
MONTANA PULSE CROPS

A LEADER IN PRODUCTION, QUALITY AND INNOVATION

I grabbed my go-to coffee order, an 8 oz double shot white mocha with whip, and took a seat in a rather quiet area of the Denver Airport to catch up on emails I had missed from the day before. Within a half hour my quiet escape, was filled with chatter among college students and a sea of green and yellow was everywhere I looked, the Oregon Ducks Track & Field Team was headed to Bentonville, Arkansas, and had taken over Gate B62. The friendly banter among teammates reminded me of how much I enjoy a team environment. As a three-sport high school athlete, which eventually brought me to Montana State University on a track scholarship and then 10-year streak of coaching everything from t-ball to high school volleyball, I believe I will forever crave collaboration, teamwork, and striving for excellence. That is exactly what I have found working with our member organizations and with other agriculture organizations. That collaboration was highly emphasized over the last few days as I had the opportunity to attend the Northern Pulse Growers Association (NPGA) Convention in Minot North Dakota. NPGA, Executive Director Shannon Berndt, and Marketing Director, Erin Becker, put on an excellent lineup of speakers that addressed commodity economics, worldwide politics, farm bill 2024 or 2025, and the increased demand in the pulse ingredient market. USADPLC CEO, Tim McGreevy rolled out a rather lofty US goal of double pulse acres and production by 2030. Tim's report was followed by an eye-opening presentation from Nichole Atchison, Marketing Director, at Puris Foods. If pulse ingredients and the pulse innovation market continue to expand like Nichole believes it will, and our national organization is successful in influencing the change in dietary guidelines from the recommended 1.5 cups of pulses a week to 3 cups a week I am also hopeful of double duty by 2030!

However, none of the innovation, market development, and policy programming will be necessary if our growers are not successful in growing Montana Pulse Crops. (dry peas, lentils and chickpeas) Collaboration is key to our industry success and researchers, educators and industry affiliates are listening. Please take some time to scan the QR code, attend upcoming grower shop talks, and use the resources on next page to let your voice be heard. Growers Matter and we are listening!

Congrats to Paul Kanning on the 2024 NPGA Excellence Award and Thank You for your service to Montana Agriculture!



Paul operates a family farm in Flaxville Montana, specializing in the production of pulses, small grains, and oil seeds. Notably, Paul has served as an eastern district representative on the MT Pulse Crop Committee since 2017, and he is one of Montana's representatives on the board of the USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council. In 2024, he will take on the role of National Board President. Additionally, he is an active member of the Daniels Memorial Healthcare Center board and most recently became a regional director for the Montana Grain Growers Association. Beyond his professional pursuits, Paul enjoys walleye fishing, roasting coffee beans, and traveling.

Upcoming Shop Talks

February 14th, 2024 February 14th 9am to 1pm(ish) in Scobey, MT. Hosted by Jeannie Rude, ProCoOp and Uta McKelvy, MSU. This meeting will focus on root rot in peas and lentils, which was a major issue in Northeastern Montana last growing season.

March 2024 Hingham MT Addressing Lygus Bug in Central Montana Hosted by Jayson Hauer, Belle Pulses and Liz Edmundson, Montana Pulse Crops. More information to come on www.mtpulsecrops.org or call Liz 406.438.7570

Producer Resources

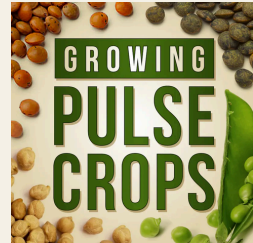
The science and business of farming chickpeas, lentils and dry peas, available in a podcast.

<https://www.growingpulsecrops.com>



Pulse Crop Working Group Growing Management Resources

<http://pulsecropsipm.org/resources/>



Let your voice be heard! Grower Survey

Montana State University Seeks Your Input on the 2024 Pulse Crop Survey

Please fill scan the QR code

The Pulse Crop Survey is an annual survey of pulse crop growers and consultants about pulse crop pests (diseases, weeds, and insects) and their management, conducted by Montana State University.

Please consider participating in this survey. Your participation in this survey will help us identify research needs and resources needed to support economic and sustainable pulse crop production in the Northern Great Plains and Pacific Northwest. Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and anonymous.

This survey should only take 10 minutes of your time.

You will find the survey by scanning the QR code below or by clicking on this weblink: <https://bit.ly/pulses2024>



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