

# Jon Tester

## United States Senator for Montana

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## Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

These Montana projects will help grow Montana's agricultural economy by investing in research and small business development across the state.

Information about each project was provided by the requesting entity. Amounts requested are not guaranteed; funds secured are likely to differ from the requested amount. Senator Tester's appropriation requests to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2011 are listed below.

United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

### Animal Bioscience Facility

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Amount: \$16,000,000

The proposed research facility will use the bovine genome sequence to identify ways to improve economic and environmental sustainability in the production of safe, high quality and consistent beef products by: identifying genes and their function; developing tools to control disease; improving nutrient utilization, management and production efficiency; and enhancing the nutrient composition of a safe supply of beef for the consumers in the United States and abroad.

### Appropriate Technology Transfer to Rural Areas (ATTRA)

National Center for Appropriate Technology (Butte, MT)

Amount: \$3,000,000

Funding will be used to continue ATTRA's national sustainable agriculture information service, which offers technical information and assistance to farmers, ranchers and agricultural information providers from all 50 states who are interested in sustainable agriculture technologies and in marketing methods which improve farm sustainability.

### Barley for Rural Development

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Amount: \$600,000

This is a collaborative research initiative among the University of Idaho, the University of North Dakota and Montana State University. Funds will be used for further development of quality varieties to meet these potential uses.

### Brucellosis Vaccine Research

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Amount: \$500,000

Funding will be used to continue work on developing an effective vaccine and delivery system for bison and elk to reduce the risk of brucellosis infection.

### Community Giving Assistance through Employment (GATE)

The Montana Food and Agriculture Innovation Center Network (Glendive, MT)

Amount: \$2,962,000

Funding will support the future growth and expansion of Montana's farms and businesses as they seek to develop processed foods and value-added products from our vast agricultural resources by developing local food innovation centers across the state.

### Fort Belknap Buffalo Program

Fort Belknap Tribes (Harlem, MT)

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Press Interview

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\$450,000

The Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes will use funding to revive the buffalo as a viable means of economic support for the Reservation. Funding will allow the tribes to expand the existing herd to 900 animals, use the tribally owned meat packing plant to process buffalo as an avenue to make the buffalo program an economic asset to the tribes.

#### **Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee**

Montana Department of Livestock (Helena, MT)

Amount: \$2,250,000

Funding will be used to conduct brucellosis prevention, surveillance, control and eradication activities in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA), and to develop and implement brucellosis herd unit management plans.

#### **Integrated and Biochemically-Based Management of Wheat Stem Sawfly**

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Amount: \$600,000

The Wheat Stem Sawfly causes severe economic losses in Montana and in other impacted areas. Continued research will further develop strategies for Wheat Stem Sawfly management, saving millions of dollars in crop losses throughout the Northern Great Plains.

#### **Keeping Wildlife in Montana Landscapes**

Wildlife Conservation Society (Bozeman, MT)

Amount: \$500,000

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is working to preserve the social, cultural, and wild landscapes of Montana by providing new and innovative tools to help guide new development. Funding will be used to conduct an assessment of land use changes in high growth rural areas and their impact on wildlife and historical economic uses like hunting, fishing and agriculture.

#### **Mobile Biomass Energy Unit for Diseased Timber Harvesting**

University of Montana (Missoula, MT)

Amount: \$2,400,000

This research initiative proposes to use a mobile bioenergy unit to aid in forest health treatments. The unit will be deployed to treatment sites to process residues into useful energy that could then displace fossil fuel utilization by treatment equipment and help defray treatment costs.

#### **Targeted Grazing for Managing Invasive Plants**

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Amount: \$250,000

Funding will be used to develop and implement new management strategies for livestock and land managers by using small-ruminants to control large infestations of non-native invasive plants. Targeted grazing is a natural approach to vegetation management and landscape enhancement.

#### **Tri-state Predator Control**

USDA APHIS (Statewide, MT)

Amount: \$2,300,000

The funds requested will be evenly divided between the USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services programs in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana to aid their efforts in managing and controlling all predators affecting both the livestock industries in the three states, as well as the states' wildlife resources.

#### **Upper Clark Fork Watershed Restoration**

Watershed Restoration Committee (Deer Lodge, MT)

Amount: \$400,000

This project is needed to increase conservation and restoration efforts in the upper Clark Fork River Valley and continue outreach and education efforts with private agricultural landowners. The Clark Fork is part of the largest superfund site in the United States. Funds would be used to develop and implement conservation and restoration projects in the Clark Fork watershed not covered by superfund cleanup, as well as promote and educate landowners on best grazing and management practices.

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