

MONTANA PULSE CROPS

A LEADER IN PRODUCTION, QUALITY AND INNOVATION

First and foremost, I express my gratitude to the Department of Agriculture, our member organization NPGA, our national organization USADPLC, the Montana Ag community, other Ag organizations, and the MPCC committee members with whom I have had the privilege of collaborating with over the past nine months. Witnessing the extent of accomplishments and output generated within Montana's agricultural sector is truly remarkable. It's evident that the impact extends beyond the fields. As we conclude 2023 and commence planning for 2024, I'd like to reflect on the journey this position has taken me and initiate a discussion on the path ahead.



My very first MPCC meeting in Helena, with committee members Todd Hansen, Ryan Bogar, and Paul Kanning

Breakfast with a few members of USADPLC Team.



Visiting the State Grain Lab with a Trade Team from China, hosted by the USADPLC



Touring Strick's Ag processing plant, in Chester Montana



Visiting with potential pulse buyers at my first tradeshow in Banff



Visiting the pulse extrusion lab at Montana State University



Dr. Kevin McPhee's pulse breeding trials at Montana State University.

Producer Kory Hastings, sent me a picture of his seeding preparation.



Committee Member Paul Kanning, representing MPCC with China Trade Team at Columbia Grain in Plentywood Montana

Taking in Montana Ag Days at the capital with Shannon Berndt, CEO of Northern Pulse Growers Association



Rounding out 2023 by attending MGGA convention. Committee Members Ryan Bogar, Todd Winkler and Brian Aklestad man the booth. Thanks Guys!

Over the course of the year, I've had the opportunity to meet with various individuals in research, production, pulse processing, agricultural leadership, and commodity buying. These interactions have provided me with invaluable insights and perspectives. However, it's become increasingly apparent that the Montana Pulse Industry is not well-represented nor widely known, despite its robustness and profitability. Look for us in 2024, efforts will be made to increase our visibility and establish a stronger presence in the ag community.

Happy New Year,

Liz Edmundson, MPCC Executive Director