Sanitarian- Milk and Egg Inspection

Veterinarian Microbiologist- Section Head- Bozeman



# Staffing/ Position Highlights



## ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION

- **Olivia Johnson-**Was promoted to the Administrative Specialist position in the Meat, Milk and Egg Bureau. Her transition into the new role occurred Jan. 5, 2026.

**Animal Health Positions to Fill:**  
Continues to recruit for the Veterinarian Microbiologist – Section Head and will recruit for a Veterinary Pathologist. position in the Lab.

## BRANDS DIVISION

- **Michael McArthur-** Promoted to the Market Supervisor- Ramsay position. This promotion occurred January 10, 2026.



- to the team **Amy Dellera!**  
Recently hired (Jan. 5, 2026), as a Market Inspector in Lewistown.

**Brands Positions to fill:** Will be recruiting for a Market Inspector in Ramsey and Investigator for District 11 as well as Market Inspector positions in Eastern Montana Markets.



# Other General Updates...



**Reminder: Year End Performance Evaluations- Due Jan. 31, 2026.**



**Attending the MSGA Ag Labor Summit Next Week**

## ...Questions?

## THANK YOU!!



# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

From: Lindsey Simon		Division/Program: Legal			Meeting Date: January 28, 2026		
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b> <b>Legal Counsel Update</b>							
Background Info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Litigation Update</li><li>• General Updates</li></ul>							
Recommendation:							
Time needed: 15 min		Attachments:	Yes	NoX	Board vote required?	Yes	NoX
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b>							
Background Info:							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:		Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required	Yes	No
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b>							
Background Info:							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:		Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No



# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

From: <b>Brian Simonson</b>		Division/Program: <b>Centralized Services</b>		Meeting Date: <b>1/28/2026</b>	
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u>      Aerial Hunting Public Notice</b>					
Background Info: January 31 <sup>st</sup> marks the end of the current year's aerial hunting permits. In order to stay current, all pilots must apply annually at this time and report six-month harvest numbers by the end of January.					
Recommendation: n/a					
Time needed: 5 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required:	Yes      No X
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u>      December 31, 2025 State Special Revenue Report</b>					
Background Info: Report for month end comparisons of state special revenues.					
Recommendation: n/a					
Time needed: 10 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required:	Yes      No X
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u>      January 2026 through June 2026 Budget Projections Report</b>					
Background Info: Report expenditure projections by division and/or bureau and attached boards.					
Recommendation: n/a					
Time needed: 15 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required?	Yes      No X
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u>      December 31, 2025 Budget Comparison Report</b>					
Background Info: Report expenditure to budget comparison report by division and/or bureau and attached boards. This report also compares current year expenditures to prior year expenditures.					
Recommendation: n/a					
Time needed: 5 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required	Yes      No X



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
AERIAL HUNTING  
2026 PUBLIC NOTICE OF AERIAL HUNTING  
PERMIT OF PREDATORY ANIMALS**

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# STATE OF MONTANA

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 5, 2026

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## MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK AERIAL HUNTING PERMIT FOR PREDATORY ANIMALS

Notice of requirement to obtain an aerial hunting permit to hunt predatory animals from aircraft. Pursuant to MCA 81-7-501, a person, except an employee of the state, its subdivisions, or the federal government who is acting within the scope of the person's employment, may not engage in the aerial hunting of predatory animals, as defined in 81-7-101, without first obtaining a permit from the department of livestock.

Resident landowners are authorized to aerially hunt over their own lands without a permit, provided the landowner annually notifies the department in writing that the landowner will be engaged in aerial hunting and gives adequate description of the location over which the landowner will aerially hunt.

Aerial hunting must be in accordance with all rules of the Department of Livestock.

Applicants for an aerial hunting permit must complete an aerial hunting application form prior to January 31 and submit with the appropriate fee. After January 31, applicants may apply under the same guidelines with no proration of fee. Application forms are available from the Department of Livestock, P.O. Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620-2001 or at [www.liv.mt.gov](http://www.liv.mt.gov). The duration of the permits will be valid from February 1 through January 31.

A permittee may engage in aerial hunting only over areas authorized by the Department of Livestock. The permittee must show that livestock depredation has occurred or is likely to occur in the area requested in the application or an adjacent area and provide a signed authorization for aerial hunting from the landowner, administrator, lessee, or their agent.

Only coyotes and/or foxes may be hunted as set forth in the permit. Aerial hunting of coyotes and/or foxes may occur only for the protection of livestock, domestic animals, or human life.

Reporting requirements: All permittees shall file semi-annual report with the Department of Livestock on forms supplied by the Department. The reports are due within 30 days after June 30 and December 31 of each year.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
STATE SPECIAL REVENUE REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**  
**STATE SPECIAL REVENUE/PROPRIETARY COMPARISON FY 2026 - 2025**

		FY 2025 as of December 31, 2024	FY 2026 as of December 31, 2025	Difference December 31, FY25 & FY26	Budgeted Revenue FY 2026
	A	B	C	D	E
<b>1</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>				
<b>2</b>	<b>02425 Brands</b>				
	New Brands & Transfers	\$ 67,704	\$ 91,087	\$ 23,383	\$ 198,000
	Re-Recorded Brands	394,817	394,818	1	790,000
	Security Interest Filing Fee	17,361	19,960	2,599	42,300
	Livestock Dealers License	2,600	2,200	(400)	105,000
	Field Inspections	98,118	79,726	(18,392)	285,000
	Market Inspection Fees	673,375	564,803	(108,572)	1,524,800
	Investment Earnings	211,210	167,515	(43,695)	454,800
	Other Revenues	8,556	15,049	6,493	145,600
<b>10</b>	<b>Total Brands Division Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,473,741</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,158</b>	<b>\$ (138,583)</b>	<b>\$ 3,545,500</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>02426 Per Capita Fee (PCF)</b>				
	Per Capita Fee	\$ 113,545	\$ 98,983	\$ (14,562)	\$ 5,680,000
	Indirect Cost Recovery	166,383	189,781	23,398	455,000
	Investment Earnings	279,079	238,750	(40,329)	500,000
	Other Revenues	30,326	8,109	(22,217)	11,659
<b>17</b>	<b>Total Per Capita Fee Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 589,333</b>	<b>\$ 535,623</b>	<b>\$ (53,710)</b>	<b>\$ 6,646,659</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>02701 Milk Inspection</b>				
	Inspectors Assessment	\$ 130,001	\$ 129,667	\$ (334)	\$ 273,400
	Investment Earnings	927	246	(681)	500
<b>22</b>	<b>Total Milk Inspection</b>	<b>\$ 130,928</b>	<b>\$ 129,913</b>	<b>\$ (1,015)</b>	<b>\$ 273,900</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>02262 EGG GRADING</b>				
	Inspectors Assessment	\$ 137,242	\$ 115,357	\$ (21,885)	\$ 286,240
<b>26</b>	<b>Total EGG GRADING</b>	<b>\$ 137,242</b>	<b>\$ 115,357</b>	<b>\$ (21,885)</b>	<b>\$ 286,240</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>06026 Diagnostic Lab Fees</b>				
	Lab Fees	\$ 643,604	\$ 613,599	\$ (30,005)	\$ 1,716,002
	* Investment Earnings	1,990	9,953	\$ 7,963	10,000
	Other Revenues	1,618	1,151	(467)	4,000
<b>31</b>	<b>Total Diagnostic Lab Fees</b>	<b>\$ 647,212</b>	<b>\$ 624,703</b>	<b>\$ (22,509)</b>	<b>\$ 1,730,002</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Combined State Special Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,978,456</b>	<b>\$ 2,740,754</b>	<b>\$ (237,702)</b>	<b>\$ 12,482,301</b>

**Voluntary Wolf Donation Fund - per 81-7-123 MCA**

<b>** Donations</b>	\$ 37,058	\$ 40,621	\$ 3,563	\$ 135,000
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The monthly rate of return on STIP investments was 4.09% and 4.62% for December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively. As of December 31, the fiscal year-to-date average rate of return for fiscal year 2026 and 2025 was 4.34% and 5.02%, respectively. The Department's STIP balance in all funds as of December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024 was \$21,539,990 and \$23,283,993, respectively or \$1,744,003 less than last year. This includes the Proprietary STIP balance of \$462,558.

\*\* Donations to the Volunteer Wolf Donation fund for the current fiscal year as of December 31, 2025 is \$40,621 or \$3,563 more than the same period last year. The total amount of donations received from inception of the voluntary wolf donation program is \$659,232 as of December 31, 2025. The Department has transferred \$482,997 of the voluntary wolf donations to Wild Life Services for predator control since the beginning of the program.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
EXPENSE PROJECTION REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**  
**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
**PROGRAM:** DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

			Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
BUDGETED FTE			144.37				
A			B	C	D	E	F
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES							
1	61100	SALARIES	\$ 3,608,861	\$ 4,595,103	\$ 8,203,964	\$ 8,556,601	\$ 352,637
2	61200	OVERTIME	259,137	220,930	480,067	571,118	91,051
3	61300	OTHER/PER DIEM	3,000	5,400	8,400	11,200	2,800
4	61400	BENEFITS	1,509,570	1,701,630	3,211,200	3,392,428	181,228
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		5,380,568	6,523,063	11,903,631	12,531,347	627,716
62000 OPERATIONS							
7	62100	CONTRACT	1,027,270	877,244	1,904,514	1,961,076	56,562
8	62200	SUPPLY	820,557	604,807	1,425,364	1,437,500	12,136
9	62300	COMMUNICATION	127,524	164,376	291,900	325,414	33,514
10	62400	TRAVEL	96,828	98,103	194,931	222,179	27,248
11	62500	RENT	332,412	500,120	832,532	989,587	157,055
12	62600	UTILITIES	32,868	19,162	52,030	68,892	16,862
13	62700	REPAIR & MAINT	188,179	84,013	272,192	225,012	(47,180)
14	62800	OTHER EXPENSES	274,755	294,426	569,181	595,123	25,942
15	TOTAL OPERATIONS		2,900,393	2,642,251	5,542,644	5,824,783	282,139
63000 EQUIPMENT							
17	63100 EQUIPMENT		-	19,967	19,967	19,967	-
18	TOTAL EQUIPMENT		-	19,967	19,967	19,967	-
67000 CLAIMS							
20	67200 DEPREDAATION REMIDIATION		199,625	24,990	224,615	150,000	(74,615)
21	TOTAL CLAIMS		199,625	24,990	224,615	150,000	(74,615)
68000 TRANSFERS							
23	68000 TRANSFERS		174,717	241,170	415,887	409,488	(6,399)
24	TOTAL TRANSFERS		174,717	241,170	415,887	409,488	(6,399)
25	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 8,655,303	\$ 9,451,441	\$ 18,106,744	\$ 18,935,585	\$ 828,841
26 BUDGETED FUNDS							
27	01100 GENERAL FUND		\$ 2,277,084	\$ 2,228,259	\$ 4,505,343	\$ 4,751,034	\$ 245,691
28	02262 SHIELDED EGG GRADING FEES		132,052	189,252	321,304	388,007	66,703
29	02425 BRAND INSPECTION FEES		2,483,579	1,168,118	3,651,697	3,651,697	-
30	02426 PER CAPITA FEE		1,483,395	4,075,361	5,558,756	5,898,661	339,905
31	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH		130	17,100	17,230	31,795	14,565
32	02701 MILK INSPECTION FEES		98,865	85,482	184,347	271,496	87,149
33	02817 MILK CONTROL		102,271	113,329	215,600	245,839	30,239
34	03209 MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION		616,507	639,242	1,255,749	1,255,749	-
35	03032 SHELL EGG FEDERAL INSPECTION FEES		8,823	11,910	20,733	18,219	(2,514)
36	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY24		506,845	61,592	568,437	568,437	-
37	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY25		223	221,636	221,859	222,165	306
38	03673 FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE GRA		-	21,729	21,729	21,729	-
39	06026 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FEES		945,529	618,431	1,563,960	1,610,757	46,797
40	TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS		\$ 8,655,303	\$ 9,451,441	\$ 18,106,744	\$ 18,935,585	\$ 828,841

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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**  
**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** CENTRALIZED SERVICES

**PROGRAM:** CENTRAL SERVICES AND BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

		Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>		<b>14.00</b>				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
<b>1</b>	61100 SALARIES	\$ 469,274	\$ 590,152	\$ 1,059,426	\$ 1,000,599	\$ (58,827)
<b>2</b>	61104 OVERTIME	11,468	9,298	20,766	26,073	5,307
<b>3</b>	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	2,400	4,200	6,600	8,200	1,600
<b>4</b>	61400 BENEFITS	169,828	196,632	366,460	381,919	15,459
<b>5</b>	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	652,970	800,282	1,453,252	1,416,791	(36,461)
<b>62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
<b>7</b>	62100 CONTRACT	100,234	30,391	130,625	114,250	(16,375)
<b>8</b>	62200 SUPPLY	69,870	18,274	88,144	143,889	55,745
<b>9</b>	62300 COMMUNICATION	21,295	22,382	43,677	60,556	16,879
<b>10</b>	62400 TRAVEL	8,560	13,155	21,715	33,210	11,495
<b>11</b>	62500 RENT	83,626	83,582	167,208	301,609	134,401
<b>12</b>	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	-	1,608	1,608	1,704	96
<b>13</b>	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	17,861	21,476	39,337	35,961	(3,376)
<b>14</b>	TOTAL OPERATIONS	301,446	190,868	492,314	691,179	198,865
<b>68000 TRANSFERS</b>						
<b>16</b>	68000 TRANSFERS	32,712	143,175	175,887	169,488	(6,399)
<b>17</b>	TOTAL TRANSFERS	32,712	143,175	175,887	169,488	(6,399)
<b>18</b>	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 987,128	\$ 1,134,325	\$ 2,121,453	\$ 2,277,458	\$ 156,005
<b>19 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>						
<b>20</b>	02426 PER CAPITA	\$ 987,128	\$ 1,134,325	\$ 2,121,453	\$ 2,277,458	\$ 156,005
<b>21</b>	TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS	\$ 987,128	\$ 1,134,325	\$ 2,121,453	\$ 2,277,458	\$ 156,005

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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** CENTRALIZED SERVICES  
**PROGRAM:** LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD

	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>	<b>1.00</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>					
<b>1</b> 61100 SALARIES	\$ 12,461	\$ 24,654	\$ 37,115	\$ 84,414	\$ 47,299
<b>2</b> 61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	-	500	500	1,500	1,000
<b>3</b> 61400 BENEFITS	4,542	10,260	14,802	27,661	12,859
<b>4</b> TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	17,003	35,414	52,417	113,575	61,158
<b>5 62000 OPERATIONS</b>					
<b>6</b> 62100 CONTRACT	787	2,657	3,444	18,164	14,720
<b>7</b> 62200 SUPPLY	1,410	202	1,612	4,851	3,239
<b>8</b> 62300 COMMUNICATION	1,125	2,675	3,800	7,343	3,543
<b>9</b> 62400 TRAVEL	1,555	4,092	5,647	3,308	(2,339)
<b>10</b> 62500 RENT	1,845	1,993	3,838	3,621	(217)
<b>11</b> 62700 REPAIR & MAINT	-	41	41	408	367
<b>12</b> 62800 OTHER EXPENSES	1,076	1,199	2,275	5,107	2,832
<b>13</b> TOTAL OPERATIONS	7,798	12,859	20,657	42,802	22,145
<b>14 67000 CLAIMS</b>					
<b>15</b> 67200 DEPREDATION REMEDIATION	199,625	24,990	224,615	150,000	(74,615)
<b>16</b> TOTAL CLAIMS	199,625	24,990	224,615	150,000	(74,615)
<b>17 TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 224,426</u>	<u>\$ 73,263</u>	<u>\$ 297,689</u>	<u>\$ 306,377</u>	<u>\$ 8,688</u>
<b>18 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
<b>19</b> 01100 GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 224,426</u>	<u>\$ 73,263</u>	<u>\$ 297,689</u>	<u>\$ 306,377</u>	<u>\$ 8,688</u>
<b>20 TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS</b>	<u>\$ 224,426</u>	<u>\$ 73,263</u>	<u>\$ 297,689</u>	<u>\$ 306,377</u>	<u>\$ 8,688</u>

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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**  
**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** CENTRALIZED SERVICES  
**PROGRAM:** MILK CONTROL BUREAU

	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>	<b>2.00</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>					
<b>1</b> 61100 SALARIES	\$ 64,808	\$ 73,642	\$ 138,450	\$ 132,711	\$ (5,739)
<b>2</b> 61102 OVERTIME	1,471	2,885	4,356	3,274	(1,082)
<b>3</b> 61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	600	700	1,300	1,500	200
<b>4</b> 61400 BENEFITS	24,289	26,648	50,937	48,203	(2,734)
<b>5</b> TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	<u>91,168</u>	<u>103,875</u>	<u>195,043</u>	<u>185,688</u>	<u>(9,355)</u>
<b>6</b>					
<b>7 62000 OPERATIONS</b>					
<b>8</b> 62100 CONTRACT	1,541	1,723	3,264	30,805	27,541
<b>9</b> 62200 SUPPLY	2,797	663	3,460	7,767	4,307
<b>10</b> 62300 COMMUNICATION	1,676	1,535	3,211	5,908	2,697
<b>11</b> 62400 TRAVEL	-	135	135	674	539
<b>12</b> 62500 RENT	3,754	3,780	7,534	9,317	1,783
<b>13</b> 62700 REPAIR & MAINT	-	176	176	200	24
<b>14</b> 62800 OTHER EXPENSES	1,335	1,442	2,777	5,480	2,703
<b>15</b> TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>11,103</u>	<u>9,454</u>	<u>20,557</u>	<u>60,151</u>	<u>39,594</u>
<b>16</b> TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 102,271</u>	<u>\$ 113,329</u>	<u>\$ 215,600</u>	<u>\$ 245,839</u>	<u>\$ 30,239</u>
<b>17</b>					
<b>18 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
<b>19</b> 02817 MILK CONTROL	\$ 102,271	\$ 113,329	\$ 215,600	\$ 245,839	\$ 30,239
<b>20</b> TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS	<u>\$ 102,271</u>	<u>\$ 113,329</u>	<u>\$ 215,600</u>	<u>\$ 245,839</u>	<u>\$ 30,239</u>

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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION - STATE VETERINARIAN

**PROGRAM:** STATE VETERINARIAN IMPORT OFFICE

		Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>		9.50				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 278,487	\$ 417,943	\$ 696,430	\$ 725,909	\$ 29,479
2	61102 OVERTIME	13,909	9,312	23,221	27,460	4,239
3	61400 BENEFITS	105,638	143,990	249,628	275,916	26,288
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	398,034	571,245	969,279	1,029,285	60,006
5	62000 OPERATIONS					
6	62100 CONTRACT	28,930	35,628	64,558	59,634	(4,924)
7	62200 SUPPLY	17,792	6,314	24,106	29,008	4,902
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	12,478	46,159	58,637	52,213	(6,424)
9	62400 TRAVEL	9,521	2,230	11,751	14,603	2,852
10	62500 RENT	15,633	1,147	16,780	19,104	2,324
11	62600 UTILITIES	-	11	11	110	99
12	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	3,098	816	3,914	5,270	1,356
13	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	10,911	12,852	23,763	26,021	2,258
14	TOTAL OPERATIONS	98,363	105,157	203,520	205,963	2,443
15	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 496,397	\$ 676,402	\$ 1,172,799	\$ 1,235,248	\$ 62,449
16	<b>BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
17	02426 PER CAPITA FEE	\$ 496,267	\$ 668,877	\$ 1,165,144	\$ 1,227,593	\$ 62,449
18	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH FEES	130	7,525	7,655	7,655	-
19	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 496,397	\$ 676,402	\$ 1,172,799	\$ 1,235,248	\$ 62,449

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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**  
**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION - STATE VETERINARIAN  
**PROGRAM:** DESIGNATED SURVEILLANCE AREA (DSA) & FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE GRANTS

		Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>		<b>4.50</b>				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
<b>1</b>	61100 SALARIES	\$ 120,339	\$ 141,927	\$ 262,266	\$ 289,766	\$ 27,500
<b>2</b>	61102 OVERTIME	1,323	1,434	2,757	5,748	2,991
<b>3</b>	61400 BENEFITS	48,697	53,632	102,329	114,125	11,796
<b>4</b>	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	170,359	196,993	367,352	409,639	42,287
<b>5 62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
<b>6</b>	62100 CONTRACT	620,306	548,582	1,168,888	1,144,808	(24,080)
<b>7</b>	62200 SUPPLY	13,702	11,883	25,585	23,587	(1,998)
<b>8</b>	62300 COMMUNICATION	3,134	5,064	8,198	8,809	611
<b>9</b>	62400 TRAVEL	6,440	3,378	9,818	15,496	5,678
<b>10</b>	62500 RENT	5,519	21,068	26,587	35,590	9,003
<b>11</b>	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	7,018	5,733	12,751	8,270	(4,481)
<b>12</b>	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	21,425	25,245	46,670	52,309	5,639
<b>13</b>	TOTAL OPERATIONS	677,544	620,953	1,298,497	1,288,869	(9,628)
<b>14 68000 TRANSFERS</b>						
<b>15</b>	68000 TRANSFERS	142,005	97,995	240,000	240,000	-
<b>16</b>	TOTAL TRANSFERS	142,005	97,995	240,000	240,000	-
<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 989,908</b>	<b>\$ 915,941</b>	<b>\$ 1,905,849</b>	<b>\$ 1,938,508</b>	<b>\$ 32,659</b>
<b>18 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>						
<b>19</b>	01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 482,840	\$ 632,713	\$ 1,115,553	\$ 1,147,906	\$ 32,353
<b>20</b>	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY24	506,845	61,592	568,437	568,437	-
<b>21</b>	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY25	223	221,636	221,859	222,165	306
<b>22</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 989,908</b>	<b>\$ 915,941</b>	<b>\$ 1,905,849</b>	<b>\$ 1,938,508</b>	<b>\$ 32,659</b>

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**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
**PROGRAM:** DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

	Year-to Date Actual Expenses FY 2026	Projected Expenses January 2026 to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Excess/ (Deficit)
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>	<b>22.01</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>					
<b>1</b> 61100 SALARIES	\$ 620,464	\$ 804,965	\$ 1,425,429	\$ 1,513,217	\$ 87,788
<b>2</b> 61102 OVERTIME	25,817	48,266	74,083	66,660	(7,423)
<b>3</b> 61400 BENEFITS	237,797	267,937	505,734	533,341	27,607
<b>4</b> TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	<u>884,078</u>	<u>1,121,168</u>	<u>2,005,246</u>	<u>2,113,218</u>	<u>107,972</u>
<b>5</b>					
<b>6 62000 OPERATIONS</b>					
<b>7</b> 62100 CONTRACT	107,390	91,129	198,519	206,859	8,340
<b>8</b> 62200 SUPPLY	552,258	549,674	1,101,932	1,030,724	(71,208)
<b>9</b> 62300 COMMUNICATION	16,729	12,859	29,588	32,737	3,149
<b>10</b> 62400 TRAVEL	7,243	3,481	10,724	12,184	1,460
<b>11</b> 62500 RENT	53,030	61,965	114,995	120,285	5,290
<b>12</b> 62600 UTILITIES	17,868	19,151	37,019	54,141	17,122
<b>13</b> 62700 REPAIR & MAINT	110,108	6,227	116,335	97,185	(19,150)
<b>14</b> 62800 OTHER EXPENSES	63,172	32,030	95,202	89,024	(6,178)
<b>15</b> TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>927,798</u>	<u>776,516</u>	<u>1,704,314</u>	<u>1,643,139</u>	<u>(61,175)</u>
<b>16 63000 EQUIPMENT</b>					
<b>17</b> 63100 EQUIPMENT	-	19,967	19,967	19,967	-
<b>18</b> TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>-</u>	<u>19,967</u>	<u>19,967</u>	<u>19,967</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>19 TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 1,811,876</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,651</u>	<u>\$ 3,729,527</u>	<u>\$ 3,776,324</u>	<u>\$ 46,797</u>
<b>20</b>					
<b>21 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
<b>22</b> 01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 866,347	\$ 424,609	\$ 1,290,956	\$ 1,290,956	\$ -
<b>23</b> 02426 PER CAPITA FEE	-	852,882	852,882	852,882	-
<b>24</b> 03673 FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE	-	21,729	21,729	21,729	-
<b>25</b> 06026 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FEES	945,529	618,431	1,563,960	1,610,757	46,797
<b>26 TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS</b>	<u>\$ 1,811,876</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,651</u>	<u>\$ 3,729,527</u>	<u>\$ 3,776,324</u>	<u>\$ 46,797</u>

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**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** MILK & EGG BUREAU  
**PROGRAM:** MILK AND EGG / SHIELDED EGG GRADING

	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Excess/ (Deficit)
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>	6.75				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>					
<b>1</b> 61100 SALARIES	\$ 148,828	\$ 186,160	\$ 334,988	\$ 388,731	\$ 53,743
<b>2</b> 61200 OVERTIME	5,633	13,845	19,478	86,242	66,764
<b>3</b> 61400 BENEFITS	62,626	70,870	133,496	135,457	1,961
<b>4</b> TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	<u>217,087</u>	<u>270,875</u>	<u>487,962</u>	<u>610,430</u>	<u>122,468</u>
<b>5 62000 OPERATIONS</b>					
<b>6</b> 62100 CONTRACT	42,575	36,087	78,662	140,163	61,501
<b>7</b> 62200 SUPPLY	11,299	2,238	13,537	25,815	12,278
<b>8</b> 62300 COMMUNICATION	3,065	822	3,887	20,814	16,927
<b>9</b> 62400 TRAVEL	6,019	6,648	12,667	2,652	(10,015)
<b>10</b> 62500 RENT	10,893	11,592	22,485	19,549	(2,936)
<b>11</b> 62700 REPAIR & MAINT	-	303	303	4,460	4,157
<b>12</b> 62800 OTHER EXPENSES	8,646	6,163	14,809	8,250	(6,559)
<b>13</b> TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>82,497</u>	<u>63,853</u>	<u>146,350</u>	<u>221,703</u>	<u>75,353</u>
<b>14 TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 299,584</u>	<u>\$ 334,728</u>	<u>\$ 634,312</u>	<u>\$ 832,133</u>	<u>\$ 197,821</u>
<b>15 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
<b>16</b> 01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 59,844	\$ 48,084	\$ 107,928	\$ 154,411	\$ 46,483
<b>17</b> 02262 SHIELDED EGG GRADING FEES	132,052	189,252	321,304	388,007	66,703
<b>18</b> 02701 MILK INSPECTION FEES	98,865	85,482	184,347	271,496	87,149
<b>19</b> 03202 SHELL EGG FEDERAL INSPECTION	8,823	11,910	20,733	18,219	(2,514)
<b>20 TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING</b>	<u>\$ 299,584</u>	<u>\$ 334,728</u>	<u>\$ 634,312</u>	<u>\$ 832,133</u>	<u>\$ 197,821</u>

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**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
**PROGRAM:** MEAT INSPECTION

	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
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**BUDGETED FTE** 30.50

	A	B	C	D	E	F
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES						
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 638,351	\$ 850,447	\$ 1,488,798	\$ 1,524,659	\$ 35,861
2	61200 OVERTIME	9,957	52,961	62,918	90,338	27,420
3	61400 BENEFITS	277,086	332,695	609,781	658,609	48,828
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	925,394	1,236,103	2,161,497	2,273,606	112,109
5						
6	62000 OPERATIONS					
7	62100 CONTRACT	43,171	66,255	109,426	105,484	(3,942)
8	62200 SUPPLY	40,408	6,488	46,896	67,373	20,477
9	62300 COMMUNICATION	18,979	8,695	27,674	25,317	(2,357)
10	62400 TRAVEL	40,666	39,218	79,884	89,238	9,354
11	62500 RENT	75,135	165,228	240,363	237,544	(2,819)
12	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	2,474	2,649	5,123	7,888	2,765
13	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	113,907	173,771	287,678	324,823	37,145
14	TOTAL OPERATIONS	334,740	462,304	797,044	857,667	60,623
15	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,260,134	\$ 1,698,407	\$ 2,958,541	\$ 3,131,273	\$ 172,732
16						
17	BUDGETED FUNDS					
18	01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 643,627	\$ 1,049,590	\$ 1,693,217	\$ 1,851,384	\$ 158,167
19	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH FEES	-	9,575	9,575	24,140	14,565
20	03209 MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION	616,507	639,242	1,255,749	1,255,749	-
21	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 1,260,134	\$ 1,698,407	\$ 2,958,541	\$ 3,131,273	\$ 172,732

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**PROJECTED EXPENSE TO BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** BRANDS ENFORCEMENT  
**PROGRAM:** BRANDS ENFORCEMENT

	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Projected Expenses January to June 2026	FY 2026 Projected Year End Expense Totals	FY 2026 Budget	Projected Budget Excess/ (Deficit)
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BUDGETED FTE	54.11
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES						
1 61100 SALARIES		\$ 1,255,849	\$ 1,505,213	\$ 2,761,062	\$ 2,896,595	\$ 135,533
2 61200 OVERTIME		189,559	82,929	272,488	265,323	(7,165)
3 61400 BENEFITS		579,067	598,966	1,178,033	1,217,197	39,164
4 TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		<u>2,024,475</u>	<u>2,187,108</u>	<u>4,211,583</u>	<u>4,379,115</u>	<u>167,532</u>
5 62000 OPERATIONS						
6 62100 CONTRACT		82,336	64,792	147,128	140,909	(6,219)
7 62200 SUPPLY		111,021	9,071	120,092	104,486	(15,606)
8 62300 COMMUNICATION		49,043	64,185	113,228	111,717	(1,511)
9 62400 TRAVEL		16,824	25,766	42,590	50,814	8,224
10 62500 RENT		82,977	149,765	232,742	242,968	10,226
11 62600 UTILITIES		15,000	-	15,000	14,641	(359)
12 62700 REPAIR & MAINT		65,481	66,460	131,941	99,627	(32,314)
13 62800 OTHER EXPENSES		36,422	20,248	56,670	48,148	(8,522)
14 TOTAL OPERATIONS		<u>459,104</u>	<u>400,287</u>	<u>859,391</u>	<u>813,310</u>	<u>(46,081)</u>
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 2,483,579</u>	<u>\$ 2,587,395</u>	<u>\$ 5,070,974</u>	<u>\$ 5,192,425</u>	<u>\$ 121,451</u>
16						
17 BUDGETED FUNDS						
18 02425 BRAND INSPECTION FEES		\$ 2,483,579	\$ 1,168,118	\$ 3,651,697	\$ 3,651,697	\$ -
19 02426 PER CAPITA FEES		-	1,419,277	1,419,277	1,540,728	121,451
20 TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING		<u>\$ 2,483,579</u>	<u>\$ 2,587,395</u>	<u>\$ 5,070,974</u>	<u>\$ 5,192,425</u>	<u>\$ 121,451</u>

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EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
PROGRAM: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT		FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>		<b>144.37</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 8,556,601	\$ 3,608,861	\$ 3,668,648	\$ (59,787)	\$ 4,947,740
2	61200 OVERTIME	571,118	259,137	298,225	(39,088)	311,981
3	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	11,200	3,000	4,000	(1,000)	8,200
4	61400 BENEFITS	3,392,428	1,509,570	1,536,994	(27,424)	1,882,858
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	12,531,347	5,380,568	5,507,867	(127,299)	7,150,779
<b>62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
7	62100 CONTRACT	1,961,076	1,027,270	813,420	213,850	933,806
8	62200 SUPPLY	1,437,500	820,557	752,106	68,451	616,943
9	62300 COMMUNICATION	325,414	127,524	152,006	(24,482)	197,890
10	62400 TRAVEL	222,179	96,828	95,734	1,094	125,351
11	62500 RENT	989,587	332,412	385,147	(52,735)	657,175
12	62600 UTILITIES	68,892	32,868	23,852	9,016	36,024
13	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	225,012	188,179	118,668	69,511	36,833
14	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	595,123	274,755	193,222	81,533	320,368
15	TOTAL OPERATIONS	5,824,783	2,900,393	2,534,155	366,238	2,924,390
<b>63000 EQUIPMENT</b>						
17	63100 EQUIPMENT	19,967	-	-	-	19,967
18	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	19,967	-	-	-	19,967
<b>67000 CLAIMS</b>						
21	67200 DEPREDATION REMEDIATION	150,000	199,625	158,726	40,899	(49,625)
22	TOTAL CLAIMS	150,000	199,625	158,726	40,899	(49,625)
<b>68000 TRANSFERS</b>						
24	68000 TRANSFERS	409,488	174,717	29,601	145,116	234,771
25	TOTAL TRANSFERS	409,488	174,717	29,601	145,116	234,771
26	TOTAL	\$ 18,935,585	\$ 8,655,303	\$ 8,230,349	\$ 424,954	\$ 10,280,282
<b>27 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>						
28	01100 GENDERAL FUND	\$ 4,751,034	\$ 2,277,084	\$ 2,053,463	\$ 223,621	\$ 2,473,950
29	02262 SHIELDED EGG GRADING FEES	388,007	132,052	134,235	(2,183)	255,955
30	02425 BRAND INSPECTION FEES	3,651,697	2,483,579	2,412,548	71,031	1,168,118
31	02426 PER CAPITA FEE	5,898,661	1,483,395	1,436,010	47,385	4,415,266
32	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH	31,795	130	-	130	31,665
33	02701 MILK INSPECTION FEES	271,496	98,865	129,507	(30,642)	172,631
34	02817 MILK CONTROL	245,839	102,271	99,125	3,146	143,568
35	03209 MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION-FED	1,255,749	616,507	645,573	(29,066)	639,242
36	03032 SHELL EGG FEDERAL INSPECTION	18,219	8,823	10,419	(1,596)	9,396
37	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY24	568,437	506,845	376,931	129,914	61,592
38	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY25	222,165	223	-	223	221,942
39	03673 FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE	21,729	-	-	-	21,729
40	06026 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FEES	1,610,757	945,529	932,538	12,991	665,228
41	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 18,935,585	\$ 8,655,303	\$ 8,230,349	\$ 424,954	\$ 10,280,282

The Department of Livestock is budgeted for \$18,935,585 and 144.37 FTE in FY 2026. Personal services budget is 43% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 2025 was \$127,299 lower than December 2024. Operations are 50% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 2025 were \$366,238 higher than December 2024. Overall, Department of Livestock total expenditures were \$424,954 higher than the same period last year. As of December 31, 2025, 46% of the department's budget has been expended.

The Department had employee termination payouts of \$14,629 and \$170,621 for the period ending December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
PROGRAM: STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS / BUDGET AMENMENTS / HOUSEBILL 10**

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE  
COMPARISON REPORT**

		Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
FY 2026 Budget					

**STATUTORY APPROPRIATED, BUDGET AMENDED, HOUSEBILL 10 AND ONE TIME ONLY EXPENDITURES**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 84,229	\$ -	\$ 13,165	\$ (13,165)	\$ 84,229
2	61400 BENEFITS	33,389	-	9,119	(9,119)	33,389
3	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	117,618	-	22,284	(22,284)	117,618
4	62000 OPERATIONS					
5	62100 CONTRACT	1,077,071	886,246	954,263	(68,017)	190,825
6	62200 SUPPLY	84,254	67,797	39,421	28,376	16,457
7	62300 COMMUNICATION	-	4,940	4,287	653	(4,940)
8	62400 TRAVEL	54,351	4,726	10,184	(5,458)	49,625
9	62500 RENT	-	-	5,415	(5,415)	-
10	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	35,250	(6,373)	47,267	(53,640)	41,623
11	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	24,479	46,371	3,544	42,827	(21,892)
12	TOTAL OPERATIONS	1,275,405	1,003,707	1,064,381	(60,674)	271,698
13	63000 EQUIPMENT					
14	63100 EQUIPMENT	1,115,676	190,769	-	190,769	924,907
15	63400 INTANGIBLE ASSETS	395,152	75,232	-	75,232	319,920
16	64100 CAPITAL OUTLAY	548,748	-	-	-	548,748
17	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	2,059,576	266,001	-	266,001	1,793,575
18	66000 GRANTS					
19	66100 FROM STATE SOURCES	220,000	216,336	126,730	89,606	3,664
20	TOTAL GRANTS	220,000	216,336	126,730	89,606	3,664
21	67000 CLAIMS					
22	67200 DEPREDAATION REMEDIATION	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
23	TOTAL CLAIMS	310,000	-	-	-	310,000
24	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,982,599	\$ 1,486,044	\$ 1,213,395	\$ 272,649	\$ 2,496,555
25	<b><u>STATUTORY APPROPRIATED (SA) :: BUDGET AMENDED (BA) FUNDS :: HOUSEBILL 10 (HB10)</u></b>					
26	01100 GENERAL FUND (OTO)	\$ 200,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,400
27	02117 PREDATOR ANIMAL CONTROL (SA)	575,000	562,505	575,000	(12,495)	12,495
28	02124 LIVESTOCK LOSS REMEDIATION (SA)	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
29	02125 LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION (SA)	353,500	406,542	242,563	163,979	(53,042)
30	02136 WOLF MITIGATION DONATIONS (SA)	133,600	133,469	125,915	7,554	131
31	02426 PER CAPITA FEE (HB10)	395,152	75,232	-	75,232	319,920
32	02426 PER CAPITA FEE (OTO)	863,048	-	-	-	863,048
33	02980 INDEMNITY FUND (SA)	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
34	03032 MILK INSPECTION EQUIPMENT	28,184	-	-	-	28,184
35	03427 SWINE SHIP (BA)	12,960	2,309	-	2,309	10,651
36	03427 FAD OUTBREAK (BA)	78,178	337	2	335	77,841
37	03427 HPAI EMERGENCY PREPERADNESS	2,392	203	800	(597)	2,189
39	03673 NAHLN (LIMS IMPROVEMENT)	38,700	-	-	-	38,700
38	03673 NAHLN ARP AWARD (BA)	442,371	190,769	-	190,769	251,602
39	03673 NAHLN ARP (BA)	278,950	108,243	88,654	19,589	170,707
40	03710 ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY 3/31/25 (BA)	170,950	-	101,550	(101,550)	170,950
41	03710 ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY 3/31/26 (BA)	99,214	6,435	78,911	(72,476)	92,779
40	TOTAL SA, BA AND HB10 FUNDING	\$ 3,982,599	\$ 1,486,044	\$ 1,213,395	\$ 272,649	\$ 2,496,555

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT NOTES  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**

**PROGRAM: STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS / BUDGET AMENMENTS / HOUSEBILL 10 / ONE TIME ONLY**

**NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY EXPENSES COMPARISON REPORT FOR STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS, BUDGET AMENDMENTS,  
HOUSE BILL 10 NOTES AND ONE TIME ONLY FUNDING**

2025 Legislation authorized the diagnostic laboratory one-time-only budget authority for the purchase of laboratory diagnostic equipment for the milk lab in the amount of \$200,400 to be paid with general fund.

Predator animal control is funded with a transfer of per capita fees monies to the fund. The department has paid three counties \$41,290 and Wildlife Services \$523,710. The three counties do not have a cooperative agreement with Wildlife Services for predator control.

The Livestock Loss Board is statutorily budgeted with \$300,000 for livestock depredation loss remediation. Because the Livestock Loss Board has House Bill 02 authority for livestock depredation loss claims, it has not paid claims from the Statutory Appropriations fund 02124. From the total amount budgeted for depredation claims of \$450,000 in House Bill 02 and Statutory Appropriations, LLB has expended \$199,625 or 44% of the total depredation claims budgets, account 67200. In FY 2025, LLB paid \$158,726 for depredation claims as of December 31, 2024 or \$40,899 less than the current year.

The Livestock Loss Board is statutorily budgeted with \$353,500 for livestock depredation reductions grants. As of December 31, 2025 the Board has spend \$216,336 on livestock depredations reductions grants in FY 2026.

The Wolf Mitigation Donations fund is funded with donations, mostly from hunters and anglers, while purchasing hunting and fishing licenses. The Department collected \$125,364 and \$114,370 in FY 2025 and FY 2024, respectively, and paid those amounts to Wildlife Services in FY 2026 and FY 2025, respectively. The Department has an MOU with Wildlife Services for the monitoring and removal of wolves.

Housebill 10 authority is for new information technology projects. The 2023 legislation approved HB10 authority for \$1,000,000 of per capita fee for software development. The Department expended \$375,000 in FY 2024. While there is no end date to HB10 authority, DOA monitors the progress of IT projects to ensure that agencies are developing the projects in a timely manner. The department requests authority as needed to pay for work performed on the software development. As of December 31, 2025, the department has requested an additional \$395,152 in HB10 budget authority in FY 2025 and has spent \$75,232 of the requested FY 2025 HB10 authority. Department has two HB10 projects currently in process. There is \$425,000 budgeted for the Animal Health System Replacement and \$125,000 for the Brands Snowflake system.

2025 Legislation authorized the diagnostic laboratory one-time-only budget authority for the purchase of laboratory diagnostic equipment and capital outlay to complete the new diagnostic laboratory in the amount of \$863,048 to be paid with per capita fee.

81-2-203 MCA created a statutory indemnity special revenue fund for compensation of animals for slaughter due to disease under the direction of the Department as per 81-2-201 MCA. The Department may transfer \$10,000 per year to the fund. Unspent monies are carried forward to subsequent years until the fund accumulates \$100,000 of transferred funds. Payments are limited to the cash balance in the fund after the annual transfer. There is a cash balance in the indemnity fund of \$24,924 as of December 31, 2025. The cash is invested in STIP has earned \$161 in interest since the fund was created.

The Department has two federal milk inspection grants. The first federal grant is for milk inspection for High Path Avian Influenza testing personal protection equipment. The amount of the grant is \$15,224. The second federal grant is for two milk inspectors to attend training at two out of state training seminars and for one milk inspection employee to attend two out of state conferences. The amount of the grant is \$14,589.

The Animal Health Bureau receives federal funding for animal disease monitoring and eradication. Unspent federal money at State Fiscal Year (SFY) end is carried over to the next SFY. The Department received \$12,960 from APHIS USDA for Swine SHIP expenses. The Department has spent \$2,309 of the award as of December 31, 2025. The Department received \$88,567 from APHIS USDA for Swine SHIP expenses. The Department spent \$10,389 of the grant in FY 2025. The Department has spent \$10,726 of the award as of December 31, 2025. The Department received \$4,120 from APHIS USDA for Swine SHIP expenses. The Department spent \$1,728 of the grant in FY 2025. The Department has spent \$1,931 of the award as of December 31, 2025.

The Diagnostic Laboratory was awarded \$1,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) through USDA, APHIS. This grant is a sub-award through the Colorado State University. This grant is to purchase equipment for the Diagnostic Laboratory including the incinerator for the new lab building. The Department spent \$557,629 in FY2025 leaving \$442,371 for FY2026. As of December 31, 2025, the lab has spent \$748,398 of the APHIS ARP grant. MVDL has until May 31, 2026 to spend the grant funding

In FY 2025, the Diagnostic Laboratory was awarded \$278,950 from the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) through USDA, APHIS. This grant is to purchase testing supplies, travel, maintenance contracts and laboratory equipment for the Diagnostic Laboratory. MVDL has until May 31, 2026 to spend the grant funding.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**  
**BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** CENTRALIZED SERVICES  
**PROGRAM:** CENTRAL SERVICES AND BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
EXPENSE COMPARISON  
REPORT**

		FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
<b>BUDGETED FT</b>		14.00				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 1,000,599	\$ 469,274	\$ 475,548	\$ (6,274)	\$ 531,325
2	61104 OVERTIME	26,073	11,468	10,473	995	14,605
3	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	8,200	2,400	3,400	(1,000)	5,800
4	61400 BENEFITS	381,919	169,828	173,297	(3,469)	212,091
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	1,416,791	652,970	662,718	(9,748)	763,821
<b>62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
7	62100 CONTRACT	114,250	100,234	39,854	60,380	14,016
8	62200 SUPPLY	143,889	69,870	65,864	4,006	74,019
9	62300 COMMUNICATION	60,556	21,295	19,382	1,913	39,261
10	62400 TRAVEL	33,210	8,560	9,229	(669)	24,650
11	62500 RENT	301,609	83,626	81,069	2,557	217,983
12	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	1,704	-	1,712	(1,712)	1,704
13	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	35,961	17,861	6,879	10,982	18,100
14	TOTAL OPERATIONS	691,179	301,446	223,989	77,457	389,733
<b>68000 TRANSFERS</b>						
16	68000 TRANSFERS	169,488	32,712	29,601	3,111	136,776
17	TOTAL TRANSFERS	169,488	32,712	29,601	3,111	136,776
18	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,277,458	\$ 987,128	\$ 916,308	\$ 70,820	\$ 1,290,330
<b>19 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>						
20	02426 PER CAPITA	\$ 2,277,458	\$ 987,128	\$ 916,308	\$ 70,820	\$ 1,290,330
21	TOTAL BUDGETED FUND	\$ 2,277,458	\$ 987,128	\$ 916,308	\$ 70,820	\$ 1,290,330
<b>22 STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS (SA) AND HOUSEBILL 10 (HB10)</b>						
<b>23 62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
24	62100 CONTRACT	\$ 708,600	\$ 695,974	\$ 700,915	\$ (4,941)	\$ 12,626
25	TOTAL OPERATIONS	708,600	695,974	700,915	(4,941)	12,626
<b>26 63000 CAPITAL ASSETS</b>						
27	63400 INTANGIBLE ASSETS	395,152	75,232	-	75,232	319,920
28	TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	395,152	75,232	-	75,232	319,920
29	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,103,752	\$ 771,206	\$ 700,915	\$ 70,291	\$ 332,546
<b>30 SA FUNDS AND HB10 FUNDS</b>						
31	02117 PREDATOR ANIMAL CONTROL (SA)	\$ 575,000	\$ 562,505	\$ 575,000	\$ (12,495)	\$ 12,495
32	02136 WOLF MITIGATION DONATIONS (SA)	133,600	133,469	125,915	7,554	131
33	02426 PER CAPITA (HB10)	395,152	75,232	-	75,232	319,920
34	TOTAL SA AND HB10 FUNDING	\$ 1,103,752	\$ 771,206	\$ 700,915	\$ 70,291	\$ 332,546

Central Services And Board Of Livestock is budgeted \$2,277,458 and 14.00 FTE in FY 2026 and is funded with per capita fees. Personal services budget is 46% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. The personal services expended through December 2025 was \$9,748 lower than December 2024. Operating expenses are 44% expended as of December 2025 and were \$77,457 higher than December 2024. Overall, CSD total expenditures were \$70,820 higher than the same period last year. As of December 31, 2025, CSD has expended 43% of the its budget.

Predator animal control is funded with a transfer of per capita fees monies to the fund. The department has paid three counties \$41,290 and Wildlife Services \$523,710. The three counties do not have a cooperative agreement with Wildlife Services for predator control.

The Wolf Mitigation Donations fund is funded with donations, mostly from hunters and anglers, while purchasing hunting and fishing licenses. The Department collected \$125,364 and \$114,370 in FY 2025 and FY 2024, respectively, and paid those amounts to Wildlife Services in FY 2026 and FY 2025, respectively. The Department has an MOU with Wildlife Services for the monitoring and removal of wolves.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** CENTRALIZED SERVICES  
**PROGRAM:** LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON  
REPORT**

		FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>		1.00				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 84,414	\$ 12,461	\$ 53,340	\$ (40,879)	\$ 71,953
2	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
3	61400 BENEFITS	27,661	4,542	15,024	(10,482)	23,119
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	113,575	17,003	68,364	(51,361)	96,572
<b>62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
6	62100 CONTRACT	18,164	787	589	198	17,377
7	62200 SUPPLY	4,851	1,410	647	763	3,441
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	7,343	1,125	1,314	(189)	6,218
9	62400 TRAVEL	3,308	1,555	-	1,555	1,753
10	62500 RENT	3,621	1,845	1,709	136	1,776
11	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	408	-	157	(157)	408
12	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	5,107	1,076	510	566	4,031
13	TOTAL OPERATIONS	42,802	7,798	4,926	2,872	35,004
<b>67000 BENEFITS AND CLAIMS</b>						
15	67200 DEPREDEATION REMEDIATION	150,000	199,625	158,726	40,899	(49,625)
16	TOTAL CLAIMS	150,000	199,625	158,726	40,899	(49,625)
17	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 306,377</b>	<b>\$ 224,426</b>	<b>\$ 232,016</b>	<b>\$ (7,590)</b>	<b>\$ 81,951</b>
18						
<b>19 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>						
20	01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 306,377	\$ 224,426	\$ 232,016	\$ (7,590)	\$ 81,951
21	<b>TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 306,377</b>	<b>\$ 224,426</b>	<b>\$ 232,016</b>	<b>\$ (7,590)</b>	<b>\$ 81,951</b>
<b>22 STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS (SA) AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BA)</b>						
<b>23 62200 OPERATIONS</b>						
24	62100 CONTRACT	\$ 133,500	\$ 190,206	\$ 115,833	\$ 74,373	\$ (56,706)
25	TOTAL OPERATIONS	133,500	190,206	115,833	74,373	(56,706)
<b>26 66000 GRANTS</b>						
27	66100 DEPREDEATION REDUCTION GRANTS	220,000	216,336	126,730	89,606	3,664
28	TOTAL GRANTS	220,000	216,336	126,730	89,606	3,664
<b>29 67000 BENEFITS AND CLAIMS</b>						
30	67200 DEPREDEATION REMEDIATION	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
31	TOTAL STATE SOURCES	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
32	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 653,500</b>	<b>\$ 406,542</b>	<b>\$ 242,563</b>	<b>\$ 163,979</b>	<b>\$ 246,958</b>
<b>33 SA FUNDS</b>						
34	02124 LIVESTOCK LOSS REMEDIATION (SA)	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000
35	02125 LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION (SA)	353,500	406,542	242,563	163,979	(53,042)
36	<b>TOTAL SA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 653,500</b>	<b>\$ 406,542</b>	<b>\$ 242,563</b>	<b>\$ 163,979</b>	<b>\$ 246,958</b>

In FY 2026, the Livestock Loss Board is budgeted \$306,377 with 1.00 FTE funded with general fund. This includes \$150,000 of funding for depredation remediation claims. The personal services budget is 15% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 2025 was \$51,361 lower than December 2024. Operations are 18% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 2025 were \$2,872 higher than December 2024. In FY 2023, the Board did not have HB02 budget authority for depredation claims. As of December 31, 2025, the board has spent 133% of its HB02 depredation claims budget. Overall, Livestock Loss Board total expenditures were \$7,590 lower than the same period last year, of which \$199,625 was from newly appropriated HB02 funding for depredation claims. As of December 31, 2025, LLB has expended 73% of the its budget.

The Livestock Loss Board is statutorily budgeted with \$300,000 for livestock depredation loss remediation. Because the Livestock Loss Board has House Bill 02 authority for livestock depredation loss claims, it has not paid claims from the Statutory Appropriations fund 02124. From the total amount budgeted for depredation claims of \$450,000 in House Bill 02 and Statutory Appropriations, LLB has expended \$199,625 or 44% of the total depredation claims budgets, account 67200. In FY 2025, LLB paid \$158,726 for depredation claims as of December 31, 2024 or \$40,899 less than the current year.

The Livestock Loss Board is statutorily budgeted with \$353,500 for livestock depredation reductions grants. As of December 31, 2025 the Board has spend \$216,336 on livestock depredations reductions grants in FY 2026.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** CENTRALIZED SERVICES  
**PROGRAM:** MILK CONTROL BUREAU

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
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BUDGETED FTE	2.00
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 132,711	\$ 64,808	\$ 62,514	\$ 2,294	\$ 67,903
2	61104 OVERTIME	3,274	1,471	2,546	(1,075)	1,803
3	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	1,500	600	600	-	900
4	61400 BENEFITS	48,203	24,289	24,289	-	23,914
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	185,688	91,168	89,949	1,219	94,520
6						
7	62000 OPERATIONS					
8	62100 CONTRACT	30,805	1,541	1,212	329	29,264
9	62200 SUPPLY	7,767	2,797	1,605	1,192	4,970
10	62300 COMMUNICATION	5,908	1,676	1,744	(68)	4,232
11	62400 TRAVEL	674	-	135	(135)	674
12	62500 RENT	9,317	3,754	3,798	(44)	5,563
13	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	200	-	-	-	200
14	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	5,480	1,335	682	653	4,145
15	TOTAL OPERATIONS	60,151	11,103	9,176	1,927	49,048
16	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 245,839	\$ 102,271	\$ 99,125	\$ 3,146	\$ 143,568
17	BUDGETED FUNDS					
18	02817 MILK CONTROL	\$ 245,839	\$ 102,271	\$ 99,125	\$ 3,146	\$ 143,568
19	TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS	\$ 245,839	\$ 102,271	\$ 99,125	\$ 3,146	\$ 143,568

In FY 2026, The Milk Control Bureau is budgeted \$245,839 and has 2.00 FTE. The bureau is funded with milk industry fees. The personal services budget is 49% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 2025 were \$1,219 higher than December 2024. Operations are 18% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 2025 were \$1,927 higher than December 2024. Overall, Milk Control Bureau total expenditures were \$3,146 higher than the same period last year. As of December 31, 2025, the Milk Control Bureau has expended 42% of its budget.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION - STATE VETERINARIAN  
**PROGRAM:** STATE VETERINARIAN IMPORT OFFICE

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
EXPENSE COMPARISON  
REPORT**

	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
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<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>	9.50				
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES						
1 61100 SALARIES	\$	725,909	\$	278,487	\$	246,971
2 61104 OVERTIME		27,460		13,909		9,399
3 61400 BENEFITS		275,916		105,638		93,270
4 TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		1,029,285		398,034		349,640
5 62000 OPERATIONS						
6 62100 CONTRACT		59,634		28,930		23,306
7 62200 SUPPLY		29,008		17,792		15,862
8 62300 COMMUNICATION		52,213		12,478		16,039
9 62400 TRAVEL		14,603		9,521		5,059
10 62500 RENT		19,104		15,633		8,242
11 62600 UTILITIES		110		-		-
12 62700 REPAIR & MAINT		5,270		3,098		2,123
13 62800 OTHER EXPENSES		26,021		10,911		6,708
14 TOTAL OPERATIONS		205,963		98,363		77,339
15 63000 EQUIPMENT						
16 63100 EQUIPMENT		-		-		-
17 TOTAL EQUIPMENT		-		-		-
18 TOTAL	\$	1,235,248	\$	496,397	\$	426,979
19 FUND						
20 02426 PER CAPITA FEE	\$	1,227,593	\$	496,267	\$	426,979
21 02427 ANIMAL HEALTH FEES		7,655		130		-
22 TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$	1,235,248	\$	496,397	\$	426,979
23 STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS (SA)						
24 67000 BENEFITS AND CLAIMS						
25 67200 INDEMNITY PAYMENTS	\$	10,000	\$	-	\$	-
26 TOTAL STATE PAYMENTS		10,000		-		-
27 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	10,000	\$	-	\$	-
28 SA FUNDS						
29 02980 INDEMNITY FUND (SA)	\$	10,000	\$	-	\$	-
30 TOTAL SA FUNDS	\$	10,000	\$	-	\$	-

The State Veterinarian Office includes Import and Alternative Livestock. In FY 2026, the State Veterinarian Import Office is budgeted with \$1,227,593 of per capita fees and \$7,655 of animal health fees. The personal services budget is 39% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 2025 was \$48,394 higher than December 2024. Operations are 48% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 31, 2025 were \$21,024 higher than December 30, 2024. Animal Health has spent \$69,418 more than the same period in FY 2025. As of December 31, 2025 the Animal Health Import Office has expended 40% of its budget.

Personal services is higher in FY 2026 due to an FTE moving from the federal umbrella program to import office.

The import office sells some supplies at cost to veterinarians. The income is in the Animal Health Fees.

81-2-203 MCA created a statutory indemnity special revenue fund for compensation of animals for slaughter due to disease under the direction of the Department as per 81-2-201 MCA. The Department may transfer \$10,000 per year to the fund. Unspent monies are carried forward to subsequent years until the fund accumulates \$100,000 of transferred funds. Payments are limited to the cash balance in the fund after the annual transfer. There is a cash balance in the indemnity fund of \$24,924 as of December 31, 2025. The cash is invested in STIP has earned \$161 in interest since the fund was created.



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
**PROGRAM:** DESIGNATED SURVEILLANCE AREA (DSA) & FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE GRANTS

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
EXPENSE  
COMPARISON REPORT**

	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>	<b>4.50</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1 61100 SALARIES	\$ 289,766	\$ 120,339	\$ 132,964	\$ (12,625)	\$ 169,427
2 61104 OVERTIME	5,748	1,323	2,659	(1,336)	4,425
3 61400 BENEFITS	114,125	48,697	53,199	(4,502)	65,428
4 TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	409,639	170,359	188,822	(18,463)	239,280
5 62000 OPERATIONS					
6 62100 CONTRACT	1,144,808	620,306	540,100	80,206	524,502
7 62200 SUPPLY	23,587	13,702	9,466	4,236	9,885
8 62300 COMMUNICATION	8,809	3,134	3,368	(234)	5,675
9 62400 TRAVEL	15,496	6,440	4,423	2,017	9,056
10 62500 RENT	35,590	5,519	21,415	(15,896)	30,071
11 62700 REPAIR & MAINT	8,270	7,018	2,412	4,606	1,252
12 62800 OTHER EXPENSES	52,309	21,425	17,168	4,257	30,884
13 TOTAL OPERATIONS	1,288,869	677,544	598,352	79,192	611,325
14 68000 TRANSFERS					
15 68100 TRANSFERS	240,000	142,005	-	142,005	97,995
16 TOTAL TRANSFERS	240,000	142,005	-	142,005	97,995
17 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,938,508	\$ 989,908	\$ 787,174	\$ 202,734	\$ 948,600
18 <b>BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
19 01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,147,906	\$ 482,840	\$ 410,243	\$ 72,597	\$ 665,066
20 03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY24	568,437	506,845	376,931	129,914	61,592
21 03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY25	222,165	223	-	223	221,942
22 TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS	\$ 1,938,508	\$ 989,908	\$ 787,174	\$ 202,734	\$ 948,600
23 <b>BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BA)</b>					
24 61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
25 61100 SALARIES	\$ 10,720	\$ -	\$ 13,165	\$ (13,165)	\$ 10,720
26 61400 BENEFITS	5,456	-	9,119	(9,119)	5,456
27 TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	16,176	-	22,284	(22,284)	16,176
28 62000 OPERATIONS					
29 62100 CONTRACT	93,963	66	40,631	(40,565)	93,897
30 62200 SUPPLY	45,722	1,018	1,145	(127)	44,704
31 62300 COMMUNICATION	-	4,940	4,287	653	(4,940)
32 62400 TRAVEL	27,762	2,862	4,167	(1,305)	24,900
33 62800 OTHER EXPENSES	9,121	398	2,699	(2,301)	8,723
34 TOTAL OPERATIONS	176,568	9,284	57,429	(48,145)	167,284
35 TOTAL BA EXPENDITURES	\$ 192,744	\$ 9,284	\$ 79,713	\$ (70,429)	\$ 183,460
36 <b>BA FUNDS</b>					
37 03427 SWINE SHIP (BA)	12,960	\$ 2,309	\$ -	\$ 2,309	\$ 10,651
38 03427 FAD OUTBREAK (BA)	78,178	337	2	335	77,841
39 03427 HP AI EMERGENCY PREPERADNESS (BA)	2,392	203	800	(597)	2,189
41 03710 ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY 3/31/26 (BA)	99,214	6,435	78,911	(72,476)	92,779
40 TOTAL BA FUNDS	\$ 192,744	\$ 9,284	\$ 79,713	\$ (70,429)	\$ 183,460

The Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) is budgeted for \$1,147,906 and 2.00 FTE in FY 2026 and is funded with General Funds. The Federal Umbrella is budgeted for \$790,602 and 2.50 FTE in SFY 2026 and is funded with Federal Funds. Of the \$790,602 Federal Umbrella budgeted, only \$568,437 has been awarded to the Department for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FFY24) which ends March 31, 2025. The Federal Umbrella FFY25 authority is for the upcoming federal grant starting April 1, 2025. This grant has not been awarded at this time.

The personal services budget is 42% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 2025 was \$18,463 lower than December 2024. Operations are 53% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 2025 were \$79,192 higher than December 2024. Overall, total expenditures were \$202,734 higher than the same period last year with 51% of the budget expended.

The Animal Health Bureau receives federal funding for animal disease monitoring and eradication. Unspent federal money at State Fiscal Year (SFY) end is carried over to the next SFY. The Department received \$12,960 from APHIS USDA for Swine SHIP expenses. The Department has spent \$2,309 of the award as of December 31, 2025. The Department received \$88,567 from APHIS USDA for Swine SHIP expenses. The Department spent \$10,389 of the grant in FY 2025. The Department has spent \$10,726 of the award as of December 31, 2025. The Department received \$4,120 from APHIS USDA for Swine SHIP expenses. The Department spent \$1,728 of the grant in FY 2025. The Department has spent \$1,931 of the award as of December 31, 2025.



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
**PROGRAM:** DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT		FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>		<b>22.01</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
<b>1 61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
2	61100 SALARIES	\$ 1,513,217	\$ 620,464	\$ 592,811	\$ 27,653	\$ 892,753
3	61104 OVERTIME	66,660	25,817	37,905	(12,088)	40,843
4	61400 BENEFITS	533,341	237,797	246,306	(8,509)	295,544
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	2,113,218	884,078	877,022	7,056	1,229,140
<b>6 62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
7	62100 CONTRACT	206,859	107,390	86,116	21,274	99,469
8	62200 SUPPLY	1,030,724	552,258	553,854	(1,596)	478,466
9	62300 COMMUNICATION	32,737	16,729	52,558	(35,829)	16,008
10	62400 TRAVEL	12,184	7,243	5,283	1,960	4,941
11	62500 RENT	120,285	53,030	50,950	2,080	67,255
12	62600 UTILITIES	54,141	17,868	17,352	516	36,273
13	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	97,185	110,108	58,030	52,078	(12,923)
14	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	89,024	63,172	13,879	49,293	25,852
15	TOTAL OPERATIONS	1,643,139	927,798	838,022	89,776	715,341
<b>16 63000 EQUIPMENT</b>						
17	63100 EQUIPMENT	19,967	-	-	-	19,967
18	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	19,967	-	-	-	19,967
19	TOTAL	\$ 3,776,324	\$ 1,811,876	\$ 1,715,044	\$ 96,832	\$ 1,964,448
<b>20 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>						
21	01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,290,956	\$ 866,347	\$ 727,966	\$ 138,381	\$ 424,609
22	02426 PER CAPITA FEE	852,882	-	54,540	(54,540)	852,882
23	03673 FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE	21,729	-	-	-	21,729
24	06026 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FEES	1,610,757	945,529	932,538	12,991	665,228
25	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 3,776,324	\$ 1,811,876	\$ 1,715,044	\$ 96,832	\$ 1,964,448
<b>26 BUDGET AMENDED (BA) &amp; ONE-TIME-ONLY (OTO) EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>27 61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>						
28	61100 SALARIES	\$ 73,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,509
29	61400 BENEFITS	27,933	-	-	-	27,933
30	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	101,442	-	-	-	101,442
<b>31 62000 OPERATIONS</b>						
32	62100 CONTRACT	141,008	-	96,884	(96,884)	141,008
33	62200 SUPPLY	24,937	66,779	38,276	28,503	(41,842)
34	62400 TRAVEL	12,000	1,864	6,017	(4,153)	10,136
35	62500 RENT	-	-	5,415	(5,415)	-
36	62700 REPAIRS & MAINT	35,250	(6,373)	42,767	(49,140)	41,623
37	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	15,358	45,973	845	45,128	(30,615)
38	TOTAL OPERATIONS	228,553	108,243	190,204	(81,961)	120,310
<b>39 63000 EQUIPMENT</b>						
40	63100 EQUIPMENT	1,115,676	190,769	-	190,769	924,907
41	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	1,664,424	190,769	-	190,769	1,473,655
42	TOTAL BA & OTO EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,994,419	\$ 299,012	\$ 190,204	\$ 108,808	\$ 1,695,407
<b>43 BA &amp; OTO FUNDING</b>						
44	01100 GENERAL FUND (OTO)	\$ 200,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,400
45	02426 PER CAPITA FEE (OTO)	863,048	-	-	-	863,048
46	03673 NAHLN (LIMS IMPROVEMENT)	38,700	-	-	-	38,700
47	03673 NAHLN ARP AWARD (BA)	442,371	190,769	-	190,769	251,602
48	03673 NAHLN 2026	278,950	108,243	88,654	19,589	170,707
49	03673 NAHLN 2026	170,950	-	101,550	(101,550)	170,950
50	TOTAL BA & OTO FUNDING	\$ 1,994,419	\$ 299,012	\$ 190,204	\$ 108,808	\$ 1,695,407

The diagnostic laboratory is budgeted for \$3,776,324 and 22 FTE in FY 2026. It is funded with general fund of \$1,290,956, per capita fees of \$852,882, federal funds of \$21,729, and lab testing fees of \$1,610,757. Personal services are 42% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 2025 were \$7,056 higher than December 2024. Operations are 56% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 2025 were \$89,776 higher than December 2024. Overall, Diagnostic Laboratory total expenditures were \$96,832 higher than the same period last year. As of December 31, 2025, the Diagnostic Lab has expended 48% of its budget.

2025 Legislation authorized the diagnostic laboratory one-time-only budget authority for the purchase of laboratory diagnostic equipment for the milk lab in the amount of \$200,400 to be paid with general fund.

2025 Legislation authorized the diagnostic laboratory one-time-only budget authority for the purchase of laboratory diagnostic equipment and capital outlay to complete the new diagnostic laboratory in the amount of \$863,048 to be paid with per capita fee.

In FY 2025, the Diagnostic Laboratory was awarded \$278,950 from the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) through USDA, APHIS. This grant is to purchase testing supplies, travel, maintenance contracts and laboratory equipment for the Diagnostic Laboratory. MVDL has until May 31, 2026 to spend the grant funding.

The Diagnostic Laboratory was awarded \$1,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) through USDA, APHIS. This grant is a sub-award through the Colorado State University. This grant is to purchase equipment for the Diagnostic Laboratory including the incinerator for the new lab building. The Department spent \$557,629 in FY2025 leaving \$442,371 for FY2026. As of December 31, 2025, the lab has spent \$748,398 of the APHIS ARP grant. MVDL has until May 31, 2026 to spend the grant funding.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
**PROGRAM:** MILK AND EGG / SHIELDED EGG GRADING

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE  
COMPARISON REPORT**

	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparator	Balance of Budget Available
<b>BUDGETED FTE</b>	6.75				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>G</b>
<b>61000 PERSONAL SERVICES</b>					
1 61100 SALARIES	\$ 388,731	\$ 148,828	\$ 154,510	\$ (5,682)	\$ 239,903
2 61102 OVERTIME	86,242	5,633	13,492	(7,859)	80,609
3 61400 BENEFITS	135,457	62,626	61,565	1,061	72,831
4 TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	610,430	217,087	229,567	(12,480)	393,343
<b>62000 OPERATIONS</b>					
6 62100 CONTRACT	140,163	42,575	24,393	18,182	97,588
7 62200 SUPPLY	25,815	11,299	1,571	9,728	14,516
8 62300 COMMUNICATION	20,814	3,065	2,578	487	17,749
9 62400 TRAVEL	2,652	6,019	1,110	4,909	(3,367)
10 62500 RENT	19,549	10,893	10,780	113	8,656
11 62700 REPAIR & MAINT	4,460	-	232	(232)	4,460
12 62800 OTHER EXPENSES	8,250	8,646	3,930	4,716	(396)
13 TOTAL OPERATIONS	221,703	82,497	44,594	37,903	139,206
14 TOTAL	\$ 832,133	\$ 299,584	\$ 274,161	\$ 25,423	\$ 532,549
<b>15 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
16 01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 154,411	\$ 59,844	\$ -	\$ 59,844	\$ 94,567
17 02262 SHIELDED EGG GRADING FEES	388,007	132,052	134,235	(2,183)	255,955
18 02701 MILK INSPECTION FEES	271,496	98,865	129,507	(30,642)	172,631
19 03032 SHELL EGG INSPECTION FEES	18,219	8,823	10,419	(1,596)	9,396
20 TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 832,133	\$ 299,584	\$ 274,161	\$ 25,423	\$ 532,549
<b>21 BUDGET AMENDED EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>22 62000 OPERATIONS</b>					
23 62200 SUPPLY & MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$ 13,595	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,595
24 62400 TRAVEL	14,589	-	-	-	14,589
24 TOTAL OPERATIONS	28,184	-	-	-	28,184
<b>25 BUDGETED FUNDS</b>					
26 03032 HPAI PPE	13,595	-	-	-	13,595
27 03032 MILK TRAINING	14,589	-	-	-	14,589
28 TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 28,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,184

The total Milk & Egg program is budgeted \$832,133 with 6.75 FTE in FY 2026 funded with milk inspection fees, egg grading fees and federal shell egg inspection fees. The personal services budget is 36% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 2025 was \$12,480 lower than December 2024. Operation expense budget is 37% expended with 42% of budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 2025 was \$37,903 higher than December 2024. The Animal Health Division total expenditures were \$25,423 higher than the same period last year. As of December 31, 2025, the Milk & Egg program has expended 36% of its budget.

The Department has two federal milk inspection grants. The first federal grant is for milk inspection for High Path Avian Influenza testing personal protection equipment. The amount of the grant is \$15,224. The second federal grant is for two milk inspectors to attend training at two out of state training seminars and for one milk inspection employee to attend two out of state conferences. The amount of the grant is \$14,589.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
**PROGRAM:** MEAT INSPECTION

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT		Year-to-Date	Same Period	Year to Year Comparison		Balance of Budget Available
		Actual	Prior Year			
		Expenses December FY 2026	Expenses December FY 2025			
FY 2026 Budget						
BUDGETED FTE		30.50				
A	B	C	D	E	F	
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES						
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 1,524,659	\$ 638,351	\$ 643,473	\$ (5,122)	\$ 886,308
2	61102 OVERTIME	90,338	9,957	38,319	(28,362)	80,381
3	61400 BENEFITS	658,609	277,086	288,649	(11,563)	381,523
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	2,273,606	925,394	970,441	(45,047)	1,348,212
5 62000 OPERATIONS						
6	62100 CONTRACT	105,484	43,171	31,858	11,313	62,313
7	62200 SUPPLY	67,373	40,408	37,103	3,305	26,965
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	25,317	18,979	12,722	6,257	6,338
9	62400 TRAVEL	89,238	40,666	50,230	(9,564)	48,572
10	62500 RENT	237,544	75,135	98,475	(23,340)	162,409
11	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	7,888	2,474	4,074	(1,600)	5,414
12	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	324,823	113,907	123,908	(10,001)	210,916
13	TOTAL OPERATIONS	857,667	334,740	358,370	(23,630)	522,927
14	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,131,273	\$ 1,260,134	\$ 1,328,811	\$ (68,677)	\$ 1,871,139
15 BUDGETED FUNDS						
16	01100 GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,851,384	\$ 643,627	\$ 683,238	\$ (39,611)	\$ 1,207,757
17	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH FEES	24,140	-	-	-	24,140
18	03209 MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION	1,255,749	616,507	645,573	(29,066)	639,242
19	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 3,131,273	\$ 1,260,134	\$ 1,328,811	\$ (68,677)	\$ 1,871,139

In FY 2026, Meat Inspection is budgeted \$3,131,273 with 30.50 FTE. The bureau is funded with general fund of \$1,851,384, federal meat & poultry inspection funds of \$1,255,749 and \$24,140 of animal health fees levied from licensing as per 81-9-201(1)MCA. Personal services budget is 41% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December FY 2026 was \$45,047 lower than December FY 2025. Operations are 39% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Overall, Meat Inspection total expenditures were \$68,677 lower than the same period last year. As of December 31, 2025 the Meat Inspection program expended 40% of its budget.

The Meat & Poultry Inspection program had employee termination payouts of \$488 and \$36,695 for the period ending December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**DIVISION:** BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
**PROGRAM:** BRANDS ENFORCEMENT

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT		FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses December FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses December FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
BUDGETED FTE		54.11				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES						
1	61100 SALARIES	\$ 2,896,595	\$ 1,255,849	\$ 1,306,517	\$ (50,668)	\$ 1,640,746
2	61200 OVERTIME	265,323	189,559	183,432	6,127	75,764
3	61400 BENEFITS	1,217,197	579,067	581,395	(2,328)	638,130
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	4,379,115	2,024,475	2,071,344	(46,869)	2,354,640
5 62000 OPERATIONS						
6	62100 CONTRACT	140,909	82,336	65,992	16,344	58,573
7	62200 SUPPLY	104,486	111,021	66,134	44,887	(6,535)
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	111,717	49,043	42,301	6,742	62,674
9	62400 TRAVEL	50,814	16,824	20,265	(3,441)	33,990
10	62500 RENT	242,968	82,977	108,709	(25,732)	159,991
11	62600 UTILITIES	14,641	15,000	6,500	8,500	(359)
12	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	99,627	65,481	49,928	15,553	34,146
13	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	48,148	36,422	19,558	16,864	11,726
14	TOTAL OPERATIONS	813,310	459,104	379,387	79,717	354,206
15	TOTAL	\$ 5,192,425	\$ 2,483,579	\$ 2,450,731	\$ 32,848	\$ 2,708,846
16 BUDGETED FUNDS						
17	02425 BRAND INSPECTION FEES	\$ 3,651,697	\$ 2,483,579	\$ 2,412,548	\$ 71,031	\$ 1,168,118
18	02426 PER CAPITA FEES	1,540,728	-	38,183	(38,183)	1,540,728
19	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	\$ 5,192,425	\$ 2,483,579	\$ 2,450,731	\$ 32,848	\$ 2,708,846

In FY 2026, Brands Enforcement is budgeted for \$5,192,425 with 54.11 FTE. It is funded with brand inspection fees of \$3,651,697 and per capita fees of \$1,540,728. Personal services budget is 46% expended with 46% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of December 31, 2025 was \$46,869 lower than December 30, 2024. Operations are 56% expended with 42% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of December 31, 2025 were \$79,717 higher than December 30, 2024. Overall, Brands Enforcement total expenditures were \$32,848 higher than the same period last year. As of December 31, 2025, the Brands Division has expended 48% of its budget.

The Brands Enforcement division had employee termination payouts of \$12,909 and \$90,797 for the period ending December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively.



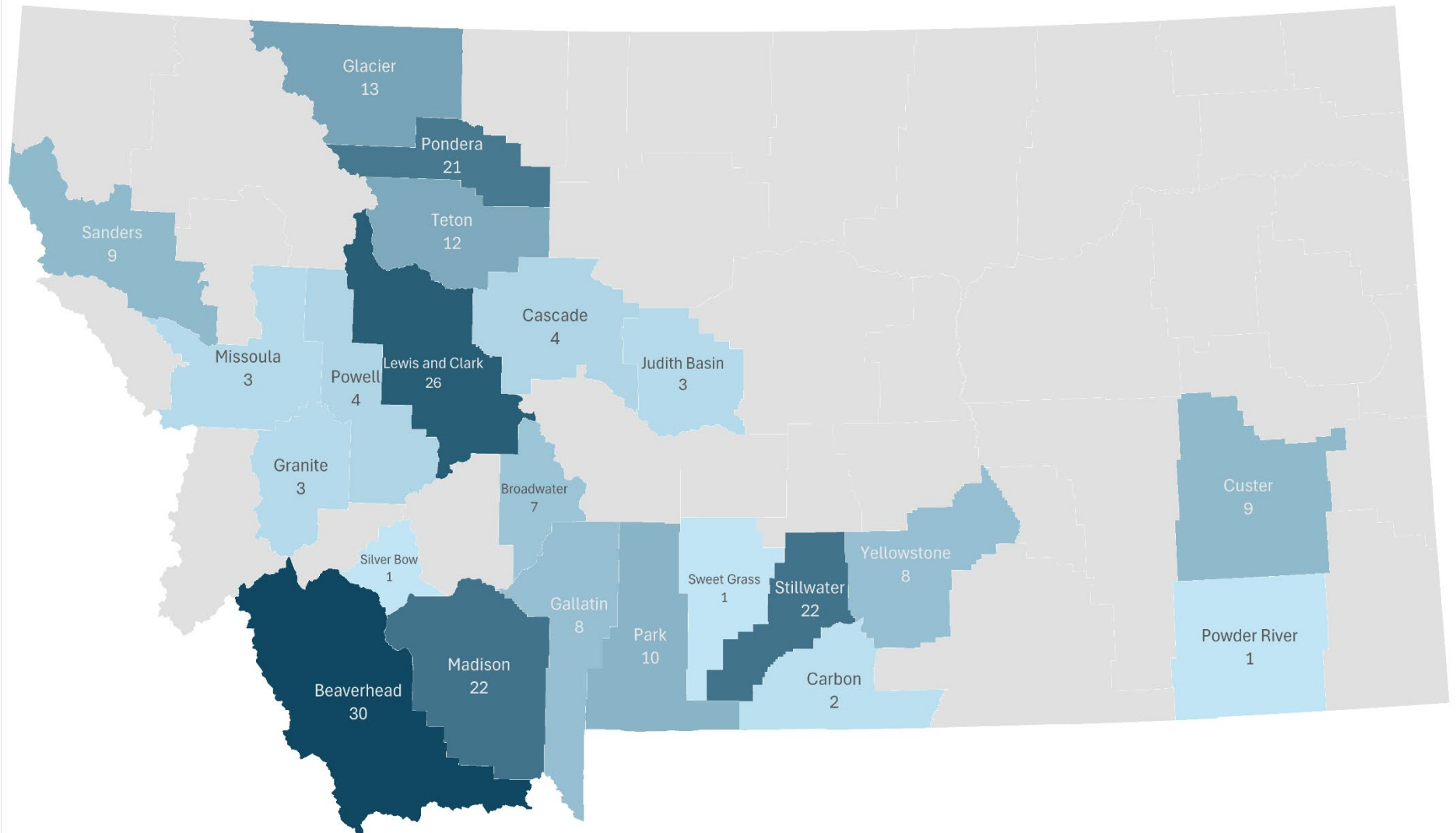
# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

From: Leslie Doely	Division/Program: <b>Livestock Loss Board</b>	Meeting Date: <b>January 28, 2026</b>					
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b>							
Background Info: Since the last BOL meeting, LLB has paid livestock loss claims to 16 producers for 66 losses. Claim and reimbursement statistics for 2025 are attached.							
Recommendation: n/a							
Time needed:	Attachments:	<table border="1"><tr><td><b>Yes</b></td><td>No</td><td>Board vote required?</td><td>Yes</td><td><b>No</b></td></tr></table>	<b>Yes</b>	No	Board vote required?	Yes	<b>No</b>
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# Depredation Losses by County

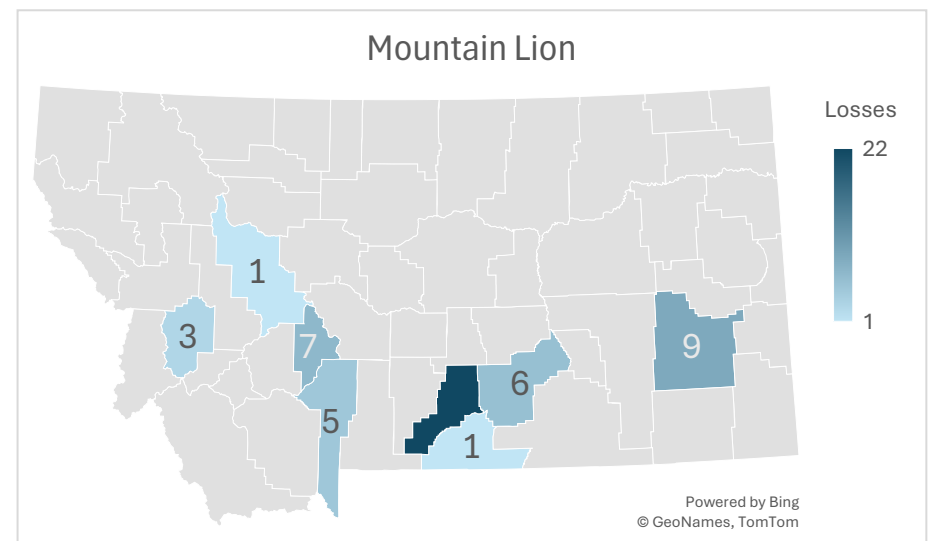
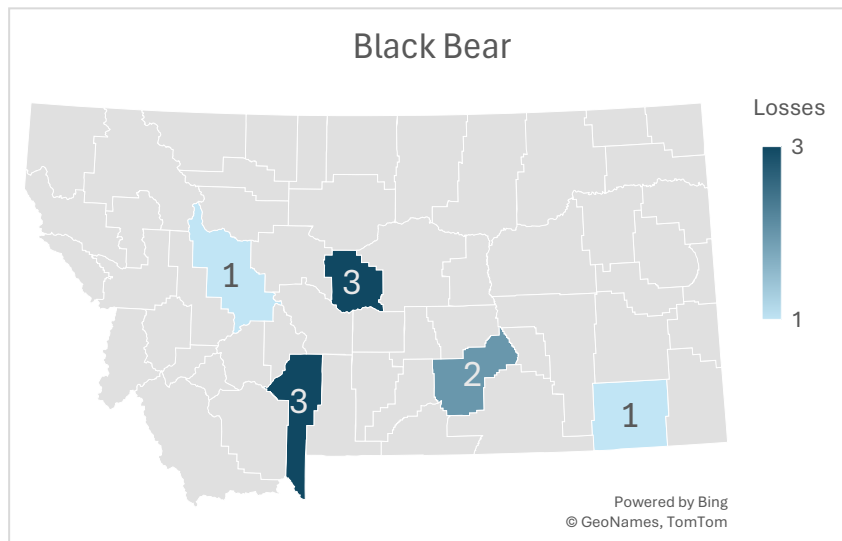
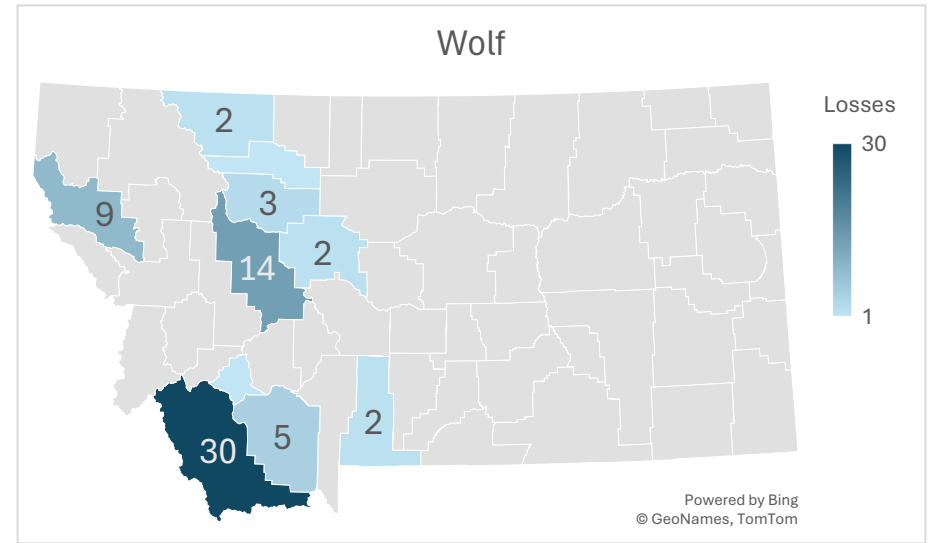
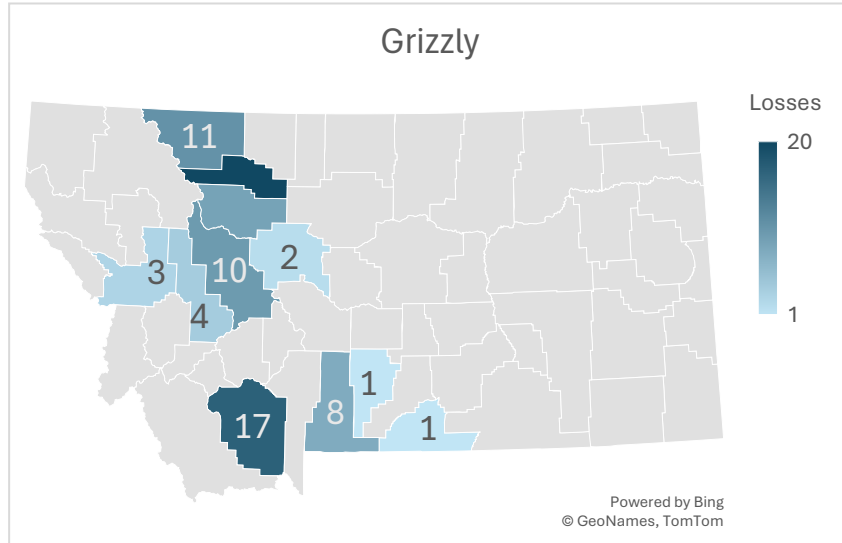
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# Depredations by Predator Species

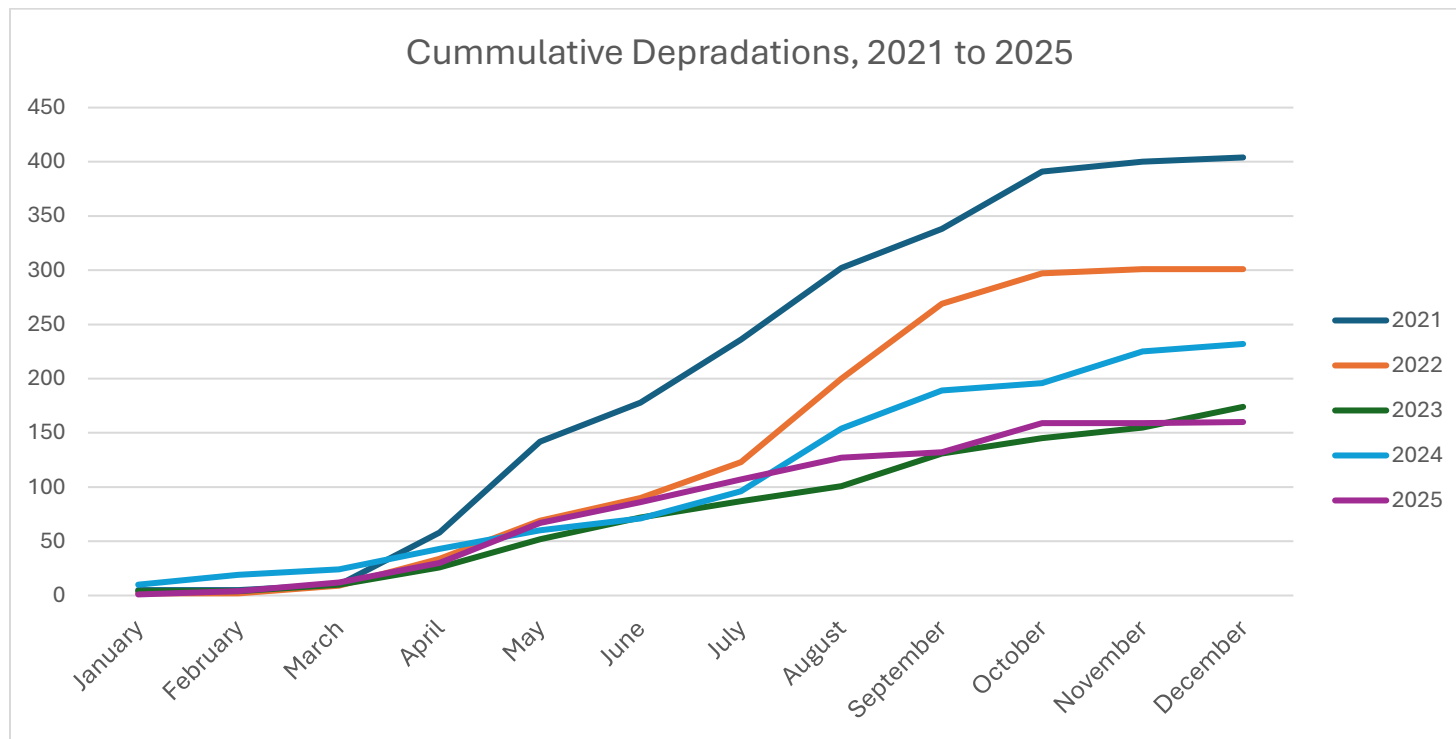
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## 2025 Depredations by Predator and Livestock Species

	Black Bear		Grizzly		Lion		Wolves		Totals	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Cattle			74	\$184,152			31	\$67,368	105	\$251,520
Guard Dog							6	\$3,000	6	\$3,000
Goat	2	\$821			22	\$2,995			24	\$3,816
Sheep	8	\$3,257	4	\$922	27	\$6,276	30	\$13,561	69	\$24,016
Swine			7	\$2,100					7	\$2,100
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$4,078</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>\$187,173</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$9,271</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>\$83,929</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>\$284,451</b>

Total livestock owners: 85





## LLB Depredation Claims Reimbursed

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

	Cattle		Dog		Goat		Sheep		Swine		Totals	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
<b>Beaverhead</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$25,928</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>\$8,949</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>\$37,377</b>
Wolves	13	\$25,928	5	\$2,500			12	\$8,949			30	\$37,377
<b>Broadwater</b>							<b>7</b>	<b>\$1,947</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>\$1,947</b>
Lion							7	\$1,947			7	\$1,947
<b>Carbon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$2,161</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>\$207</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>\$2,368</b>
Grizzly	1	\$2,161									1	\$2,161
Lion							1	\$207			1	\$207
<b>Cascade</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$6,481</b>							<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$6,781</b>
Grizzly	1	\$2,061							1	\$300	2	\$2,361
Wolves	2	\$4,420									2	\$4,420
<b>Custer</b>							<b>9</b>	<b>\$2,269</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>\$2,269</b>
Lion							9	\$2,269			9	\$2,269
<b>Gallatin</b>							<b>3</b>	<b>\$1,230</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>\$1,230</b>
Black Bear							3	\$1,230			3	\$1,230
<b>Glacier</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$25,517</b>							<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$25,817</b>
Grizzly	9	\$23,422							1	\$300	10	\$23,722
Wolves	1	\$2,095									1	\$2,095
<b>Granite</b>							<b>3</b>	<b>\$598</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>\$598</b>
Lion							3	\$598			3	\$598
<b>Judith Basin</b>							<b>3</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>
Black Bear							3	\$1,062			3	\$1,062
<b>Lewis and Clark</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$34,339</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$2,439</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>\$37,428</b>
Black Bear							1	\$354			1	\$354
Grizzly	9	\$19,241					1	\$410			10	\$19,651
Lion					1	\$650					1	\$650
Wolves	6	\$15,098					8	\$1,675			14	\$16,773
<b>Madison</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$51,344</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$500</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>\$410</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>\$52,254</b>
Grizzly	17	\$47,055									17	\$47,055
Wolves	2	\$4,289	1	\$500			1	\$410			4	\$5,199
<b>Missoula</b>							<b>3</b>	<b>\$512</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>\$512</b>
Grizzly							3	\$512			3	\$512
<b>Park</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$25,378</b>									<b>10</b>	<b>\$25,378</b>
Grizzly	8	\$20,916									8	\$20,916
Wolves	2	\$4,462									2	\$4,462
<b>Pondera</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$52,006</b>									<b>21</b>	<b>\$52,006</b>
Grizzly	20	\$49,653									20	\$49,653
Wolves	1	\$2,353									1	\$2,353
<b>Powder River</b>							<b>1</b>	<b>\$611</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>\$611</b>
Black Bear							1	\$611			1	\$611
<b>Powell</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$8,428</b>									<b>4</b>	<b>\$8,428</b>
Grizzly	4	\$8,428									4	\$8,428
<b>Sanders</b>							<b>9</b>	<b>\$2,527</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>\$2,527</b>
Wolves							9	\$2,527			9	\$2,527
<b>Silver Bow</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1,975</b>									<b>1</b>	<b>\$1,975</b>
Wolves	1	\$1,975									1	\$1,975
<b>Stillwater</b>					<b>21</b>	<b>\$2,345</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$183</b>			<b>22</b>	<b>\$2,527</b>
Lion					21	\$2,345	1	\$183			22	\$2,527
<b>Sweet Grass</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$3,201</b>									<b>1</b>	<b>\$3,201</b>
Grizzly	1	\$3,201									1	\$3,201
<b>Teton</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$14,762</b>							<b>5</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$16,262</b>
Grizzly	4	\$8,014							5	\$1,500	9	\$9,514
Wolves	3	\$6,748									3	\$6,748
<b>Yellowstone</b>					<b>2</b>	<b>\$821</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$1,074</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>\$1,895</b>
Black Bear					2	\$821					2	\$821
Lion							6	\$1,074			6	\$1,074
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>\$251,520</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$3,816</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>\$24,016</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>\$284,451</b>



# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

From: <b>Alicia Love, MPH, RD Bureau Chief</b>	Division/Program: <b>Animal Health/Meat, Milk, and Egg Inspection Bureau</b>	Meeting Date: <b>January 28, 2026</b>					
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u> Western Milk Seminar Out of State Travel Requests/Justification</b>							
<p>Alicia Love, Erin Burns, and Job Greenall are requesting to attend the 2026 Western Milk Seminar in Tacoma, WA.</p> <p>The Western Milk Seminar is required triennially for Laboratory Evaluation Officer (LEO) certification. Erin requires this certification for the purposes of auditing plants who perform testing at their facilities.</p> <p>Travel expenses will be covered by a \$7,227 in grant funding from the FDA Milk and Shellfish Grant Program for calendar year 2026</p> <p>Recommendation:</p>							
Time needed: 5 min	Attachments:	<table border="1"><tr><td>Yes X</td><td>No</td><td>Board vote required?</td><td>Yes X</td><td>No</td></tr></table>	Yes X	No	Board vote required?	Yes X	No
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<b><u>Agenda Item:</u> FD 371 Out of State Travel Requests/Justification</b>							
<p>Fred Woelkers and Job Greenall are requesting to attend FD371 Milk Pasteurization Controls and Tests. This course helps develop the understanding and skills necessary to evaluate basic and complex pasteurization systems. Participants use pasteurizer controllers, instrumentation, and perform hands-on practical sessions for testing various parts of a pasteurizer. Whenever possible, a processing plant field trip is integrated into the training to demonstrate product flow and equipment testing.</p> <p>Travel expenses will be covered by an FDA Milk and Shellfish Grant Program and the registration fees will be covered by the milk fund</p> <p>Recommendation:</p>							
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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION  
FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

## Department of Livestock

1) Division  
Meat, Milk, and Egg Inspection

## 2) Employee(s) Traveling

Alicia Love, Erin Burns, Job Greenall

## 3) Justification

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The Western Milk Seminar is required triennially for Laboratory Evaluation Officer (LEO) certification. Erin requires this certification for the purposes of auditing plants who perform testing at their facilities.

Travel expenses will be covered by a \$7,227 in grant funding from the FDA Milk and Shellfish Grant Program for calendar year 2026.

## 4) Itinerary

The seminar is scheduled for April 20-23, 2026 in Tacoma Washington at the Hotel Murono.

## 5) Cost Estimate

Transportation: \$2,170.00

Meals: \$1,433.00

Lodging: \$2904.00

Other: \$990.00

Total: \$7,227.00

## 6) Submitted By

Requested By

Alicia Love

Title

MPH, RS, Bureau Chief

Date

1/12/2026

## Approval - to be Completed by Agency Authorized Personnel

Date Approved by Board

1/28/2026

Board Chair or EO

*[Signature]*

Title

*[Signature]*

Date

1/28/2026

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## Department of Livestock

## 1) Division

Meat, Milk, and Egg Inspection

## 2) Employee(s) Traveling

Fred Woelkers and Job Greenall

## 3) Justification

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Travel expenses will be covered by an FDA Milk and Shellfish Grant Program and the registration fees will be covered by the milk fund.

## 4) Itinerary

The training is scheduled for March 17-20, 2026 in Minneapolis, MN.

## 5) Cost Estimate

Transportation: \$1,800.00

Meals: \$874.00

Lodging: \$1,776.00

Other: \$510.00

Total: \$4,960.00

## 6) Submitted By

Requested By

Alicia Love

Title

MPH, RS, Bureau Chief

Date

1/12/2026

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Vice-Chair

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# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

From: Tahnee Szymanski, DVM	Division/Program: Animal Health	Meeting Date: 1/28/2026
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### **Agenda Item: OOS Travel Request**

Background Info: The Animal Health Bureau is requesting permission for travel for:

1. **Western States Livestock Health Association (WSLHA) – 4 vets to Newport, OR June 7-10, 2026**

The annual meeting of the 19 Western state animal health officials is an opportunity to discuss current issues affecting our states and collaborate on policy that impacts health issues in our respective states. Meeting topics include brucellosis, trichomoniasis, avian influenza, traceability, and emergency preparedness. This meeting is attended annually by one or more veterinarians depending on the subject matter included in the final agenda. It is expected that the Western Alliance of States for Agriculture Resilience (WASAR) of which Montana is a member will hold their annual meeting on the last day of WSLHA. WASAR is a forum for improving regional emergency preparedness, including knowledge and research sharing.

*Estimated cost of attendance \$1,972 per attendee.* Costs for 2 attendees are covered by Federal Cooperative Agreement (ADT and Umbrella) funding, 1 attendee will be covered by DSA General Fund, and one by Animal Health PCF.

2. **Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) – 2 people to Edmonton, AB July 20-23, 2026**

The PNWER meeting includes the Cross-Border Livestock Health Committee and covers topics including response to a large-scale disease outbreak in proximity to an international border, collaboration on emergency preparedness activities, resource sharing, and removing barriers to international movement with a particular focus on electronic documentation. Dr. Szymanski is on the planning group for the meeting.

*Estimated cost of attendance \$1,528 per attendee.* Costs for 2 attendees are covered by Animal Health (PCF).

3. **Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) Training – 1 veterinarian unknown dates**

This is critical training to enable deploying a veterinarian in the field to investigate a suspected foreign animal disease. Should the state of Montana experience an incursion of a foreign animal disease, it has been well recognized that foreign animal disease diagnosticians will be a limiting factor and may impair a successful response. The course is expected to consist of 1-week of online training followed by a 1-week hands on training in Kansas. Approximate costs are estimated to be \$2,500. Costs for attendee are expected to be covered by Federal Cooperative Agreement except for per diem and salary. This is a standing request because it is unknown when USDA is next planning to offer this course.

Recommendation: Approve travel to WSLHA, PNWER, and FADD training

Time needed: 10 minutes	Attachments:	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	Board vote required?	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
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### **Agenda Item: Disease Updates**

Background Info: Mexico continues to report cases of NWS. Dr. Szymanski to provide updates on new detections and ongoing preparedness work.

Recommendation: N/A

Time needed: 10 minutes	Attachments:	<b><u>No</u></b>	Board vote required	<b><u>No</u></b>
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**Agenda Item: Cooperative Agreement Updates**

1. ADT cooperative agreement – Due to one-time changes in funding for IT from the legislature and the switch from USAHerds to Core One and the removal of half-2/3 an FTE, Animal Health has extra funding in our ADT cooperative agreement. Propose to shift the money to:
  - a. Buy RFID readers for District Investigators (Approximately \$18,000 for 17 units)
  - b. Spend the remaining money on purchasing tags to be distributed to Montana Veterinarians for the next (2026-2027) vaccination season.

<b>ADT FY25 Program Summary</b>	
Award Amount	99,214.00
YTD operational expenses	(36,472.83)
Balance	62,741.17

2. Zoonotic and Cattle Health – FWP has notified Animal Health that they might need additional funding to complete the full elk capture of 100-150 animals this year. Animal Health is considering options to get the required funding including asking FWP to increase their portion, covering additional funding from Animal Health, and requesting a transfer of funding from the One Health portion of the Cooperative Agreement. There is additional money in the One Health Cooperative Agreement because there were no large scale zoonotic disease investigations conducted during the program year so fewer travel expenses, overnight stays, and supplies were charged to this part of the budget. This year's elk capture scheduled for the Crow Reservation has been a long-term project and is not likely to be feasible again in the near future, so taking full advantage of this year's project is a priority.

<b>ONE HEALTH Program Summary</b>		
Program Award		52,615.00
Personnel Award	35,188.20	
YTD Expense	(11,573.98)	
Balance	23,614.22	
Operational Award	17,426.80	
YTD Expense	(7,117.39)	
Balance	10,309.41	
Program Balance		33,923.63

Recommendation: Vote to approve proposed changes to cooperative agreement.

Time needed: 15 minutes	Attachments:		<b>No</b>	Board vote required		<b>Yes</b>
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Department of Livestock

1) Division  
AH**2) Employee(s) Traveling**

State Veterinarian, Assistant State Veterinarian, and 2 Program Veterinarians

**3) Justification**

Western State Livestock Health Association Annual Meeting - This annual meeting of 19 Western state veterinarians and their staff allows the state of Montana to update the group on brucellosis surveillance in the DSA, share current information on other animal health issues, and allows Montana to maintain relationships with other state animal health officials to continue the unimpeded movement of livestock from the state of Montana.

**4) Itinerary**

June 2026 in Oregon. Location and detailed schedule of lectures/meetings/committees has not been released as of the time of this request.

**5) Cost Estimate**

Approximate cost is \$1,972 per attendee. Costs for attendees are expected to be covered by Federal Cooperative Agreement funds with exception of per diem and salary.

\$400 flight per person

\$1200 lodging per person

\$350 rental car shared

\$252 per diem per person

**6) Submitted By**

Requested By

Tahnee Szymanski

Title

State Veterinarian

Date

1/28/2026

**Approval - to be Completed by Agency Authorized Personnel**

Date Approved by Board

Board Chair or EO

Title

Date

1/28/2026



Vice Chair

1/28/26

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**Department of Livestock****1) Division**

Animal Health and Food Safety

**2) Employee(s) Traveling**

Tahnee Szymanski

Mike Honeycutt or Emily Kaleczyc

**3) Justification**

The 2026 PNWER meeting is to be held in Edmonton, Alberta July 20-23. The Cross-Border Livestock portion of PNWER focuses on issues that impact cross border processes, efficiencies, and traceability concerns. Dr. Szymanski is on the planning group for the committee. Travel would be covered by per capita.

**4) Itinerary**

Meeting is July 20-23 in Edmonton, AB.

Travel on 7/19 and 7/24

**5) Cost Estimate**

Car \$300 shared

Lodging - \$1000 per person

Per Diem - \$378 per person

**6) Submitted By**

Requested By

Tahnee Szymanski

Title

State Veterinarian

Date

1/28/2026

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Department of Livestock

1) Division  
Animal Health

## 2) Employee(s) Traveling

Dr. Kelsey Martin

## 3) Justification

1 veterinarian to attend the USDA's foreign animal disease diagnostician (FADD) training. This is a critical training to enable deploying a veterinarian into the field to investigate a suspected foreign animal disease. Should the state of Montana experience an incursion of a foreign animal disease, it has been well recognized that foreign animal disease diagnosticians will be a limiting factor, and may impair a successful response. The course is expected to consist of 1 week online training followed by 1 week hands-on training in Kansas.

## 4) Itinerary

Date and location TBD. Agenda is not available at this time.

## 5) Cost Estimate

Approximate costs are expected to be \$2,500. Costs for attendee are expected to be covered by Federal Cooperative traceability fund with exception of per diem and salary.

## 6) Submitted By

Requested By

Tahnee Szymanski

Title

State Veterinarian

Date

1/28/2026

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# Board of Livestock Meeting

## Agenda Request Form

From: Jay Bodner	Division/Program: Brands Enforcement	Meeting Date: 1/28/26
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u> ARM Rule 32.18.105 &amp; Rule 32.18.106 Brand Ownership and Sale of Livestock</b>		
Background Info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The brands division proposed to clarify:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>All brand recordings with multiple owners where at least one owner is not a natural person are held in tenancy in common</li><li>All brand recordings listing an owner that is not a natural person (e.g., corporation, limited liability company, trust, etc.) must designate a natural person who may transfer livestock bearing the brand of the recorded owner(s) on behalf of the non-natural person owner</li></ol></li></ul>		
Recommendation: Approve the proposed changes to ARM rule 32.18.105 and 32.18.106		
Time needed: 15 Minutes	Attachments:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Board vote required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u> Brands Division Update</b>		
Background Info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ServiceNow Updates</li></ul>		
Recommendation:		
Time needed: 15 Minutes	Attachments:	No <input type="checkbox"/> Board vote required No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Board vote required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Board vote required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Department of Livestock**  
**Brands Division Proposed Rule Changes**

**1/28/2026**

**32.18.105 BRAND OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER**

- (1) Brand ownership is valid only if the owner's name is recorded in the department.
- (2) Multiple names may be recorded in the following manner only: "x and y", or "x or y".
  - (a) The designation "and/or" is not acceptable.
  - (b) A brand recorded in "x and y" designates tenants in common.
  - (c) A brand recorded in "x or y" designates joint tenancy ~~es~~ with right of survivorship.
  - (d) A non-natural person (e.g., corporation, limited liability company, trust, etc.) cannot own a brand in joint tenancy with right of survivorship. All brand recordings with multiple owners where at least one owner is not a natural person are held in tenancy in common.
- (3) A brand may be transferred only if the signatures of all recorded owners appear on the transfer whether or not "and" or "or" is between the names.
- (4) In order to own a Montana brand, a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, or any other business that is required to be registered with the office of the Montana Secretary of State must be registered with the Secretary of State.

**Authorizing statute(s):** 81-1-102, MCA

**Implementing statute(s):** 81-1-102, 81-3-102, 81-3-103, MCA

### **32.18.106 SALE OF BRANDED LIVESTOCK**

- (1) Except as provided in (3), ownership of livestock bearing a brand recorded in "x and y" may be transferred only if the transfer bears the signatures of all recorded owners or their designated assigns.
- (2) Except as provided in (3), ownership of livestock bearing a brand recorded in "x or y" may be transferred if the transfer bears the signature of one recorded owner or their designated assigns.
- (3) Recorded owner(s) of a brand may designate on the records of the department any person(s) who may transfer livestock bearing the brand of the recorded owner(s).
  - (a) Such designations are valid only if signed by all recorded owners of the brand at the time of the designation.
  - (b) All brand recordings listing an owner that is not a natural person (e.g., corporation, limited liability company, trust, etc.) must designate a natural person who may transfer livestock bearing the brand of the recorded owner(s) on behalf of the non-natural person owner.

**Authorizing statute(s):** 81-1-102, MCA

**Implementing statute(s):** 81-1-102, 81-3-105, MCA