

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.

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