Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Lindsey Simon	Division/Program: Legal	Meeting Date: 8/27/2026

Agenda Item: **In the Matter of the Application for Change of Ownership for Montana Livestock Auction**

Background Info:

A hearing officer retained by the Department has issued a Proposed Decision on a request for change of ownership of High County Livestock, Inc., d/b/a Montana Livestock Auction. Per Admin. R. Mont. 32.15.104(2) and 32.15.105(4), the proceeding must follow Montana Administrative Procedure Act contested case provisions. This means that the Board of Livestock must review the hearing officer's Proposed Decision for issuance of a final agency order.

Department Legal Counsel (Lindsey Simon) was not involved in the hearing proceeding and thus will present and advise on this matter to the Board.

The Board and Department Legal Counsel may need to enter executive session pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(4)(a).

Recommendation:

Per Mont. Code Ann. § 2-4-621(1), the parties to the Proposed Decision must be given an opportunity to submit exceptions to the Proposed Decision before the Board issues a final order. Department Legal Counsel will coordinate with the parties on this issue, so until that is resolved, no recommendation should be made.

Time needed: 30-60 mins	Attachments:	Yes ✓	No	Board vote required?	Yes ✓	No

Agenda Item: **In the Matter of the Application for Change of Ownership for Headwaters Livestock Auction**

Background Info:

A hearing officer retained by the Department has issued a Proposed Decision on a request to transfer the livestock market certificate currently held by Valley View, LLC d/b/a Headwaters Livestock Auction, to Wheatland Livestock, LLC. Per Mont. Code Ann. § 81-8-253 and Admin. R. Mont. 32.15.105(4), the proceeding must follow Montana Administrative Procedure Act contested case provisions. This means that the Board of Livestock must review the hearing officer's Proposed Decision for issuance of a final agency order.

Department Legal Counsel (Lindsey Simon) was not involved in the hearing proceeding and thus will present and advise on this matter to the Board.

The Board and Department Legal Counsel may need to enter executive session pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(4)(a).

Recommendation:

Per Mont. Code Ann. § 2-4-621(1), the parties to the Proposed Decision must be given an opportunity to submit exceptions to the Proposed Decision before the Board issues a final order. Department Legal Counsel will coordinate with the parties on this issue, so until that is resolved, no recommendation should be made.

Time needed: 30-60 mins	Attachments:	Yes ✓	No	Board vote required	Yes ✓	No

BEFORE THE BOARD OF LIVESTOCK
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

In the Matter of the Application for Change of Ownership for Montana Livestock Auction	PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDED ORDER

The Department of Livestock ("Department") has appointed the undersigned to serve as the Hearing Examiner in the matter of the application for change of ownership for Montana Livestock Auction in Ramsay, Montana. § 81-8-253, MCA. The application proposes to change the ownership of High Country Livestock, Inc., which operates the Montana Livestock Auction, from Sandra Nuffer ("Seller") to Barry and Dannielle McCoy ("Buyers").

A public hearing was noticed and held on August 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Montana Livestock Auction, 100 Cattle Drive, Ramsay, Montana. The Seller, represented by Lori Harshbarger, legal counsel; the Buyers; and members of the public attended the hearing.

EVIDENCE

Sworn testimony at the hearing was provided by the following:

1. Sandra Nuffer, the Seller;

2. Barry McCoy, a Buyer;

3. Dannielle McCoy, a Buyer; and

4. Jay Bodner, the Brands Division Administrator, Montana Department of Livestock;

The following documents, which comprise the application materials and any supplements to those materials, were admitted by the Hearing Examiner:

Document	**Date**
Rider for General Use with Surety Bond under the Packers and Stockyards Act (and original bond and power of attorney)	September 29, 2025
P&S Scale Reports	April 15, 2026

Buy Sell Agreement (including addendums)	May 2026
E-mail receipt for federal trademark/service mark application for MLA Montana Livestock Auction	July 11, 2026
Certificate of Registration of Mark from Montana Secretary of State for MLA Montana Livestock Auction	July 13, 2026
Notice of Intended Change in Operation	July 14, 2026
Notice of Pending Change of Ownership	July 15, 2026
Certification Letter from Montana Secretary of State for MLA Montana Livestock Auction	July 25, 2026
Business Entity Report from Montana Secretary of State for High Country Livestock, Inc.	July 29, 2026
Certificate of Fact from Montana Secretary of State for High Country Livestock, Inc.	July 29, 2026
Certificate of Fact from Montana Secretary of State for High Country Livestock, Inc.	July 29, 2026
Business plan, including proposed tariff schedule and auction terms	Undated
Seller financial statement	July 23, 2026
Buyer financial statements	Various

All original application materials and supplements were received and maintained by the Department.

An audio recording of the hearing was made by the Hearing Examiner and is part of the record.

PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Seller is the sole shareholder of High Country Livestock, Inc. *Notice of Intended Change in Operation* dated July 14, 2026, and testimony of Sandra Nuffer. Seller operates the Montana Livestock Auction in Ramsay, Montana, on real property owned by MLA, LLC, which also is solely owned by Seller. *Id.*

2. Buyers intend to purchase High Country Livestock, Inc., and the real property from MLA, LLC on which the Montana Livestock Auction operates. *Id*. and testimony of Barry McCoy and Dannielle McCoy.

3. Buyers have extensive experience in the livestock business, including ownership and operation of the Dillon Livestock Auction in Dillon, Montana. Testimony of Barry McCoy.

4. Seller and Buyers have entered into a Buy Sell Agreement that includes High Country Livestock, Inc., and the real property on which the Montana Livestock Auction operates. *Buy Sell Agreement* and *Notice of Intended Change in Operation* dated July 14, 2026.

5. Buyers intend to continue to operate the Montana Livestock Auction "at its existing location under the same corporate entity, utilizing substantially the same facilities." *Notice of Intended Change in Operation* dated July 14, 2026.

6. Sandra Nuffer, Barry McCoy, and Dannielle McCoy testified that the documents submitted as application materials and supplements were true and accurate copies of the information contained in the originals, and the application materials and supplements were admitted into the record.

7. Jay Bodner testified that the Department was satisfied that the Buyers and Seller had submitted all materials required for an application for a change of ownership and that the materials submitted satisfied the statutory requirements.

8. Witnesses for both Seller and Buyers testified in support of the change of ownership.

9. No witnesses testified in opposition to the change of ownership or raised any concerns about the parties or the application materials.

10. At the conclusion of the hearing, the public meeting was opened for public comment. One member of the public provided non-testimonial comments in support of the change of ownership.

11. No members of the public commented in opposition to the change of ownership or raised any concerns about the parties or the application materials.

PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The materials that must be submitted with an application for a change of ownership of the operator of a livestock market are set forth in § 81-8-251(2), MCA, as follows:

> The application for a certificate of public convenience must be in writing, verified by the applicant, and filed with the department. The application must specify the following:
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> > (a) (i) the names of the persons applying for a certificate together with their permanent addresses; or
> > (ii) if the applicant is a firm, association, partnership, or corporation, the names of its directors, officers, and members, if applicable;
> > (b) the place where the applicant proposes to operate as a livestock market;
> > (c) a complete description of the property and facilities proposed to be used for the livestock market;
> > (d) the commissions or charges the applicant proposes to impose on the consignors' livestock for services rendered by the applicant in the operation of the livestock market;
> > (e) a detailed statement of the facts on which the applicant relies to show public convenience and necessity for the livestock market, including the trade area to be served, the economic benefits to the livestock industry, and the services to be offered;
> > (f) if the applicant is a foreign corporation, its principal place of business outside the state, the state in which it is incorporated, and a showing that it is in compliance with the laws relating to foreign corporations doing business in this state;
> > (g) a detailed financial statement showing that current assets exceed current liabilities and that long-term assets exceed long-term liabilities; and
> > (h) any additional information the department may require.

2. The Hearing Examiner concludes that the materials that must be submitted with an application for a change of ownership were submitted. No contrary testimony or evidence was presented.

3. The requirements that must be met for a change of ownership of the operator of a livestock market are set forth in § 81-8-253, MCA, as follows:

> The department may approve the transfer of ownership of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to this part without a determination and showing of public convenience and necessity. Such approval may be granted only after a public hearing at which the transferee's qualifications to operate a livestock market have been thoroughly examined and found sufficient to properly operate a livestock market. A

> minimum of 10 days' notice by mail must be given to all persons to whom notice is sent pursuant to the provisions of 81-8-252 of a hearing to consider an initial application for a certificate.

4. The Hearing Examiner concludes that the requirements that must be met for a change of ownership of the operator of a livestock market were met. No contrary testimony or evidence was presented.

4. The Hearing Examiner concludes that Buyer's qualifications to operate a livestock market were examined and found sufficient. No contrary testimony or evidence was presented.

5. The requirement for a hearing on the change of ownership of the operator of a livestock market is set forth in ARM 32.15.104(2), as follows:

> Changes which result in ownership or control of the market passing to persons not already approved by the department of livestock to operate the market may be given approval only after public hearing before the department of livestock.

6. The Hearing Examiner concludes that the hearing requirement for a proposed change in ownership or control of the livestock market was met.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

Based upon the review of the evidence, the consideration of testimony at the hearing, and the applicable legal requirements, the Hearing Examiner recommends that the Board of Livestock APPROVE the application for a change of ownership of the operator of the livestock market from Seller to Buyer. The Hearing Examiner further recommends that the proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended order be ACCEPTED in full by the Board of Livestock.

Exceptions to these proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended order may be filed pursuant to § 2-4-621(1), MCA, and ARM 1.3.223(1).

DATED August 21, 2026.

By: /s/ Robert Stutz
Robert Stutz, Attorney at Law, Hearing Examiner

BEFORE THE BOARD OF LIVESTOCK
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

In the Matter of the Application for Transfer of the Market Certificate for Headwaters Livestock Auction	PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDED ORDER

The Department of Livestock ("Department") has appointed the undersigned to serve as the Hearing Examiner in the matter of the application for transfer of the livestock market certificate of public convenience and necessity ("market certificate") for Headwaters Livestock Auction in Three Forks, Montana. § 81-8-253, MCA. The application proposes to transfer the market certificate currently held by the estate of Narvel Blackstock and Valley View, LLC ("Seller") to Wheatland Livestock, LLC ("Buyer").

A public hearing was noticed and held on August 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Headwaters Livestock Auction, 25 Wheatland Road, Three Forks, Montana. The personal representative of Seller, the owners of Buyer, and members of the public attended the hearing.

EVIDENCE

Sworn testimony at the hearing was provided by the following:

1. Cassidy Jo Brunner, an owner of Buyer;

2. Daryn Cederberg, an owner of Buyer;

3. Jon Kamps, an owner of Buyer;

4. Leif Arthun, on behalf of Buyer;

5. Brittney Jones, the personal representative of Seller; and

6. Jay Bodner, the Brands Division Administrator, Montana Department of Livestock;

The following documents, which comprise the application materials and any supplements to those materials, were admitted by the Hearing Examiner:

Document	**Date**
Articles of Organization from Montana Secretary of State for Wheatland Livestock, LLC	June 4, 2026
Certification Letter from Montana Secretary of State for Wheatland Livestock, LLC	June 5, 2026
Certification Letter from Montana Secretary of State for HLA, LLC	June 29, 2026
Letter of intent – Proposed Asset Purchase	June 29, 2026
Master Purchase and Sale Agreement (including Exhibits A-H and Schedules 1-4, 9, and 11)	June 30, 2026
Petition to transfer market certificate	July 2, 2026
Letter of intent to sell	July 6, 2026
Weigher's Acknowledgement and Agreement for Weighing Livestock (with attached P&S Scale Report dated April 21, 2026)	July 6, 2026
Application for Registration under Packers and Stockyards Act (including surety bond and power of attorney)	July 7, 2026
Business plan, including proposed tariff schedule and auction terms	July 7, 2026
Custodial account agreement	July 31, 2026
Livestock Dealer License Application	August 7, 2026
Buyer financial statements	Various
Seller financial statements	Various

All original application materials and supplements were received and maintained by the Department.

An audio recording of the hearing was made by the Hearing Examiner and is part of the record.

PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Seller is the estate of Narvel Blackstock and Valley View LLC. *Master Purchase and Sale Agreement* dated June 30, 2026. The personal representative of Seller is Brittney Jones. *Id.*

and testimony of Brittney Jones. Seller operates the Headwaters Livestock Auction in Three Forks, Montana.

2. Buyer is Wheatland Livestock, LLC. *Master Purchase and Sale Agreement* dated June 30, 2026. Wheatland Livestock, LLC, is owned by Cassidy Jo Brunner, Daryn Cederberg, and Jon Kamps. *Id.* and testimony of Cassidy Jo Brunner, Daryn Cederberg, and Jon Kamps.

3. The owners of Buyer have extensive experience in the livestock business, including operations at a livestock market. Testimony of Cassidy Jo Brunner, Daryn Cederberg, Jon Kamps, and Leif Arthun.

4. Seller and Buyer have entered into a Master Purchase and Sale Agreement that includes the real property on which the Headwaters Livestock Auction operates. *Master Purchase and Sale Agreement* dated June 30, 2026. Buyer intends to operate the Headwaters Livestock Auction on the same real property where Seller currently operates. *Petition to transfer market certificate* dated July 2, 2026.

5. Brittney Jones, Cassidy Jo Brunner, Daryn Cederberg, and Jon Kamps testified that the documents submitted as application materials and supplements were true and accurate copies of the information contained in the originals, and the application materials and supplements were admitted into the record.

6. Jay Bodner testified that the Department was satisfied that the Buyer and Seller had submitted all materials required for an application for a transfer of a market certificate and that the materials submitted satisfied the statutory requirements.

7. Witnesses for both Seller and Buyer testified in support of the transfer. Leif Arthun, who is not a party to the transaction, testified about Buyer's experience and in support of the transfer.

8. No witnesses testified in opposition to the transfer or raised any concerns about the parties or the application materials.

9. At the conclusion of the hearing, the public meeting was opened for public comment. Several members of the public provided non-testimonial comments in support of the transfer.

10. No members of the public commented in opposition to the transfer or raised any concerns about the parties or the application materials.

PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The materials that must be submitted with an application for a market certificate transfer are set forth in § 81-8-251(2), MCA, as follows:

> The application for a certificate of public convenience must be in writing, verified by the applicant, and filed with the department. The application must specify the following:
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> > (a) (i) the names of the persons applying for a certificate together with their permanent addresses; or
> > (ii) if the applicant is a firm, association, partnership, or corporation, the names of its directors, officers, and members, if applicable;
> > (b) the place where the applicant proposes to operate as a livestock market;
> > (c) a complete description of the property and facilities proposed to be used for the livestock market;
> > (d) the commissions or charges the applicant proposes to impose on the consignors' livestock for services rendered by the applicant in the operation of the livestock market;
> > (e) a detailed statement of the facts on which the applicant relies to show public convenience and necessity for the livestock market, including the trade area to be served, the economic benefits to the livestock industry, and the services to be offered;
> > (f) if the applicant is a foreign corporation, its principal place of business outside the state, the state in which it is incorporated, and a showing that it is in compliance with the laws relating to foreign corporations doing business in this state;
> > (g) a detailed financial statement showing that current assets exceed current liabilities and that long-term assets exceed long-term liabilities; and
> > (h) any additional information the department may require.

2. The Hearing Examiner concludes that the materials that must be submitted with an application for a market certificate transfer were submitted. No contrary testimony or evidence was presented.

3. The requirements that must be met for a market certificate transfer are set forth in § 81-8-253, MCA, as follows:

> The department may approve the transfer of ownership of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to this part without a determination and showing of public convenience and necessity. Such approval may be granted only after a public hearing at which the transferee's qualifications to operate a livestock market have been thoroughly examined and found sufficient to properly operate a livestock market. A minimum of 10 days' notice by mail must be given to all persons to whom notice is sent pursuant to the provisions of 81-8-252 of a hearing to consider an initial application for a certificate.

4. The Hearing Examiner concludes that the requirements that must be met for a market certificate transfer were met. No contrary testimony or evidence was presented.

4. The Hearing Examiner concludes that Buyer's qualifications to operate a livestock market were examined and found sufficient. No contrary testimony or evidence was presented.

5. The requirement for a hearing on certain transfers of a livestock market certificate is set forth in ARM 32.15.104(2), as follows:

> Changes which result in ownership or control of the market passing to persons not already approved by the department of livestock to operate the market may be given approval only after public hearing before the department of livestock.

6. The Hearing Examiner concludes that the hearing requirement for a proposed change in ownership or control of the livestock market was met.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

Based upon the review of the evidence, the consideration of testimony at the hearing, and the applicable legal requirements, the Hearing Examiner recommends that the Board of Livestock APPROVE the application for the transfer of the market certificate from Seller to

Buyer. The Hearing Examiner further recommends that the proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended order be ACCEPTED in full by the Board of Livestock.

Exceptions to these proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended order may be filed pursuant to § 2-4-621(1), MCA, and ARM 1.3.223(1).

DATED August 21, 2026.

By: /s/ Robert Stutz
Robert Stutz, Attorney at Law, Hearing Examiner

Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From:	Division/Program:	Meeting Date:
Mike Spatz	**Executive Officer Updates to Board**	**8/27/2026**

Agenda Item: **Human Resources Updates**

Background Info:

- Staff Openings and Recruitment Updates
- General Updates
  --Mid-Year Check-In Process Completion
  --HR Training for Supervisors
  --Job Reclassification Request

Recommendation: n/a

Time needed: 30 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No

Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No

Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required?	Yes	No

Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required	Yes	No

DOL Board Meeting
August 27, 2026

Human Resource Update:

- **Staff Openings, Recruitment**
- **General Updates**
  - ❑ *Mid-Year Performance Check-ins- Final*
  - ❑ *HR Training- Supervisor Essentials*

Staff Openings and Recruitment

OVERVIEW- MAY 27, 2026- AUGUST 27, 2026

- **DOL had (8) new hires since the last board meeting.**
  - *(CSD – Public Relations Specialist and IT Specialist. Brands –Market inspector- Ramsay)*
  - *Animal Health- Compliance Technician, Part-Time Egg Grader Position, Vet. Supervisor/ Section Head & Molecular Lab. Technician.*
  - *Brands- Market Inspectors in Billings*
  - ***Internal Movement-** filled the Milk Lab Position / Brands filled the 3rd FTO Position*
- **DOL had (7) vacated positions:**

  (Animal Health- Microbiologist, Part Time Egg Grader, Sanitarian Supervisor, Meat Inspector/ Brands- Market Inspectors in Great Falls and Miles City, District Investigator in Dillon)

- **The Department has (1) future resignation notice at this time.**

  (Market Supervisor – Three Forks)

Staff Openings and Recruitment



DOL is actively recruiting for 9 positions:

- Livestock Investigator- District 14 (Cascade, N. Lewis and Clark and Teton Counties)
- Veterinary Diagnostic Pathologist- Section Head
- Multidisciplinary Lab Technician
- Livestock Market Inspector- Billings
- Meat Poultry Relief Inspector- Billings
- Shell Egg Grader- Part-Time
- Livestock Market Inspector- Part-Time- Glendive
- Livestock Investigator- District 9 (Beaverhead and West Madison County)
- Market Inspector- Western Livestock- Great Falls

STATE OF MONTANA CAREERS

Staffing/ Position Highlights

BRANDS DIVISION

- **Abigail Simpson:** Joined the Brands Team as a Market Inspector in Billings. Started with the Department on July 27th.
- **Savannah Walby:** Joined the Brands Team as a Market Inspector in Billings. Started with the Department on August 3rd.
- **Ty Hultman:** Promoted to District Lead Investigator/ FTO Position on June 17th.

CSD

- **Riley Meredith:** Joined the Helena CSD Team as the Public Relations Officer. Start date was June 8th.
- **Justin Meadows:** Joined the CSD IT Team as a Systems Support Specialist.Start date was June 29th.



Staffing/ Position Highlights

ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION

- **Destanee Benjamin:** Joined the A.H. Compliance Team as a Compliance Technician here in Helena. Started with the Dept. on July 13th.
- **Hayley Masterson:** Joined the MVDL (Bozeman Lab) as the Veterinarian Microbiologist- Section Head. Start date was July 27th.
- **William Christian:** Jois the MVDL as a Molecular Diagnostics Lab. Technician. Williams Start date was August 24th.
- **Reegan Stark:** Internal promotion to the Milk Lab, as a Lab Tech. Official start date in the new role was August 24th.



General Updates…

- Mid-Year Check in Process- Closed the end of July. Department had 97%-98% participation.
- Supervisors in the Animal Health and Brands Divisions have participated and engaged in an 'Essentials for Supervisors' training with HR.
  - Gov. Awards- 3 Nominations, Ceremony is September 21st.
  - EEO, Nondiscrimination, and Harassment Prevention Policy Training is Due by December 31st for all Executive Branch Employees.

…Questions?

THANK YOU!!



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From:	Division/Program:	Meeting Date:
Brian Simonson	**Centralized Services**	**8/27/2026**

Agenda Item: **Predator Control Aerial Hunting Allocations**

Background Info: Report the Counties' and Wildlife Service's allocations per 81-7-102 MCA.
The three counties (Carter, Powder River and Richland) have elected not to utilize Wildlife Services to perform predator control, therefore a portion of the predator control fund is paid directly to these three counties.

Recommendation: n/a

Time needed: 10 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required:	Yes X	No

Agenda Item: **June 30, 2026 State Special Revenue Report**

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

Agenda Item: **June 30, 2026 EOY Budget Comparison Report**

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: 10 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required	Yes	No X

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
PREDATOR CONTROL
PAYMENT ALLOCATION
FY 2027

DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
PREDATOR CONTROL - THREE COUNTY ALLOCATION
FY 2027

Counties not covered by Wild Life Services

	PCF Billed	
Carter	$ 174,992	
Powder River	178,748	
Richland	91,935	
Total PCF billed to three counties		$ 445,675
Total Per Capita Fee billed		$ 5,077,283
Percentage of PCF paid by the three counties		8.78%
Amount Available for Allocation		$ 575,000
Percentage of PCF paid by the three counties		8.78%
Amount Allocated to the three counties		$ 50,485
Budgeted Amount		$ 575,000
Less: Helicopter Insurance		(11,926)
Less: Amount Allocated to the three counties		(50,485)
Amount Available for Wildlife Services		$ 512,589

Counties not covered by Wild Life Services

	PCF Billed		County Allocation
Carter	$ 174,992	39.26%	$ 19,820
Powder River	178,748	40.11%	20,250
Richland	91,935	20.63%	10,415
	$ 445,675	100.00%	$ 50,485

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
STATE SPECIAL REVENUE REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

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

	A	B	C	D	E
	Fund Description	FY 2025 as of June 30, 2025	FY 2026 as of June 30, 2026	Difference June 30, FY25 & FY26	Budgeted Revenue FY 2026
1	**02425 Brands**				
2	New Brands & Transfers	$ 157,248	$ 199,813	$ 42,565	$ 198,000
3	Re-Recorded Brands	789,434	789,636	202	790,000
4	Security Interest Filing Fee	36,231	41,028	4,797	42,300
5	Livestock Dealers License	95,850	99,500	3,650	105,000
6	Field Inspections	202,089	202,781	692	285,000
7	Market Inspection Fees	1,507,155	1,538,074	30,919	1,524,800
8	Investment Earnings	444,194	346,966	(97,228)	454,800
9	Other Revenues	108,292	73,812	(34,480)	145,600
10	**Total Brands Division Revenue**	**$ 3,463,868**	**$ 3,387,995**	**$ (75,873)**	**$ 3,545,500**
11					
12	**02426 Per Capita Fee (PCF)**				
13	Per Capita Fee	$ 4,967,682	$ 5,091,121	$ 123,439	$ 5,680,000
14	Indirect Cost Recovery	409,182	543,596	134,414	455,000
15	Investment Earnings	627,318	535,695	(91,623)	500,000
16	Other Revenues	52,611	10,493	(42,118)	11,659
17	**Total Per Capita Fee Revenue**	**$ 6,056,793**	**$ 6,180,905**	**$ 124,112**	**$ 6,646,659**
18					
19	**02701 Milk Inspection**				
20	Inspectors Assessment	$ 266,653	$ 255,768	$ (10,885)	$ 273,400
21	Investment Earnings	2,263	921	(1,342)	500
22	**Total Milk Inspection**	**$ 268,916**	**$ 256,689**	**$ (12,227)**	**$ 273,900**
23					
24	**02262 EGG GRADING**				
25	Inspectors Assessment	$ 252,780	$ 291,645	$ 38,865	$ 286,240
26	**Total EGG GRADING**	**$ 252,780**	**$ 291,645**	**$ 38,865**	**$ 286,240**
27					
28	**06026 Diagnostic Lab Fees**				
29	Lab Fees	$ 1,541,402	$ 1,502,904	$ (38,498)	$ 1,716,002
30	Investment Earnings	11,005	20,468	$ 9,463	10,000
30	Other Revenues	3,914	2,498	(1,416)	4,000
31	**Total Diagnostic Lab Fees**	**$ 1,556,321**	**$ 1,525,870**	**$ (30,451)**	**$ 1,730,002**
32					
33	**Combined State Special Revenue Total**	**$ 11,598,678**	**$ 11,643,104**	**$ 44,426**	**$ 12,482,301**
34					
35	**Voluntary Wolf Donation Fund - per 81-7-123 MCA**				
36	* Donations	$ 100,912	$ 147,287	$ 46,375	$ 135,000
37	The monthly rate of return on STIP investments was 3.92% and 4.36% for June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025, respectively. As of June 30, the fiscal year-to-date avereage rate of return for fiscal year 2026 and 2025 was 4.12% and 4.71%, respectively. The Department's STIP balance in all funds as of June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025 was $21,223,407 and $23,241,933, respectively or $2,018,526 less than last year. This includes the Proprietary STIP balance of $201,473.				
38	* Donations to the Volunteer Wolf Donation fund for the current fiscal year as of June 30, 2026 is $147,287 or $46,375 more than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026, the total amount of donations received from the inception of the voluntary wolf donation program is $765,898. 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 COMPARISON REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

DIVISION: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
PROGRAM: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

	BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
	BUDGETED FTE	144.37				
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	$ 8,415,686	$ 7,913,401	$ 7,751,314	$ 162,087	$ 502,285
2	61200 OVERTIME	580,636	486,257	508,918	(22,661)	94,379
3	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	11,200	7,300	8,900	(1,600)	3,900
4	61400 BENEFITS	3,361,691	3,170,916	3,119,919	50,997	190,775
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	12,369,213	11,577,874	11,389,051	188,823	791,339
6	62000 OPERATIONS					
7	62100 CONTRACT	2,021,301	1,747,145	1,728,832	18,313	274,156
8	62200 SUPPLY	1,418,522	1,557,631	1,183,305	374,326	(139,109)
9	62300 COMMUNICATION	331,986	244,603	261,111	(16,508)	87,383
10	62400 TRAVEL	240,206	189,241	196,728	(7,487)	50,965
11	62500 RENT	1,010,872	800,671	721,704	78,967	210,201
12	62600 UTILITIES	68,892	50,732	41,191	9,541	18,160
13	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	361,516	368,385	363,504	4,881	(6,869)
14	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	676,519	685,795	517,916	167,879	(9,276)
15	TOTAL OPERATIONS	6,129,814	5,644,203	5,014,291	629,912	485,611
16	63000 EQUIPMENT					
17	63100 EQUIPMENT	199,691	226,222	52,612	173,610	(26,531)
18	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	199,691	226,222	52,612	173,610	(26,531)
20	67000 CLAIMS					
21	67200 DEPREDATION REMIDIATION	211,000	212,621	150,000	62,621	(1,621)
22	TOTAL CLAIMS	211,000	212,621	150,000	62,621	(1,621)
23	68000 TRANSFERS					
24	68000 TRANSFERS	430,988	415,227	374,340	40,887	15,761
25	TOTAL TRANSFERS	430,988	415,227	374,340	40,887	15,761
26	TOTAL	$ 19,340,706	$ 18,076,147	$ 16,980,294	$ 1,095,853	$ 1,264,559
27	**BUDGETED FUNDS**					
28	01100 GENDERAL FUND	$ 4,886,892	$ 4,197,013	$ 3,694,806	$ 502,207	$ 689,879
29	02262 SHIELDED EGG GRADING FEES	388,007	296,430	287,944	8,486	91,577
30	02425 BRAND INSPECTION FEES	3,651,697	3,687,658	3,651,007	36,651	(35,961)
31	02426 PER CAPITA FEE	5,906,786	5,777,634	5,214,884	562,750	129,152
32	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH	31,795	1,977	-	1,977	29,818
33	02701 MILK INSPECTION FEES	271,496	245,591	280,015	(34,424)	25,905
34	02817 MILK CONTROL	245,839	209,139	211,207	(2,068)	36,700
35	03209 MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION-FED	1,516,887	1,447,044	1,336,429	110,615	69,843
36	03032 SHELL EGG FEDERAL INSPECTION	18,219	27,959	15,224	12,735	(9,740)
37	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY24	-	-	884,480	(884,480)	-
38	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY25	568,437	562,351	-	562,351	6,086
39	03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY26	222,165	12,990	-	12,990	209,175
40	03673 FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE	21,729	-	-	-	21,729
41	06026 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FEES	1,610,757	1,610,361	1,404,298	206,063	396
42	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	$ 19,340,706	$ 18,076,147	$ 16,980,294	$ 1,095,853	$ 1,264,559

The Department of Livestock is budgeted for $19,340,706 and 144.37 FTE in FY 2026. Personal services budget is 94% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 2026 was $188,823 higher than June 2025. Operations are 92% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 2026 were $629,912 higher than June 2025. Overall, Department of Livestock total expenditures were $1,095,853 higher than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026, 93% of the department's budget has been expended.

The Department had employee termination payouts of $146,868 and $428,502 for the period ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025, respectively.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

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

	BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
	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	$ 76,427	$ 13,254	$ 63,173	$ 7,802
2	61400 BENEFITS	33,389	27,973	11,053	16,920	5,416
3	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	117,618	104,400	24,307	80,093	13,218
4	62000 OPERATIONS					
5	62100 CONTRACT	1,152,071	983,672	977,263	6,409	168,399
6	62200 SUPPLY	80,558	143,675	54,457	89,218	(63,117)
7	62300 COMMUNICATION	-	19,531	6,477	13,054	(19,531)
8	62400 TRAVEL	52,018	25,221	6,582	18,639	26,797
9	62500 RENT	5,078	4,469	5,415	(946)	609
10	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	35,250	51,436	115,253	(63,817)	(16,186)
11	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	26,017	31,545	5,390	26,155	(5,528)
12	TOTAL OPERATIONS	1,350,992	1,259,549	1,170,837	88,712	91,443
13	63000 EQUIPMENT					
14	63100 EQUIPMENT	1,115,676	222,769	29,751	193,018	892,907
15	63400 INTANGIBLE ASSETS	395,152	217,369	-	217,369	177,783
16	64100 CAPITAL OUTLAY	548,748	863,048	-	863,048	(314,300)
17	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	2,059,576	1,303,186	29,751	1,273,435	756,390
18	66000 GRANTS					
19	66100 FROM STATE SOURCES	397,000	396,411	126,730	269,681	589
20	TOTAL GRANTS	397,000	396,411	126,730	269,681	589
21	67000 CLAIMS					
22	67200 DEPREDATION REMIDIATION	300,000	118,911	125,695	(6,784)	181,089
23	67200 INDEMNITY PAYMENTS	10,000	7,836	-	7,836	2,164
24	TOTAL CLAIMS	310,000	126,747	125,695	1,052	183,253
25	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 4,235,186	$ 3,190,293	$ 1,477,320	$ 1,712,973	$ 1,044,893
26	**STATUTORY APPROPRIATED (SA) :: BUDGET AMENDED (BA) FUNDS :: HOUSEBILL 10 (HB10)**					
27	01100 GENERAL FUND (OTO)	$ 200,400	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200,400
28	02117 PREDATOR ANIMAL CONTROL (SA)	675,000	675,000	575,000	100,000	-
29	02124 LIVESTOCK LOSS REMEDIATION (SA)	300,000	118,911	125,695	(6,784)	181,089
30	02125 LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION (SA)	505,500	491,514	242,563	248,951	13,986
31	02136 WOLF MITIGATION DONATIONS (SA)	133,600	133,469	125,915	7,554	131
32	02426 PER CAPITA FEE (HB10)	395,152	217,369	-	217,369	177,783
33	02426 PER CAPITA FEE (OTO)	863,048	863,048	-	863,048	-
34	02980 INDEMNITY FUND (SA)	10,000	7,836	-	7,836	2,164
35	03032 HPAI PPE	10,237	7,646	7,737	(91)	2,591
36	03032 MILK TRAINING	18,534	14,635	-	14,635	3,899
37	03427 SWINE SHIP (BA)	12,960	12,960	-	12,960	-
38	03427 FAD OUTBREAK (BA)	78,178	39,813	-	39,813	38,365
39	03427 HPAI EMERGENCY PREPERADNESS	2,392	1,378	800	578	1,014
41	03673 NAHLN (LIMS IMPROVEMENT)	38,700	-	-	-	38,700
42	03673 NAHLN ARP AWARD (BA)	442,371	190,769	-	190,769	251,602
43	03673 NAHLN ARP (BA)	278,950	327,419	184,506	142,913	(48,469)
44	03710 ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY 3/31/25 (BA)	170,950	-	132,250	(132,250)	170,950
45	03710 ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY 3/31/26 (BA)	99,214	88,526	82,854	5,672	10,688
46	TOTAL SA, BA AND HB10 FUNDING	$ 4,235,186	$ 3,190,293	$ 1,477,320	$ 1,712,973	$ 1,044,893

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT NOTES
JUNE 30, 2026

DIVISION: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
PROGRAM: STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS / BUDGET AMENMENTS / HOUSEBILL 10 / ONE TIME ONLY

NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY EXPENSES COMPARISON REPORT FOR STATUATORY 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 diagonstic 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 $615,120. 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. From the total amount budgeted for depredation claims of $511,000 in House Bill 02 and Statuatory Appropriations, LLB has expended $331,532 or 65% of the total depredation claims budgets, account 67200. In FY 2025, LLB paid $275,695 for depredation claims as of June 30, 2025 or $55,837 less than the current year.
The Livestock Loss Board is statutorily budgeted with $505,500 for livestock depredation reductions grants. As of June 30, 2026 the Board has spend $396,411 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, respectivley. 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 peformed on the software development. As of June 30, 2026, the department has requested an additional $395,152 in HB10 budget authority in FY 2025 and has spent $217,369 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 diagonstic equipment and capital outlay to complete the new diagnostic laboratory in the amount of $863,048 to be paid with per capita fee. The department has spent $863,048 of the OTO funding on laboratory equipment.
81-2-203 MCA created a stuatory 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 June 30, 2026. 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 Infuenza 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 $12,960 of the award as of June 30, 2026. 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 $50,202 of the award as of June 30, 2026. 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 $3,106 of the award as of June 30, 2026.
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 June 30, 2026, 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
JUNE 30, 2026

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

	BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
	BUDGETED FTE	14.00				
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	$ 1,000,599	$ 1,048,637	$ 1,033,148	$ 15,489	$ (48,038)
2	61104 OVERTIME	26,073	26,997	23,954	3,043	(924)
3	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	8,200	5,200	7,000	(1,800)	3,000
4	61400 BENEFITS	381,919	365,528	361,140	4,388	16,391
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	1,416,791	1,446,362	1,425,242	21,120	(29,571)
6	62000 OPERATIONS					
7	62100 CONTRACT	114,250	183,457	114,091	69,366	(69,207)
8	62200 SUPPLY	143,889	99,653	76,870	22,783	44,236
9	62300 COMMUNICATION	60,556	32,568	36,143	(3,575)	27,988
10	62400 TRAVEL	33,210	15,586	20,064	(4,478)	17,624
11	62500 RENT	301,609	168,462	163,569	4,893	133,147
12	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	1,704	-	1,806	(1,806)	1,704
13	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	35,961	26,960	26,516	444	9,001
14	TOTAL OPERATIONS	691,179	526,686	439,059	87,627	164,493
15	68000 TRANSFERS					
16	68000 TRANSFERS	169,488	174,061	168,175	5,886	(4,573)
17	TOTAL TRANSFERS	169,488	174,061	168,175	5,886	(4,573)
18	**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**	$ 2,277,458	$ 2,147,109	$ 2,032,476	$ 114,633	$ 130,349
19	**BUDGETED FUNDS**					
20	02426 PER CAPITA	$ 2,277,458	$ 2,147,109	$ 2,032,476	$ 114,633	$ 130,349
21	**TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS**	$ 2,277,458	$ 2,147,109	$ 2,032,476	$ 114,633	$ 130,349
22	**STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS (SA) AND HOUSEBILL 10 (HB10)**					
23	62000 OPERATIONS					
24	62100 CONTRACT	$ 808,600	$ 808,469	$ 700,915	$ 107,554	$ 131
25	TOTAL OPERATIONS	808,600	808,469	700,915	107,554	131
26	63000 CAPITAL ASSETS					
27	63400 INTANGIBLE ASSETS	395,152	217,369	-	217,369	177,783
28	TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	395,152	217,369	-	217,369	177,783
29	**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**	$ 1,203,752	$ 1,025,838	$ 700,915	$ 324,923	$ 177,914
30	**SA FUNDS AND HB10 FUNDS**					
31	02117 PREDATOR ANIMAL CONTOL (SA)	$ 675,000	$ 675,000	$ 575,000	$ 100,000	$ -
32	02136 WOLF MITIGATION DONATIONS (SA)	133,600	133,469	125,915	7,554	131
33	02426 PER CAPITA (HB10)	395,152	217,369	-	217,369	177,783
34	**TOTAL SA AND HB10 FUNDING**	$ 1,203,752	$ 1,025,838	$ 700,915	$ 324,923	$ 177,914

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 102% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. The personal services expended through June 2026 was $21,120 higher than June 2025. Operating expenses are 76% expended as of June 2026 and were $87,627 higher than June 2025. Overall, CSD total expenditures were $114,633 higher than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026, CSD has expended 94% 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 $615,120. 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, respectivley. The Department has an MOU with Wildlife Services for the monitoring and removal of wolves.

Centralized Services had employee termination payouts and other employee payouts of $1,207 for the period ending June 30, 2026.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

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

	BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
	BUDGETED FTE	1.00				
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	$ 38,664	$ 27,806	$ 65,442	$ (37,636)	$ 10,858
2	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	1,500	1,200	600	600	300
3	61400 BENEFITS	12,411	13,796	16,860	(3,064)	(1,385)
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	52,575	42,802	82,902	(40,100)	9,773
5	62000 OPERATIONS					
6	62100 CONTRACT	18,164	1,745	1,320	425	16,419
7	62200 SUPPLY	4,851	1,716	935	781	3,135
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	7,343	3,005	2,001	1,004	4,338
9	62400 TRAVEL	3,308	2,077	354	1,723	1,231
10	62500 RENT	3,621	3,654	3,418	236	(33)
11	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	408	-	157	(157)	408
12	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	5,107	1,413	981	432	3,694
13	TOTAL OPERATIONS	42,802	13,610	9,166	4,444	29,192
14	67000 BENEFITS AND CLAIMS					
15	67200 DEPREDATION REMIDIATION	211,000	212,621	150,000	62,621	(1,621)
16	TOTAL CLAIMS	211,000	212,621	150,000	62,621	(1,621)
17	**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**	$ 306,377	$ 269,033	$ 242,068	$ 26,965	$ 37,344
18						
19	**BUDGETED FUNDS**					
20	01100 GENERAL FUND	$ 306,377	$ 269,033	$ 242,068	$ 26,965	$ 37,344
21	**TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS**	$ 306,377	$ 269,033	$ 242,068	$ 26,965	$ 37,344
22	**STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS (SA) AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BA)**					
23	62200 OPERATIONS					
24	62100 CONTRACT	$ 108,500	$ 95,103	$ 115,833	$ (20,730)	$ 13,397
25	TOTAL OPERATIONS	108,500	95,103	115,833	(20,730)	13,397
26	66000 GRANTS					
27	66100 DEPREDATION REDUCTION GRANTS	397,000	396,411	126,730	269,681	589
28	TOTAL GRANTS	397,000	396,411	126,730	269,681	589
29	67000 BENEFITS AND CLAIMS					
30	67200 DEPREDATION REMEDIATION	300,000	118,911	125,695	(6,784)	181,089
31	TOTAL STATE SOURCES	300,000	118,911	125,695	(6,784)	181,089
32	**TOTAL EXPEDITURES**	$ 805,500	$ 610,425	$ 368,258	$ 242,167	$ 195,075
33	**SA FUNDS**					
34	02124 LIVESTOCK LOSS REMEDIATION (SA)	$ 300,000	$ 118,911	$ 125,695	$ (6,784)	$ 181,089
35	02125 LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION (SA)	505,500	491,514	242,563	248,951	13,986
36	**TOTAL SA FUNDS**	$ 805,500	$ 610,425	$ 368,258	$ 242,167	$ 195,075

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 81% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 2026 was $40,100 lower than June 2025. Operations are 32% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 2026 were $4,444 higher than June 2025. In FY 2023, the Board did not have HB02 budget authority for depredation claims. As of June 30, 2026, the board has spent 101% of its HB02 depredation claims budget. LLB began paying livestock depredation claims from the statutory appropriations budget in April 2024. Overall, Livestock Loss Board total expenditures were $26,965 higher than the same period last year, of which $212,621 was from newly appriated HB02 funding for depredation claims. As of June 30, 2026, LLB has expended 88% of the its budget.

The Livestock Loss Board is statutorily budgeted with $300,000 for livestock depredation loss remediation. From the total amount budgeted for depredation claims of $511,000 in House Bill 02 and Statuatory Appropriations, LLB has expended $331,532 or 65% of the total depredation claims budgets, account 67200. In FY 2025, LLB paid $275,695 for depredation claims as of June 30, 2025 or $55,837 less than the current year.

The Livestock Loss Board is statutorily budgeted with $505,500 for livestock depredation reductions grants. As of June 30, 2026 the Board has spend $396,411 on livestock depredations reductions grants in FY 2026.

The Livestock Loss Board had employee termination payouts of $26,585 for the period ending June 30, 2025.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

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

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
BUDGETED FTE	2.00				

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	$ 132,711	$ 135,979	$ 136,741	$ (762)	$ (3,268)
2	61104 OVERTIME	3,274	2,911	5,445	(2,534)	363
3	61300 OTHER/PER DIEM	1,500	900	1,300	(400)	600
4	61400 BENEFITS	48,203	49,906	50,727	(821)	(1,703)
5	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	185,688	189,696	194,213	(4,517)	(4,008)
6						
7	62000 OPERATIONS					
8	62100 CONTRACT	30,805	3,245	2,726	519	27,560
9	62200 SUPPLY	7,767	3,781	2,242	1,539	3,986
10	62300 COMMUNICATION	5,908	3,317	2,837	480	2,591
11	62400 TRAVEL	674	-	269	(269)	674
12	62500 RENT	9,317	7,430	7,396	34	1,887
13	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	200	-	-	-	200
14	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	5,480	1,670	1,524	146	3,810
15	TOTAL OPERATIONS	60,151	19,443	16,994	2,449	40,708
16	**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**	$ 245,839	$ 209,139	$ 211,207	$ (2,068)	$ 36,700
17	**BUDGETED FUNDS**					
18	02817 MILK CONTROL	$ 245,839	$ 209,139	$ 211,207	$ (2,068)	$ 36,700
19	**TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS**	$ 245,839	$ 209,139	$ 211,207	$ (2,068)	$ 36,700

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 102% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 2026 were $4,517 lower than June 2025. Operations are 32% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 2026 were $2,449 higher than June 2025. Overall, Milk Control Bureau total expenditures were $2,068 lower than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026, the Milk Control Bureau has expended 85% of its budget.

The Milk Control Bureau had employee termination payouts and other employee payouts of $1,275 as of June 30 for fiscal year 2026.

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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 June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
BUDGETED FTE	9.50				
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	$ 548,970	$ 566,254	$ 516,335	$ 49,919	$ (17,284)
2	61104 OVERTIME	31,219	26,917	22,007	4,910	4,302
3	61400 BENEFITS	220,974	206,167	192,135	14,032	14,807
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	801,163	799,338	730,477	68,861	1,825
5	62000 OPERATIONS					
6	62100 CONTRACT	52,754	57,236	53,107	4,129	(4,482)
7	62200 SUPPLY	35,478	31,125	180,467	(149,342)	4,353
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	48,777	23,651	48,884	(25,233)	25,126
9	62400 TRAVEL	17,457	14,250	7,111	7,139	3,207
10	62500 RENT	20,531	41,298	17,660	23,638	(20,767)
11	62600 UTILITIES	110	-	-	-	110
12	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	4,062	1,181	2,367	(1,186)	2,881
13	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	26,791	14,815	13,347	1,468	11,976
14	TOTAL OPERATIONS	205,960	183,556	322,943	(139,387)	22,404
15	TOTAL	$ 1,007,123	$ 982,894	$ 1,053,420	$ (70,526)	$ 24,229
16	**FUND**					
17	02426 PER CAPITA FEE	$ 999,468	$ 980,917	$ 1,053,420	$ (72,503)	$ 18,551
18	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH FEES	7,655	1,977	-	1,977	5,678
19	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	$ 1,007,123	$ 982,894	$ 1,053,420	$ (70,526)	$ 24,229
20	**STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS (SA)**					
21	67000 BENEFITS AND CLAIMS					
22	67200 INDEMNITY PAYMENTS	$ 10,000	$ 7,836	$ -	7,836	2,164
23	TOTAL STATE PAYMENTS	10,000	7,836	-	7,836	2,164
24	**TOTAL EXPEDITURES**	$ 10,000	$ 7,836	$ -	$ 7,836	$ 2,164
25	**SA FUNDS**					
26	02980 INDEMNITY FUND (SA)	$ 10,000	$ 7,836	$ -	7,836	2,164
27	**TOTAL SA FUNDS**	$ 10,000	$ 7,836	$ -	$ 7,836	$ 2,164

The State Veteriniarn Office includes Import and Alternative Livestock. In FY 2026, the State Veterinarian Import Office is budgeted with $999,468 of per capita fees and $7,655 of animal health fees. The personal services budget is 100% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 2026 was $68,861 higher than June 2025. Operations are 89% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 30, 2026 were $139,387 lower than June 29, 2025. Animal Health has spent $70,526 less than the same period in FY 2025. As of June 30, 2026 the Animal Health Import Office has expended 98% 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 stuatory 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 June 30, 2026. The cash is invested in STIP has earned $161 in interest since the fund was created.

The Animal Health program had employee termination payouts and other employee payouts of $6,087 for the period ending June 30, 2025.

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JUNE 30, 2026

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 June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
BUDGETED FTE		4.50			
A	B	C	D	E	F
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
61100 SALARIES	$ 361,624	$ 321,796	$ 311,613	$ 10,183	$ 39,828
61104 OVERTIME	5,748	5,231	4,139	1,092	517
61400 BENEFITS	156,328	109,620	119,755	(10,135)	46,708
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	523,700	436,647	435,507	1,140	87,053
62000 OPERATIONS					
62100 CONTRACT	1,123,308	932,177	1,052,674	(120,497)	191,131
62200 SUPPLY	23,590	127,205	11,889	115,316	(103,615)
62300 COMMUNICATION	8,809	6,762	6,556	206	2,047
62400 TRAVEL	15,496	16,260	12,161	4,099	(764)
62500 RENT	35,590	4,369	34,569	(30,200)	31,221
62700 REPAIR & MAINT	8,270	12,146	7,472	4,674	(3,876)
62800 OTHER EXPENSES	52,309	50,378	51,245	(867)	1,931
TOTAL OPERATIONS	1,267,372	1,149,297	1,176,566	(27,269)	118,075
68000 TRANSFERS					
68100 TRANSFERS	261,500	241,166	206,165	35,001	20,334
TOTAL TRANSFERS	261,500	241,166	206,165	35,001	20,334
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 2,052,572	$ 1,827,110	$ 1,818,238	$ 8,872	$ 225,462
BUDGETED FUNDS					
01100 GENERAL FUND	$ 1,147,906	$ 1,138,502	$ 933,758	$ 204,744	$ 9,404
02426 PER CAPITA FEE	114,064	113,267	-	113,267	797
03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY24	-	-	884,480	(884,480)	-
03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY25	568,437	562,351	-	562,351	6,086
03427 FEDERAL UMBRELLA FFY26	222,165	12,990	-	12,990	209,175
TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS	$ 2,052,572	$ 1,827,110	$ 1,818,238	$ 8,872	$ 225,462
BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BA)					
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
61100 SALARIES	$ 10,720	$ 2,264	$ 13,254	$ (10,990)	$ 8,456
61400 BENEFITS	5,456	689	11,053	(10,364)	4,767
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	16,176	2,953	24,307	(21,354)	13,223
62000 OPERATIONS					
62100 CONTRACT	93,963	45,700	40,631	5,069	48,263
62200 SUPPLY	45,722	64,092	2,002	62,090	(18,370)
62300 COMMUNICATION	-	19,531	6,477	13,054	(19,531)
62400 TRAVEL	27,762	5,067	1,192	3,875	22,695
62700 REPAIR & MAINT	-	-	4,500	(4,500)	-
62800 OTHER EXPENSES	9,121	5,334	4,545	789	3,787
TOTAL OPERATIONS	176,568	139,724	59,347	80,377	36,844
TOTAL BA EXPENDITURES	$ 192,744	$ 142,677	$ 83,654	$ 59,023	$ 50,067
BA FUNDS					
03427 SWINE SHIP (BA)	12,960	$ 12,960	$ -	$ 12,960	$ -
03427 FAD OUTBREAK (BA)	78,178	39,813	-	39,813	38,365
03427 HPAI EMERGENCY PREPERADNESS (BA)	2,392	1,378	800	578	1,014
03710 ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY 3/31/26 (BA)	99,214	88,526	82,854	5,672	10,688
TOTAL BA FUNDS	$ 192,744	$ 142,677	$ 83,654	$ 59,023	$ 50,067

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 $568,437 and 2.50 FTE in SFY 2026 and is funded with Federal Funds. Of the $568,437 Federal Umbrella budgeted, only $ 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 83% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 2026 was $1,140 higher than June 2025. Operations are 91% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 2026 were $27,269 lower than June 2025. Overall, total expenditures were $8,872 higher than the same period last year with 89% 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 $12,960 of the award as of June 30, 2026. 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 $50,202 of the award as of June 30, 2026. 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 $3,106 of the award as of June 30, 2026.

The Diagnostic Lab program had employee termination payouts and other employee payouts of $46 for the period ending June 30, 2026.

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

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
BUDGETED FTE	22.01				
A	B	C	D	E	F
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
61100 SALARIES	$ 1,424,446	$ 1,258,064	$ 1,357,656	$ (99,592)	$ 166,382
61104 OVERTIME	66,660	45,152	67,184	(22,032)	21,508
61400 BENEFITS	485,039	468,099	517,246	(49,147)	16,940
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	1,976,145	1,771,315	1,942,086	(170,771)	204,830
62000 OPERATIONS					
62100 CONTRACT	281,859	278,988	193,955	85,033	2,871
62200 SUPPLY	996,117	994,922	770,489	224,433	1,195
62300 COMMUNICATION	37,737	35,160	29,185	5,975	2,577
62400 TRAVEL	12,184	4,491	10,796	(6,305)	7,693
62500 RENT	120,285	105,891	109,316	(3,425)	14,394
62600 UTILITIES	54,141	35,732	34,691	1,041	18,409
62700 REPAIR & MAINT	232,185	229,642	105,885	123,757	2,543
62800 OTHER EXPENSES	124,024	123,177	65,448	57,729	847
TOTAL OPERATIONS	1,858,532	1,808,003	1,319,765	488,238	50,529
63000 EQUIPMENT					
63100 EQUIPMENT	199,691	226,222	-	226,222	(26,531)
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	199,691	226,222	-	226,222	(26,531)
TOTAL	$ 4,034,368	$ 3,805,540	$ 3,261,851	$ 543,689	$ 228,828
BUDGETED FUNDS					
01100 GENERAL FUND	$ 1,426,814	$ 1,220,129	$ 1,146,871	$ 73,258	$ 206,685
02426 PER CAPITA FEE	975,068	975,050	710,682	264,368	18
03673 FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE	21,729	-	-	-	21,729
06026 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FEES	1,610,757	1,610,361	1,404,298	206,063	396
TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	$ 4,034,368	$ 3,805,540	$ 3,261,851	$ 543,689	$ 228,828
BUDGET AMENDED (BA) & ONE-TIME-ONLY (OTO) EXPENDITURES					
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
61100 SALARIES	$ 73,509	$ 74,163	$ -	$ 74,163	$ (654)
61400 BENEFITS	27,933	27,284	-	27,284	649
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	101,442	101,447	-	101,447	(5)
62000 OPERATIONS					
62100 CONTRACT	141,008	34,400	119,884	(85,484)	106,608
62200 SUPPLY	24,937	73,721	44,718	29,003	(48,784)
62400 TRAVEL	12,000	9,274	5,390	3,884	2,726
62500 RENT	-	-	5,415	(5,415)	-
62700 REPAIRS & MAINT	35,250	51,436	110,753	(59,317)	(16,186)
62800 OTHER EXPENSES	15,358	25,141	845	24,296	(9,783)
TOTAL OPERATIONS	228,553	193,972	287,005	(93,033)	34,581
63000 EQUIPMENT					
63100 EQUIPMENT	1,115,676	222,769	29,751	193,018	892,907
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	1,664,424	1,085,817	29,751	1,056,066	578,607
TOTAL BA & OTO EXPENDITURES	$ 1,994,419	$ 1,381,236	$ 316,756	$ 1,064,480	$ 613,183
BA & OTO FUNDING					
01100 GENERAL FUND (OTO)	$ 200,400	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200,400
02426 PER CAPITA FEE (OTO)	863,048	863,048	-	863,048	-
03673 NAHLN (LIMS IMPROVEMENT)	38,700	-	-	-	38,700
03673 NAHLN ARP AWARD (BA)	442,371	190,769	-	190,769	251,602
03673 NAHLN 2026	278,950	327,419	184,506	142,913	(48,469)
03673 NAHLN 2026	170,950	-	132,250	(132,250)	170,950
TOTAL BA & OTO FUNDING	$ 1,994,419	$ 1,381,236	$ 316,756	$ 1,064,480	$ 613,183

The diagnostic laboratory is budgeted for $4,034,368 and 22 FTE in FY 2026. It is funded with general fund of $1,426,814, per capita fees of $975,068, federal funds of $21,729, and lab testing fees of $1,610,757. Personal services are 90% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 2026 were $170,771 lower than June 2025. Operations are 97% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 2026 were $488,238 higher than June 2025. Overall, Diagnostic Laboratory total expenditures were $543,689 higher than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026, the Diagnositc Lab has expended 94% of its budget.

The diagnostic laboratory used $135,858 of general fund carryforward and $122,186 of state special revenue carryforward, which is included in the budget.

2025 Legislation authorized the diagnostic laboratory one-time-only budget authority for the purchase of laboratory diagonstic 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 diagonstic equipment and capital outlay to complete the new diagnostic laboratory in the amount of $863,048 to be paid with per capita fee. The department has spent $863,048 of the OTO funding on laboratory equipment.

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 June 30, 2026, the lab has spent $748,398 of the APHIS ARP grant. MVDL has until May 31, 2026 to spend the grant funding.

The Diagnostic Lab program had employee termination payouts and other employee payouts of $31,887 and $8,290 for the period ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025, respectively.

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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 June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
BUDGETED FTE	6.75				
	B	**C**	**D**	**E**	**G**
61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
61100 SALARIES	$ 388,731	$ 358,143	$ 307,780	$ 50,363	$ 30,588
61102 OVERTIME	86,242	21,797	28,656	(6,859)	64,445
61400 BENEFITS	135,457	141,743	122,332	19,411	(6,286)
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	610,430	521,683	458,768	62,915	88,747
62000 OPERATIONS					
62100 CONTRACT	140,163	82,536	71,683	10,853	57,627
62200 SUPPLY	25,815	16,806	2,229	14,577	9,009
62300 COMMUNICATION	20,814	6,227	2,878	3,349	14,587
62400 TRAVEL	2,652	15,119	11,569	3,550	(12,467)
62500 RENT	19,549	29,252	25,235	4,017	(9,703)
62700 REPAIR & MAINT	4,460	196	542	(346)	4,264
62800 OTHER EXPENSES	8,250	16,677	10,279	6,398	(8,427)
TOTAL OPERATIONS	221,703	166,813	124,415	42,398	54,890
TOTAL	$ 832,133	$ 688,496	$ 583,183	$ 105,313	$ 143,637
BUDGETED FUNDS					
01100 GENERAL FUND	$ 154,411	$ 118,516	$ -	$ 118,516	$ 35,895
02262 SHIELDED EGG GRADING FEES	388,007	296,430	287,944	8,486	91,577
02701 MILK INSPECTION FEES	271,496	245,591	280,015	(34,424)	25,905
03032 SHELL EGG INSPECTION FEES	18,219	27,959	15,224	12,735	(9,740)
TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	$ 832,133	$ 688,496	$ 583,183	$ 105,313	$ 143,637
BUDGET AMENDED EXPENDITURES					
62000 OPERATIONS					
62200 SUPPLY & MINOR EQUIPMENT	$ 9,899	$ 5,862	$ 7,737	$ (1,875)	$ 4,037
62400 TRAVEL	12,256	10,880	-	10,880	1,376
62500 RENT	5,078	4,469	-	4,469	609
62800 OTHER EXPENSES	1,538	1,070	-	1,070	468
TOTAL OPERATIONS	28,771	22,281	7,737	14,544	6,490
BUDGETED FUNDS					
03032 HPAI PPE	$ 6,700	$ 4,976	$ -	$ 4,976	$ 1,724
03032 MILK INSPECTION EQUIPMENT	3,945	3,363	-	3,363	582
03032 HPAI PPE	3,537	2,670	7,737	(5,067)	867
03032 MILK TRAINING	14,589	11,272	-	11,272	3,317
TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	$ 28,771	$ 22,281	$ 7,737	$ 14,544	$ 6,490

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 85% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 2026 was $62,915 higher than June 2025. Operation expense budget is 75% expended with 100% of budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 2026 was $42,398 higher than June 2025. The Animal Health Division total expenditures were $105,313 higher than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026, the Milk & Egg program has expended 83% of its budget.

The Milk & Egg program had employee termination payouts of $12,923 and $16,879 for the period ending June FY 2026 and June FY 2025, respectively.

The Department has two federal milk inspection grants. The first federal grant is for milk inspection for High Path Avian Infuenza 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.

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

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT		FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
	BUDGETED FTE		30.50			
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	$ 1,623,346	$ 1,429,819	$ 1,360,038	$ 69,781	$ 193,527
2	61102 OVERTIME	96,097	17,841	62,597	(44,756)	78,256
3	61400 BENEFITS	704,163	593,910	581,696	12,214	110,253
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	2,423,606	2,041,570	2,004,331	37,239	382,036
5	62000 OPERATIONS					
6	62100 CONTRACT	119,089	85,478	93,148	(7,670)	33,611
7	62200 SUPPLY	76,529	38,745	41,402	(2,657)	37,784
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	30,325	39,258	24,889	14,369	(8,933)
9	62400 TRAVEL	104,411	80,981	92,423	(11,442)	23,430
10	62500 RENT	257,402	224,526	140,922	83,604	32,876
11	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	10,600	3,100	6,561	(3,461)	7,500
12	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	370,449	384,219	304,862	79,357	(13,770)
13	TOTAL OPERATIONS	968,805	856,307	704,207	152,100	112,498
14	**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**	$ 3,392,411	$ 2,897,877	$ 2,708,538	$ 189,339	$ 494,534
15	**BUDGETED FUNDS**					
16	01100 GENERAL FUND	$ 1,851,384	$ 1,450,833	$ 1,372,109	$ 78,724	$ 400,551
17	02427 ANIMAL HEALTH FEES	24,140	-	-	-	24,140
18	03209 MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION	1,516,887	1,447,044	1,336,429	110,615	69,843
19	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	$ 3,392,411	$ 2,897,877	$ 2,708,538	$ 189,339	$ 494,534

In FY 2026, Meat Inspection is budgeted $3,392,411 with 30.50 FTE. The bureau is funded with general fund of $1,851,384, federal meat & poultry inspection funds of $1,516,887 and $24,140 of animal health fees levied from licensing as per 81-9-201(1)MCA. Personal services budget is 84% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June FY 2026 was $37,239 higher than June FY 2025. Operations are 88% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Overall, Meat Inspection total expenditures were $189,339 higher than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026 the Meat Inpsection program expended 85% of its budget.

FSIS has approved grant funding for meat inspection in amount of $1.5M in February 2026 for the federal fiscal year that ends 9/30/2026.

The Meat & Poultry Inspection program had employee termination payouts of $223 and $52,416 for the period ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025, respectively.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BUDGETARY EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

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

BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE COMPARISON REPORT	FY 2026 Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenses June FY 2026	Same Period Prior Year Actual Expenses June FY 2025	Year to Year Comparison	Balance of Budget Available
BUDGETED FTE		54.11			
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**
	61000 PERSONAL SERVICES					
1	61100 SALARIES	$ 2,896,595	$ 2,766,903	$ 2,662,561	$ 104,342	$ 129,692
2	61200 OVERTIME	265,323	339,411	294,936	44,475	(74,088)
3	61400 BENEFITS	1,217,197	1,222,147	1,158,028	64,119	(4,950)
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	4,379,115	4,328,461	4,115,525	212,936	50,654
5	62000 OPERATIONS					
6	62100 CONTRACT	140,909	122,283	146,128	(23,845)	18,626
7	62200 SUPPLY	104,486	243,678	96,782	146,896	(139,192)
8	62300 COMMUNICATION	111,717	94,655	107,738	(13,083)	17,062
9	62400 TRAVEL	50,814	40,477	41,981	(1,504)	10,337
10	62500 RENT	242,968	215,789	219,619	(3,830)	27,179
11	62600 UTILITIES	14,641	15,000	6,500	8,500	(359)
12	62700 REPAIR & MAINT	99,627	122,120	238,714	(116,594)	(22,493)
13	62800 OTHER EXPENSES	48,148	66,486	43,714	22,772	(18,338)
14	TOTAL OPERATIONS	813,310	920,488	901,176	19,312	(107,178)
15	63000 EQUIPMENT					
16	63100 EQUIPMENT	-	-	52,612	(52,612)	-
17	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	-	-	52,612	(52,612)	-
15	TOTAL	$ 5,192,425	$ 5,248,949	$ 5,069,313	$ 179,636	$ (56,524)
16	**BUDGETED FUNDS**					
17	02425 BRAND INSPECTION FEES	$ 3,651,697	$ 3,687,658	$ 3,651,007	$ 36,651	$ (35,961)
18	02426 PER CAPITA FEES	1,540,728	1,561,291	1,418,306	142,985	(20,563)
19	TOTAL BUDGET FUNDING	$ 5,192,425	$ 5,248,949	$ 5,069,313	$ 179,636	$ (56,524)

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 98% expended with 100% of payrolls complete. Personal services expended as of June 30, 2026 was $212,936 higher than June 29, 2025. Operations are 113% expended with 100% of the budget year lapsed. Operation expenses as of June 30, 2026 were $19,312 higher than June 29,2025. Overall, Brands Enforcement total expenditures were $179,636 higher than the same period last year. As of June 30, 2026, the Brands Division has expended 101% of its budget.

The Brands Enforcement division had employee termination payouts of $71,524 and $158,163 for the period ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025, respectively.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
YEAR TO YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT
JUNE 30, 2026

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YEAR TO YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON
JUNE 30, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

	2026	2027	DIFFERENCE
CENTRALIZED SERVICES			
PERSONAL SERVICES	$ 1,655,054	$ 1,708,999	$ 53,945
OPERATIONS	2,721,220	2,289,296	(431,924)
TOTAL	4,376,274	3,998,295	(377,979)
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION			
PERSONAL SERVICES	6,310,316	6,706,998	396,682
OPERATIONS	6,568,880	6,024,456	(544,424)
TOTAL	12,879,196	12,731,454	(147,742)
BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION			
PERSONAL SERVICES	4,379,115.00	4,547,142.00	168,027
OPERATIONS	926,464.00	813,648.00	(112,816)
TOTAL	5,305,579	5,360,790	55,211
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	$ 22,561,049	$ 22,090,539	$ (470,510)

Centralized services operations budget was higher in FY 2026 mostly because of the ability to increase statutory authority in predator animal control of $100,000 and livestock loss reduction grants in the amount of $405,500.

Animal health division operations budget was higher in FY 2026 mostly due to the use of 2024 carryforward authority in the amount of $511,000. Carryforward authority for 2026 has not been calculated for this report.

Brands enforcement division utilited 2024 carryforward in the amount of $45,600 in FY 2026.

Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From:	Division/Program:	Meeting Date:
Leslie Doely/Brian Simonson	Livestock Loss Board	8/27/2026

Agenda Item:

Background Info:
Please find attached a summary of Livestock Loss Board claim and depredation loss statistics through August 1, 2026. Since the last Board of Livestock meeting, the LLB has paid reimbursements for 104 depredation losses.

The current LLB grant cycle has over $350,000 in available funds and closes November 4, 2026. The LLB will meet on December 9, 2026, to award grants.

Recommendation:

Time needed: 5 minutes	Attachments:	**Yes**	No	Board vote required?	Yes	**No**

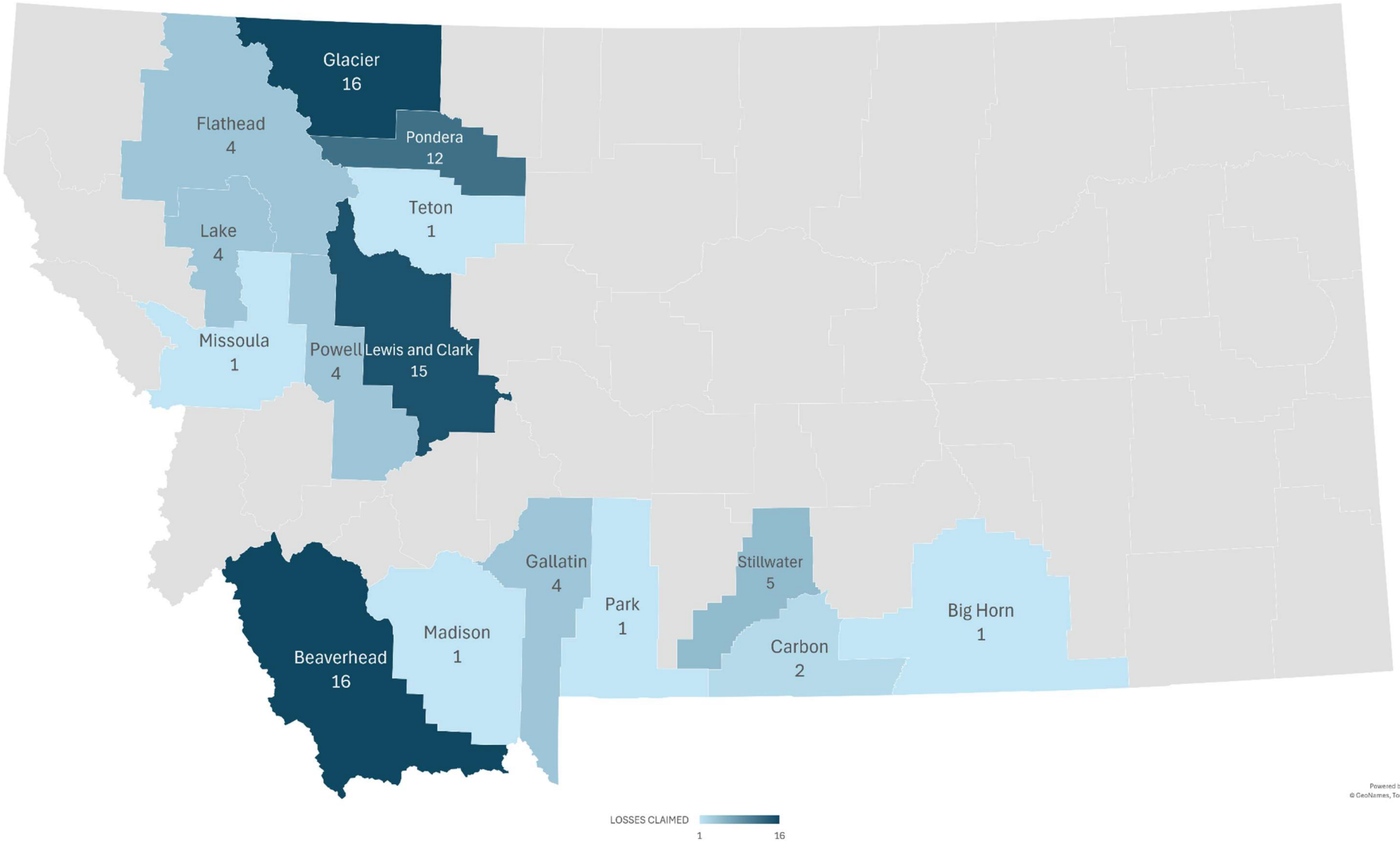
Loss Reimbursements by County and Species

for 2026 depredations, last updated 8/1/2026

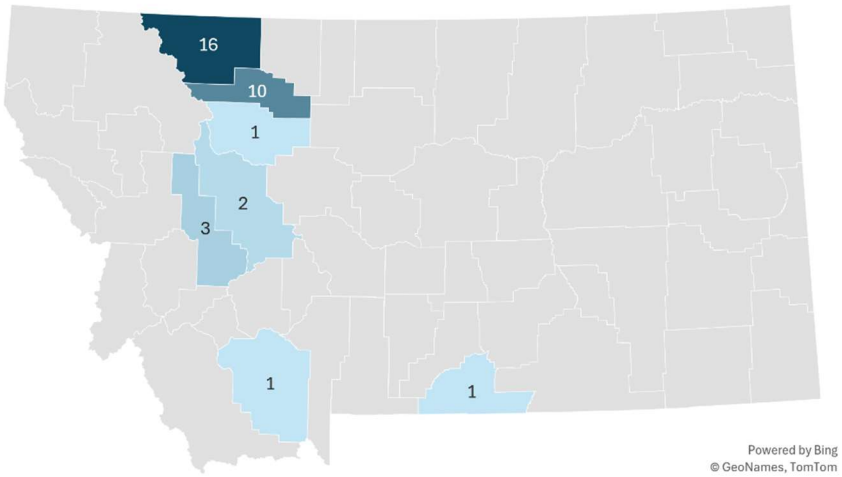
	Cattle		Goat		Sheep		Horse		Totals	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Beaverhead	**2**	**$5,245**			**14**	**$5,235**			**16**	**$10,479**
WOLF	2	$5,245			14	$5,235			16	$10,479
Big Horn	**1**	**$2,537**							**1**	**$2,537**
BLACK BEAR	1	$2,537							1	$2,537
Carbon	**2**	**$5,258**							**2**	**$5,258**
GRIZZLY	1	$2,580							1	$2,580
WOLF	1	$2,677							1	$2,677
Flathead					**4**	**$840**			**4**	**$840**
LION					4	$840			4	$840
Gallatin			**4**	**$1,145**					**4**	**$1,145**
LION			4	$1,145					4	$1,145
Glacier	**16**	**$42,617**							**16**	**$42,617**
GRIZZLY	16	$42,617							16	$42,617
Lake					**4**	**$1,407**			**4**	**$1,407**
BLACK BEAR					4	$1,407			4	$1,407
Lewis and Clark	**2**	**$5,712**			**13**	**$3,498**			**15**	**$9,210**
GRIZZLY	2	$5,712							2	$5,712
LION					13	$3,498			13	$3,498
Madison	**1**	**$2,867**							**1**	**$2,867**
GRIZZLY	1	$2,867							1	$2,867
Missoula	**1**	**$2,933**							**1**	**$2,933**
WOLF	1	$2,933							1	$2,933
Park	**1**	**$2,720**							**1**	**$2,720**
BLACK BEAR	1	$2,720							1	$2,720
Pondera	**11**	**$30,743**					**1**	**$500**	**12**	**$31,243**
GRIZZLY	9	$24,502					1	$500	10	$25,002
WOLF	2	$6,241							2	$6,241
Powell	**4**	**$10,729**							**4**	**$10,729**
GRIZZLY	3	$7,867							3	$7,867
WOLF	1	$2,862							1	$2,862
Stillwater	**1**	**$2,415**			**4**	**$1,218**			**5**	**$3,633**
BLACK BEAR					4	$1,218			4	$1,218
LION	1	$2,415							1	$2,415
Teton	**1**	**$2,787**							**1**	**$2,787**
GRIZZLY	1	$2,787							1	$2,787
Grand Total	**43**	**$116,564**	**4**	**$1,145**	**39**	**$12,197**	**1**	**$500**	**87**	**$130,406**

Depredation Losses by County

2026 YTD



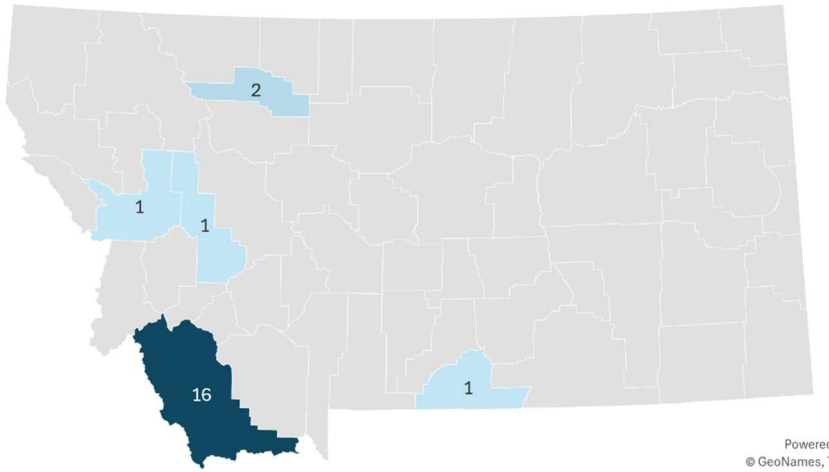
2026 Grizzly Losses



Losses Claimed

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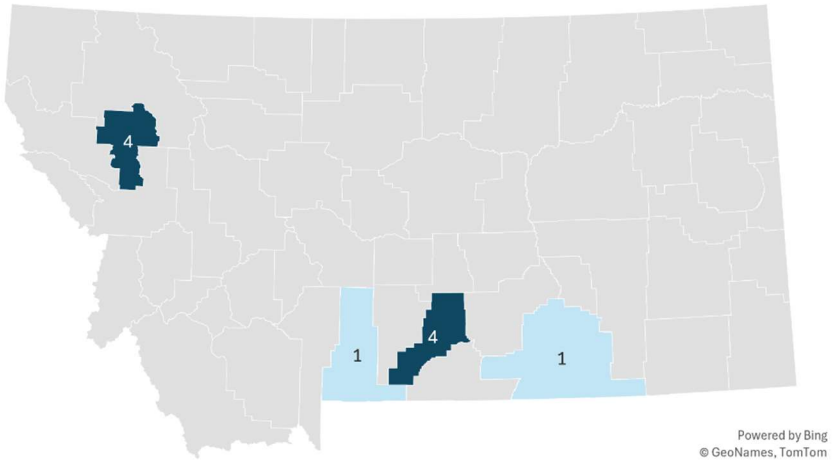
2026 Wolf Losses



Losses Claimed

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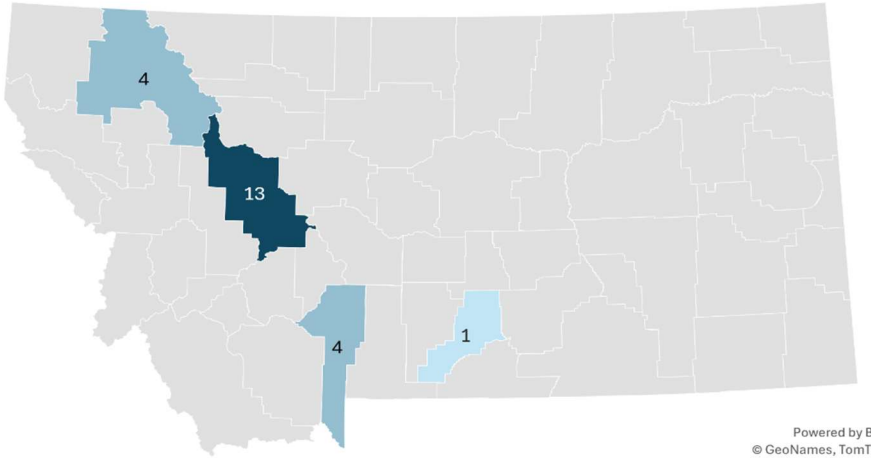
2026 Black Bear Losses



Losses Claimed

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2026 Mountain Lion Losses



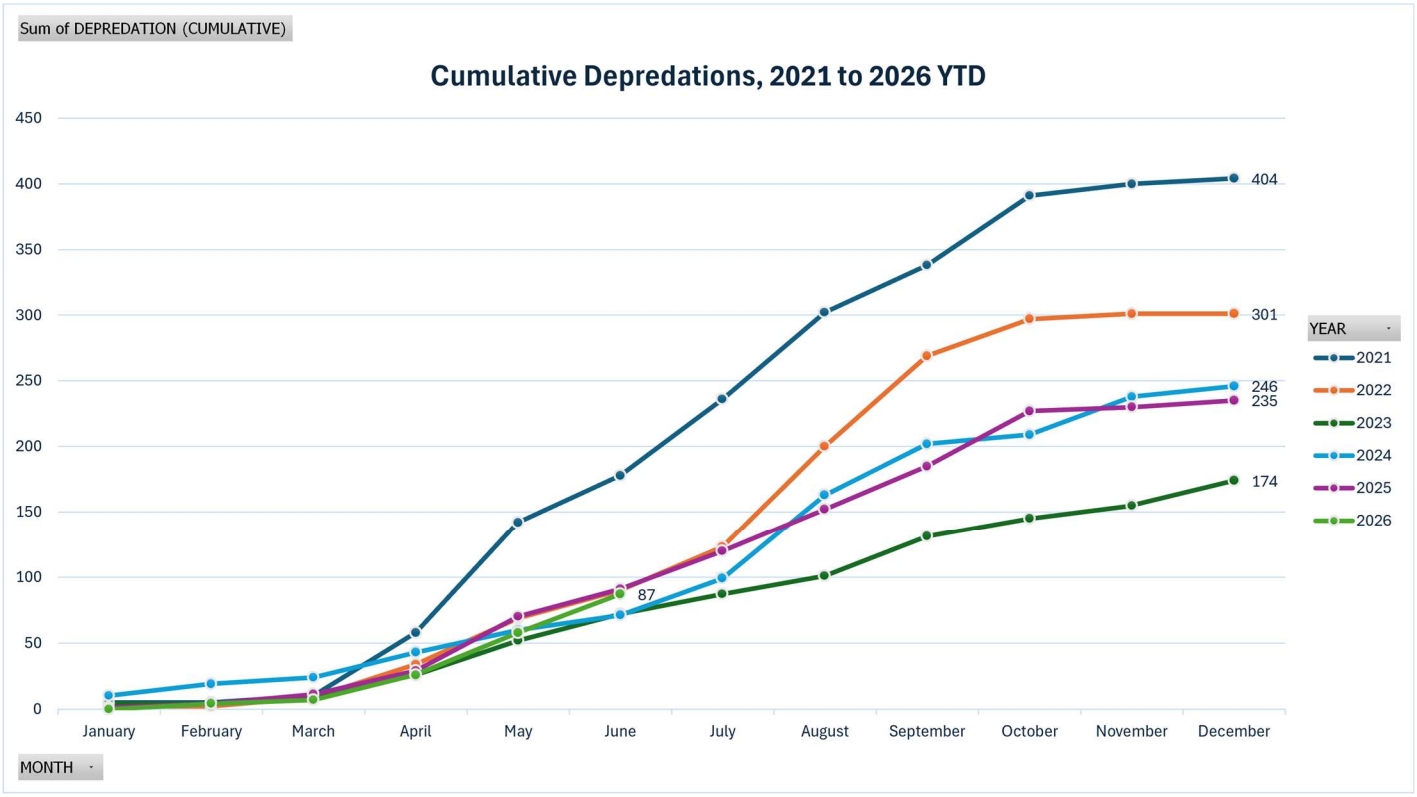
Losses Claimed

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Reimbursement Claims by Date Date of Depredation

updated 8/1/2026

	Black Bear		Grizzly		Lion		Wolves		Total	Total
	Losses	Amount	Losses	Amount	Losses	Amount	Losses	Amount	Losses	Amount
2025	**10**	**$4,078**	**87**	**$188,162**	**71**	**$19,909**	**67**	**$92,917**	**235**	**$305,066**
January							1	$1,647	1	$1,647
February							3	$5,406	3	$5,406
March			2	$4,158	1	$183	4	$9,079	7	$13,419
April			12	$28,907	1	$207	5	$11,152	18	$40,266
May	1	$354	20	$28,235	2	$820	18	$20,108	41	$49,517
June	3	$1,062	16	$33,165			2	$2,595	21	$36,822
July	1	$611	21	$51,362	4	$1,008	3	$6,195	29	$59,176
August			6	$18,975	15	$4,251	11	$15,845	32	$39,070
September	5	$2,051	4	$7,406	21	$2,345	3	$6,962	33	$18,763
October			4	$9,849	22	$8,829	16	$11,728	42	$30,406
November					2	$1,629	1	$2,200	3	$3,829
December			2	$6,105	3	$640			5	$6,744
2026	**10**	**$7,882**	**34**	**$89,434**	**22**	**$7,898**	**21**	**$25,192**	**87**	**$130,406**
February					4	$1,145			4	$1,145
March	1	$2,537	1	$2,743	1	$2,415			3	$7,696
April	5	$4,127	11	$30,027			3	$8,421	19	$42,575
May			11	$29,378	4	$840	17	$14,409	32	$44,627
June	4	$1,218	11	$27,285	13	$3,498	1	$2,363	29	$34,364



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From:	Division/Program:	Meeting Date:
Alicia Love, MPH, RS, Bureau Chief	**Animal Health/ Meat, Milk and Egg Inspection Bureau**	**August 27, 2026**

Agenda Item: **Out of State Travel Request Fall ASMID**

Background Info:

The Meat, Milk, and Egg Inspection Bureau is requesting to send two Meat and Poultry Supervisors to attend to the Fall Association of State Meat Inspection Directors (ASMID) conference being held in Madison, WI on October 15th -21st , 2026.

ASMID is an informative and valuable tool that provides an excellent opportuny to ask other state inspection programs how they address issues our department is facing and to gain perpective on the the challenges that other states are encountering.

Travel expenses will be paid through meat program funding.

Recommendation:

Time needed: 5 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required?	Yes X	No

Agenda Item: **After-Action Report on Montana Milk Quality Issues**

Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed: 15 min	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required?	Yes	No X

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

Two Meat and Poultry Supervisors- TBD depending on availability.

3) Justification

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Travel expenses will be paid through meat program funding.

4) Itinerary

This conference is scheduled to be held October 15-21, 2026 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, WI

5) Cost Estimate

Transportation: $1,630.00
Meals: $1,360.00
Lodging: $3,664.00
Registration/Other: $1,300.00
Total: $7,954.00

6) Submitted By	Requested By	Title	Date
	Alicia Love	MPH, RS, Bureau Chief	7/30/2026

Approval - to be Completed by Agency Authorized Personnel

Date Approved by Board	Board Chair or EO	Title	Date
8-27-26	[signature]	Chairman	8-27-26

NOTE: A travel expense voucher form must be filed within three months after incurring the travel expenses, otherwise the right to reimbursement will be waived.

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Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Greg Juda	Division/Program: MVDL	Meeting Date: 8/27/26
Agenda Item: Update on Lab Move in Progress to-Date		
Background Info: **Recommendation:**		

Time needed: 15 minutes	Attachments:	Yes	No X	Board vote required	Yes	No

Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Emily Kaleczyc	Division/Program: Animal Health	Meeting Date: 8/27/2026

Agenda Item: Out of State Travel Request - SHIP

Background Info: The annual Swine Health Improvement Plan meeting is held September 9-11 in Bloomington, MN. As a participant in SHIP, Montana receives cooperative agreement funding to attend the meeting and has one voting representative from the department. Additional Montana representation to SHIP is provided by the swine representative from the Board of Livestock (William Kleinsasser) and two representatives nominated by the Montana Pork Producers Council. This year funding is available to send both Dr. Kaleczyc and Dr. Peterson to SHIP using money from the cooperative agreement. Dr. Peterson is the department veterinarian primarily responsible for managing SHIP in the state. As the Animal Health Bureau Chief, Dr. Kaleczyc oversees the SHIP program in Montana and attendance at the annual meeting is a chance to hear from other states and collaborate with colleagues in the program across the country.

Cost of attendance is approximately $1,370 per person and will be covered by cooperative agreement.

Recommendation: Approve the out-of-state travel request.

Time needed: 10 minutes	Attachments:	**Yes**		Board vote required?	**Yes**	

Agenda Item: Out of State Travel Request - USAHA

Background Info: 2-3 veterinarians to attend the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) October 15-21 in Madison, WI. USAHA is the primary meeting for state and federal animal health officials where recommendations are made on animal health policies. Additionally, attendance at committee meetings provides Montana personnel with current information on disease incidence, management, and epidemiological investigations. USAHA provides a unique forum where resolutions are debated and passed that can affect the state of Montana's livestock commerce. Sending multiple veterinarians for staggered time frames allows networking, attendance at concurrent committee meetings, and an opportunity to have a voice on behalf of Montana producers. Dr. Szymanski typically attends the meeting for 7 full days. The assistant state veterinarian would tentatively attend for 5 days, and the program veterinarian for 3 days.

The approximate cost is $2000-3500 per attendee, paid by CA, and DSA- General Fund.

Recommendation: Approve the out-of-state travel request.

Time needed: 10 minutes	Attachments:	**Yes**		Board vote required	**Yes**	

Agenda Item: Out of Country Travel Request – Tri-National Accord

Background Info: The Accord represents a longstanding commitment among senior state and provincial agricultural officials from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to collaborate on agricultural trade and development issues. This year's meeting is being held in Calgary, AB and has an emphasis on animal health issues as they pertain to the international movement of livestock. Request permission for Dr. Szymanski to travel to the meeting to attend the animal health sessions. Issues including regionalization around disease detections and response to large scale disease outbreaks (New World Screwworm, African Swine Fever) will be discussed.

Recommendation: Approve out-of-country travel request.

Time needed: 5 minutes	Attachments:	**Yes**		Board vote required:	**Yes**	

Agenda Item: No Cost RFID Tag Update

Background Info: Animal Health staff will provide an update to Board regarding availability and distribution of no-cost RFID tags for Federal FY26.

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Department of Livestock	**1) Division** Animal Health and Food Safety

2) Employee(s) Traveling

Brenee Peterson

Emily Kaleczyc

3) Justification

Montana participates in the Swine Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and receives funding in a cooperative agreement from USDA to attend the annual House of Delegates Meeting in Bloomington, MN. This meeting is an opportunity to work with other states and industry partners in SHIP and to vote on changes to the program. SHIP is an important part of the department's commitment to swine health and traceability in Montana.

4) Itinerary

Travel 9/9

Meeting attendance in the afternoon of 9/9 through the afternoon of 9/11

Travel back to Montana 9/11

5) Cost Estimate

Flight $800x2

Hotel $350x2

Per diem $180x2

Aiport Parking $40x2

Travel will be paid by the SHIP cooperative agreement. Approximate cost $1,370 per person.

6) Submitted By	Requested By	Title	Date
	Emily Kaleczyc	Animal Health Bureau Chief	8/27/2026

Approval - to be Completed by Agency Authorized Personnel

Date Approved by Board	Board Chair or EO	Title	Date
8-27-26	[signature]	Chairman	8-27-26

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Department of Livestock	**1) Division** Animal Health and Food Safety

2) Employee(s) Traveling

State Veterinarian, Assistant State Veterinarian and Program Veterinarian

3) Justification

USAHA is the primary meeting for state and federal animal health officials where recommendations are made on animal health policies. Additionally, attendance at committee meetings provides Montana personnel with current information on disease risks and epidemiological investigations. Additionally, USAHA provides a forum where resolutions are debated and passed that affect state of Montana livestock commerce. There is clear benefit to having Department of Livestock veterinarians attend.

4) Itinerary

October 15-21 in Madison, WI. A detailed schedule of lectures/meetings/committees has not been released as of the time of this request. It is likely that all three veterinarians will not attend the entire duration of the meeting.

5) Cost Estimate

Approximate cost 2000-3,500 per attendee. Costs for 2 attendees are expected to be covered by Federal Cooperative Agreement funds with exception of per diem and salary.

Airfare $800x3
Hotel $750-$1,250 (variable depending on schedule of meetings)
Per diem $378-$162
Parking $80-120
Ground transportation $100

6) Submitted By	Requested By	Title	Date
	Emily Kaleczyc	Animal Health Bureau Chief	8/27/2026

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Department of Livestock	1) Division Animal Health and Food Safety

2) Employee(s) Traveling

Mike Honeycutt

3) Justification

TheTri-National Accord represents a longstanding commitment among senior state and provincial agricultural officials from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to collaborate on agricultural trade and development issues. This year's meeting is being held in Calgary, AB and has an emphasis on animal health issues as they pertain to the international movement of livestock. Request permission for Mike Honeycutt to travel to the meeting to attend sessions covering issues including regionalization around disease detections and response to large scale disease outbreaks (New World Screwworm, African Swine Fever) and possible sessions addressing the USMCA,assesing the effectiveness and impact of the trade agreement and explore potential improvements to enhance our collective agricultural strategy. There will also be a discussion on topics concerning rural development and trade.

4) Itinerary

Meeting is schduled for September 28 - October 1, 2026

5) Cost Estimate

Vehicle costs of $400
Approximate cost $1,972 per person.

6) Submitted By	Requested By	Title	Date
	Emily Kaleczyc	Animal Health Bureau Chief	8/27/2026

Approval - to be Completed by Agency Authorized Personnel

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