



SUGAR'S IMPACT ON MONTANA



JOBS
9,623



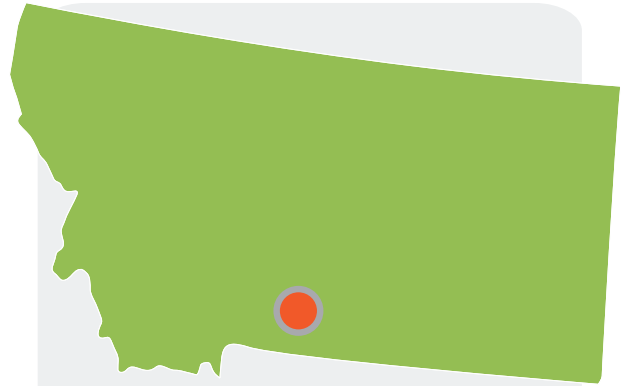
ECONOMIC IMPACT
\$598 million



ACRES OF SUGARBEETS*
41,100



TONS OF SUGARBEETS*
1,269,300



Sugarbeet Processing Facility and Distribution Center

- Billings

COMPANIES



The Western Sugar Cooperative
(Grower Owned)

FUN FACT

Co-products made from Montana sugarbeets include animal feed and road deicer.



"We can't survive in this world of sugar without a safety net. We have to compete against high subsidies in other countries and we are actually competing against foreign governments is what it amounts to. We want this legacy to continue on."

Ervin Schlemmer
Sugarbeet Farmer, Montana

Producing Sugar Sustainably

Sugarbeets are a very unique crop in that some of the water used to produce the crop is extracted during refining and re-released to Montana surface waters.



*Olympic Average: 2017/18-2021/22

ECONOMIC DATA: Bart L. Fischer, Joe L. Outlaw, J. Marc Raulston, and Brian K. Herbst. "Economic Impact of the U.S. Sugar Industry." Texas AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural and Food Policy Center, June 2022.