

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,” notes 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 Malteurop, Marubeni, and General Mills. Sweet cherries, sugar beets, seed potatoes, and hay are among some of the other crops grown in the state. Montana-grown barley and 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 US drinking a craft beer, there’s a good chance that 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 Corporation



HOME COUNTRY Japan

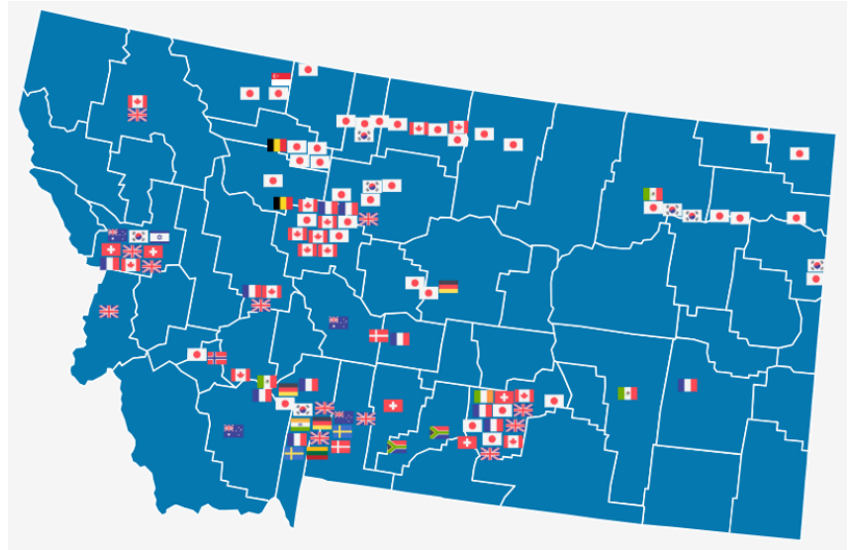
MONTANA HOME Great Falls

ACQUIRED 2000

Founded in 1997, Pasta Montana was acquired in the Spring of 2000 by Nippon Flour Mills (now NIPPON Corporation, a company with investments from Mitsui and Sumitomo ventures), 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 general sales tax, creating one of the best business tax climates in the nation
- Top ten 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

\$6.2 BILLION
in agriculture
sector production

57 MILLION
acres of farm
& ranch land

24,266 farms and
ranches

2:1 ratio of beef
cattle to people

#1 in pulse crop
production

#1 in organic wheat
production

#3 in canola
production

#3 in barley
production

#3 in spring
& durum wheat
production

#4 in honey
production

