

# MONTANA

## INNOVATIVE BY *NATURE*

### FDI INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Abundant high-quality agricultural inputs mean Montana is the perfect place for agricultural processing. “Montana produces some of the highest quality wheat and barley in the world. Our producers invest millions of dollars each year in research to maintain that reputation. This gives processors the opportunity to secure the best ingredients at the highest quality, while also having access to the leading transportation system in the country,” Cassidy Marn, Executive Vice President, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee.

Montana is a leading producer of certified organic wheat, dry peas, lentils and flax, and is home to global companies such as General Mills, Grain Craft and Malteurop. Sweet cherries, sugar beets, seed potatoes, and hay are among some of the other crops grown in the state. Montana-grown barley & hops fuel a robust craft brewing industry statewide and provide an essential input for many well-known Mexican brews. If you’re anywhere in the U.S. drinking a craft beer, there’s a good chance the barley came from Montana.

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## CASE STUDY: PASTA MONTANA

"Pasta Montana plays a very important role in the business strategy of NIPPON with regards to pasta products as business in the United States shows steady growth. We strive to continue growing together with support from local employees so that Pasta Montana can develop into the future."  
Toshiya Maezuru, President, NIPPON Corp.



HOME COUNTRY Japan  
MONTANA HOME Great Falls  
ACQUIRED 2000

Founded in 1997, Pasta Montana was acquired in the Spring of 2000 by Nippon Flour Mills (now NIPPON Corporation), Japan's oldest industrial flour miller and a leading producer of flour-related products. Pasta Montana marked its 20th anniversary in 2017 by adding a \$6.5 million processing line in Great Falls. The new line increased production capacity by 28%, allowing Pasta Montana to produce 80 million pounds of pasta a year at its 91,000-square-foot facility.

## DISCOVER WHAT MANY OTHERS ALREADY HAVE ABOUT MONTANA

- Top five state for shortest average commute time
- No sales tax, creating one of the best business tax climates in the nation
- Top state to start a small business
- Highly trained, loyal workforce keeps recruitment costs low
- Consistently ranked one of the best states to live in



## FACTS AT A GLANCE

### \$4.8 BILLION INDUSTRY

58+ million acres of farm & ranch land

**27,100** farms and ranches

**2½:1** ratio of beef cattle to people

**#1** in pulse crop production

**#1** in organic wheat production

**#2** in canola production

**#2** in honey production

**#2** in spring wheat & durum production

**#2** in barley production

