

## **Growing Food Businesses:**

### **Opportunities under Montana's 2015 Food Policy Modernization Law**

#### *Workshop Agenda updated 12-18-2017*

**Program Purpose:** Get food and agriculture entrepreneurs informed, excited and using Montana's Food Law to build successful businesses. Help ensure the Law's successful implementation.

#### **Workshop Objectives:**

- Learn about Montana's Food Law history, new opportunities and implementation requirements and strategies.
- Build relationships with other Montanans who want to start or grow a food business. Learn from each other and work directly with resource people (DPHHS, county sanitarians, Montana Ag and Food Development Centers, Extension, etc).
- Assist participants in formulating their ideas and plans and help identify questions, needs and next steps.
- Identify what still needs to be clarified or developed to most effectively use the Food Law.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>9:15 - 9:30</b>	<b>Arrive and Settle-In</b>
<b>9:30 - 10:10</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Getting Started</b>
<b>10:10 - 11:40</b>	<b>Get Oriented to the Food Law and the Opportunities It Provides</b> (10 min. break around 10:45)
<b>11:40 - 12:00</b>	<b>What's Getting Stirred-up? (Table Talk)</b>
<b>12:00 to 12:15</b>	<b>Peer Learning Network: <i>One way to continue and expand the conversations you've just begun</i></b>
<b>12:30 - 1:30</b>	<b>LUNCH and Informal Networking</b>
<b>1:30 - 2:40</b>	<b>Live Exploration Sessions: <i>Get to the Details of Your Ideas and Plans</i></b> (10 min. break decided by each group)
<b>2:40 - 3:00</b>	<b>Moving Forward: <i>Next Steps and Evaluation</i></b>