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## **Governor Gianforte Proclaims March “Agriculture Month” in Montana**

*Visits Double X Bar Farm & Ranch in Helena*

**HELENA, Mont.** – At Double X Bar Farm & Ranch in Helena, Governor Greg Gianforte yesterday proclaimed March 2024 Montana Agriculture Month.

In his proclamation, the governor also declared the week of March 17-23, 2024, Montana Agriculture Week, and March 19, 2024, Montana Agriculture Day.

“Montana is known around the world for its superior-quality beef and commodities,” Gov. Gianforte said. “Now more than ever before, it’s important we uplift our producers and support the folks who nourish our communities, create good-paying jobs, and add value to our supply chain.”



Gov. Gianforte proclaiming March 2024 Montana Ag Month at Double X Bar Farm & Ranch in Helena

Joining Montana Department of Agriculture Director Christy Clark, the governor toured the farm and ranch with operator Tim Dusenberry and heard about the production of his family's grass-fed, grass-finished beef and pasture-raised pork.

“The big step we took when we started doing regenerative agriculture was going directly to consumers,” said Tim Dusenberry, second-generation farmer and rancher. “Going to the farmers’ markets, social media, and word of mouth has really helped us provide our products to people. I’m looking forty years down the line so that my kids have something to work with.”



Gov. Gianforte and Director Clark visiting with Jim (right) and Tim (left) Dusenberry

Helena-area residents may know Double X Bar and the Dusenberrys from summertime farmers’ markets where they sell their beef, pork, and refrigerated products, providing the community with nutrient-dense protein.

The visit comes on the heels of the recent announcement from Governor Gianforte and Director Clark of the state’s \$818,954 investment in innovative, value-added agriculture projects through the Montana Department of Agriculture’s 2024 [Growth Through Agriculture \(GTA\) program](#).

The department, through GTA grants and loans, supports innovative Montanans and their businesses that produce and commercialize agricultural products and processes, that in turn, create wealth and jobs in communities and on farms and ranches.

From Plevna to Kalispell, a total of 22 agricultural businesses throughout the state were awarded funds to advance Montana's agricultural economy.

"Family farms and ranches like Double X Bar strengthen our economy and the entire agriculture industry," Gov. Gianforte said. "This week and month are all about celebrating what's best about Montana agriculture, and we have a lot to celebrate when it comes to the hardworking families that produce food and fiber for our state and nation."

The governor's proclamation may be viewed [here](#).

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