

AGRICULTURE IN MONTANA

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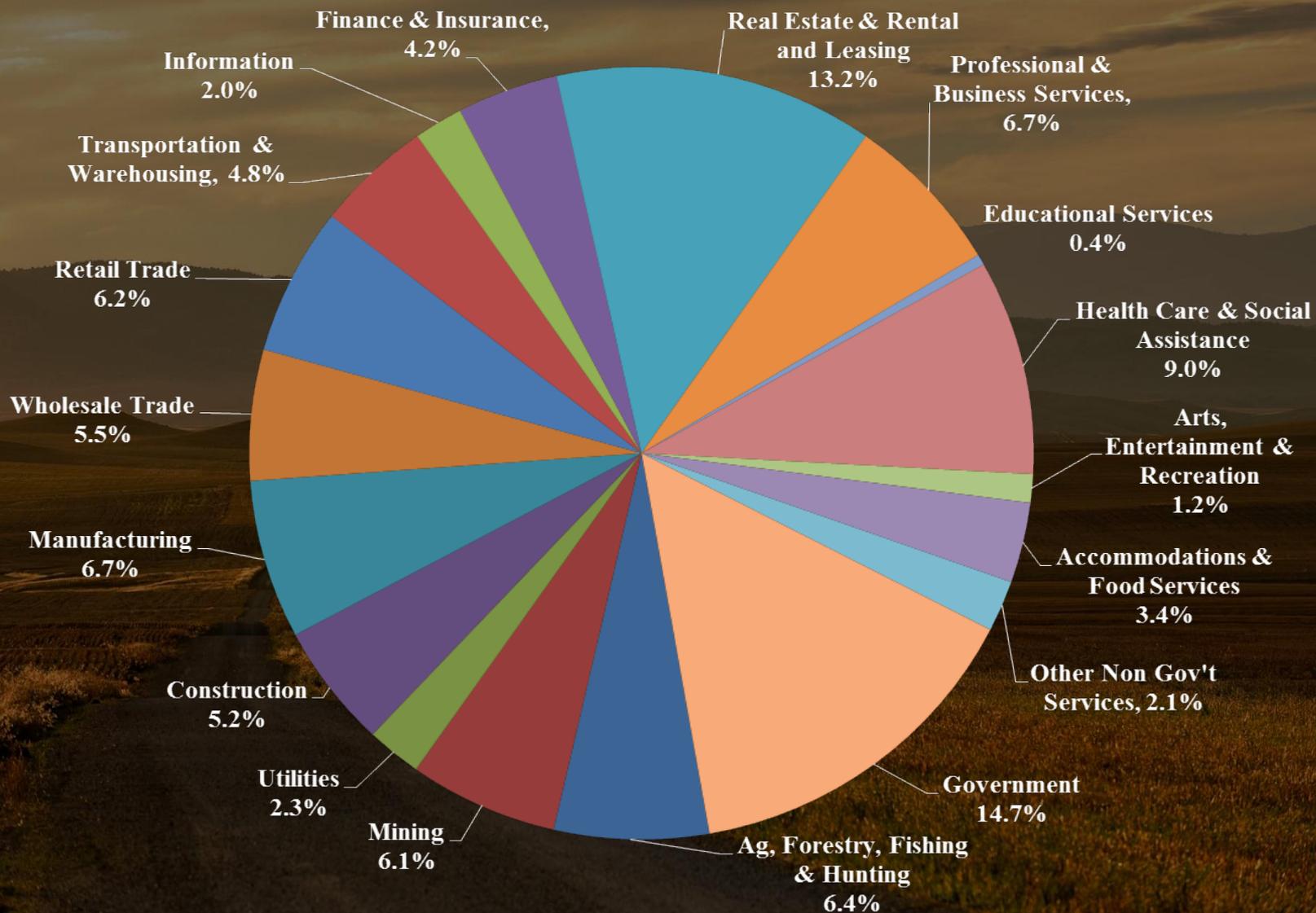


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INDUSTRY SHARE OF MT GDP, 2013

MT 2013 GDP: \$44.04 BILLION

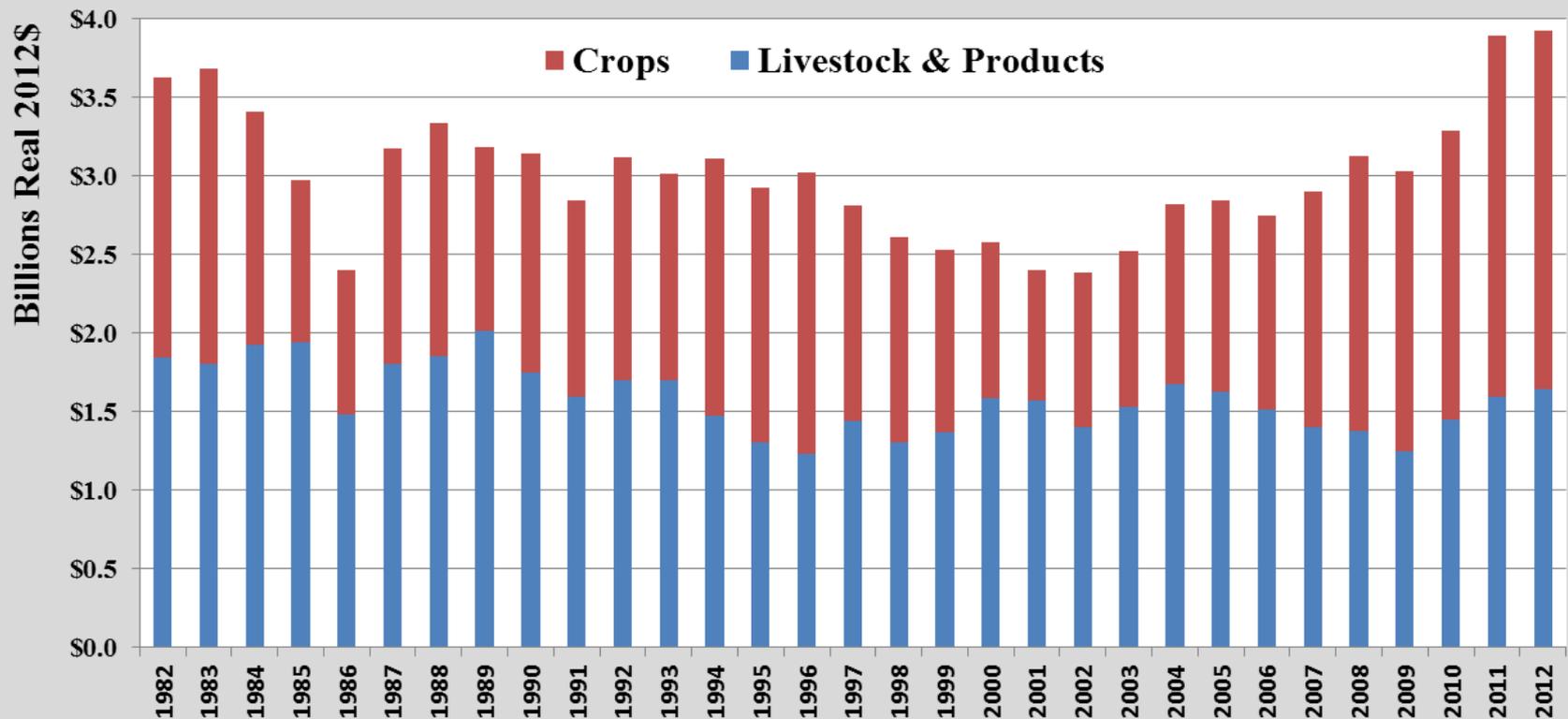


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MONTANA CASH RECEIPTS FROM AGRICULTURAL MARKETINGS, 1982 - 2012

FIGURES ARE ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION (REAL 2012\$)

TOTAL 2012 CASH RECEIPTS: \$3.92 BILLION



Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Current as of July 22, 2014.

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Per capita cash receipts from agricultural marketings is greater in Montana's rural counties.

Per Capita Cash Receipts from Agricultural Marketings, 2012

	# of MT Counties	Per Capita Cash Receipts
Montana County Average	56	\$15,228
MT Counties Under 50,000 people	50	\$16,953
MT Counties Under 20,000 people	47	\$17,958
MT Counties Under 10,000 people	35	\$21,815

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Current as of July 22, 2014

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The relative proportion of farm employment is greater in more rural areas on Montana.

Percent Farm Employment of Total Employment, 2012

	# of MT Counties	% Farm Employment of Total Employment
Montana County Average	56	11.9%
MT Counties Under 50,000 people	50	13.1%
MT Counties Under 20,000 people	47	13.6%
MT Counties Under 10,000 people	35	15.3%

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Current as of July 22, 2014

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A diversified economy is a healthy economy...

- Montana doesn't have one industry that makes up more than 15% of the total State GDP
 - In 2007, the manufacturing industry made up 20% of Michigan's total State GDP...
- For Montana as a whole, no one industry is more important than another... A strong state economy depends on the growth of all industries.
- For rural Montana, however, agriculture is an economic backbone.

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A scenic landscape of rolling green hills and a winding road under a cloudy sky. The road is paved and curves through the fields. The hills are covered in lush green grass, and the sky is filled with soft, grey clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and rural.

- In 2013 Montana businesses exported \$2.43 billion in commodities and finished goods.
 - Of that, \$929.07 million was bulk grains shipped largely to Asia
 - That represents more than 38% of Montana's total commodity and finished goods exports in 2013

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- Montana producers...
- Planted more acres with barley than any other state in 2013 and 2014
 - 990,000 and 940,000 acres in 2013 and 2014, respectively (Source: USDA NASS)
- Ranked 1st in production value of peas in 2011 – 2013
 - \$1.4 million, \$1.5 million, and \$3.2 million in 2011, 2012 & 2013, respectively (Source: USDA NASS)
- Raised nearly 1.5 million calves in 2013 (Source: USDA NASS)
 - That's nearly 1 ½ calves for each person in the State

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- Montana has a great opportunity to capture more production value of agricultural commodities through value added processes here in the State
 - Just to name a few ideas...
 - Barley malting
 - Grain and other milling
 - Gluten free pea flower possibly...
 - Offal processing
 - Along with many other opportunities to add value to Montana's agriculture commodities.

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In Summary...

- Montana's agricultural industry is key to Montana's rural local economies and one of many important industries making up the State's total economy
- Farmers and ranchers across the State are doing an outstanding job harvesting crops and raising livestock bringing money into Montana's local economies
- Many businesses are tapping into the value added markets Montana's agricultural commodities have the potential to create
- However, there is tremendous opportunity for more value added agriculture production within Montana's agricultural industry

QUESTIONS?

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