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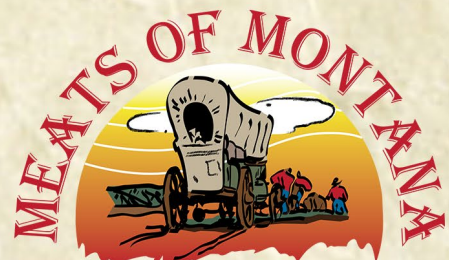
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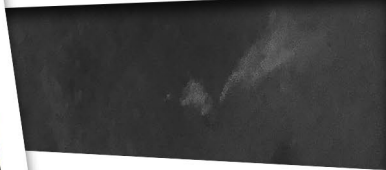
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# PRESIDENT'S *letter*



## HEY ALL,

It's been kind of a crazy wild year so far. Im sure most of you are in the middle of hunting season and busy as you want to be. I just can't see a end in sight coming in the near future. Prices for materials are going crazy and finding a way to get certain items seems to be a struggle sometimes.

We had our fall board meeting and was impressed to have everyone show up to make some important decisions for our association. I think that we are on the right track moving forward and i am looking forward to see how things will turn out.

Convention In Big Timber Sounds Like It Is Gonna Be A Pretty Good One So Make Sure You Mark The Dates On Your Calender And Try Like Hell To Show Up. Brian Engle Has Plenty Of Good Things Lined Up For Us. Make Sure April 21st Thru The 24th Hits Everyones To Do List. Until Then.

**Jayson Emmett**

**MMPA PRESIDENT**







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# *upcoming* **OPPORTUNITIES**

## **INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING (IWT) GRANT FUNDING**

The Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) program is a grant funding resource, helping to off-set a portion of skills-based training costs for incumbent (existing) workers employed by Montana's small business. Businesses must demonstrate training will increase the worker's skill-level, result in a promotion or wage gain, or expand their business market/increase business revenue, with the intent of preserving existing jobs for Montana residents. Small business is defined as private sector, for-profit and non-profits, operating year-round, with no more than 50 employees statewide.

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## **CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES**

- Funding opportunity for skills-based training: [Incumbent Worker Training Program](#)
- Insurance policy for businesses hiring at-risk individuals: [Federal Bonding](#)
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# industry NEWS

## USDA TO LAUNCH LOAN GUARANTEE INITIATIVE TO CREATE MORE AND BETTER MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

**From American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP)**

As part of the Administration's efforts to address food systems challenges arising from the pandemic as well as those going back decades, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA plans for another \$100 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The funding would leverage hundreds of millions more in lending through community and private sector lenders to expand meat and poultry processing capacity and finance other food supply chain infrastructure. These investments will help deliver more opportunities and fairer prices for farmers and address bottlenecks in the food supply chain [revealed and exacerbated](#) by the pandemic.

The Department plans to publish specific details on the new program and how to apply as part of USDA's [Build Back Better Initiative](#), a comprehensive plan to invest \$4 billion to strengthen the resiliency of America's food supply chain while promoting competition.







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