

Decision Package: 920

Montana Ag Experiment Stations (MAES)

1. Support Investment in Research Positions
(includes salary and benefits)

- a. Horticulture Specialty Crops – WARC in Corvallis \$200K
(management practices for tree fruits, small fruits, vegetables, on small acreages with high tunnels, greenhouses)

- b. Pulse Crops Breeder \$200K
(Adaptation of new cultivars to Montana environments including peas, chickpeas and garbanza beans)

- c. Animal Nutrition \$200K
(use of plant derived by products to improve efficiency and integrated management with other feedstuffs and nutrients)

- d. Wildlife Management Specialist \$200K
(interactions of wildlife and livestock management issues including federal and state policies with landowner land management practices)

2. Montana State Seed Laboratory:

Montana Seed Lab– MSU Bozeman \$250K (OTO)

(includes Manager Position, benefits, and Administrative and Operating Costs)

Total Biennial increase in MAES: \$1,050,000.

- Agriculture is Montana’s No.1 industry, contributing \$3.7 Billion to our economy
- A strong research program is critical to future growth and economic productivity
- The current MAES Budget, adjusted for inflation, is less than the budget for 1991
- Since 1991, MAES has lost 16 Faculty positions and 63 Staff positions

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