

OUR GOALS

- Minimize health risks to consumers and increase product quality



- Provide processing equipment infrastructure



- Meet state and federal requirements for retail sale of poultry products



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The Montana Poultry Grower's Cooperative

Developing local and regional food economies by providing the training resources that catalyze the production and processing of poultry in Montana.



“Fortunately, a growing number of farmers, nationally and in Montana, believe it is possible to produce the animals we eat with integrity, humanity, and attention to ecological systems”

—Sarah Stokes,
 Mobile Processing: Appropriate Technology
 for Pastured Poultry Producers

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OUR MISSION

There is a large market demand for local and pasture raised and organic poultry. Until the development of the Mobile Processing Unit (MPU) in 2010 Montana did not have a facility for processing poultry for retail sales. Many small scale poultry growers did not have the equipment or processing knowledge to safely and economically process their own birds. Community food security and self sufficiency in Montana is restricted by a lack of facilities that allow for local food processing. The cooperative was organized to provide poultry producers an avenue to collaborate on their poultry processing and production needs.

ABOUT US

It's an exciting time for small-scale poultry growers in Montana, with growing markets for pasture-raised, local poultry and the appropriate technology to produce and sell it. The Montana Poultry Growers Cooperative, legally incorporated in April 2006, is proud to be a part of the economic growth and environmental sustainability that comes with bringing value-added products like pasture-raised, on-farm processed poultry into the local food system in Montana. We believe a

local poultry market is not only good for local economies, but also provides for more humane processing with less environmental impact.



WHY JOIN THE MONTANA POULTRY GROWER'S COOPERATIVE?

By becoming a member of the poultry growers cooperative you join a community of poultry growers that support each other in the production, processing and marketing of poultry in the State of Montana. Your membership entitles you to the following resources:

- Poultry processing and production education
- Processing infrastructure
- Small-scale plucker and scalders
- Large scale mobile poultry processing unit approved by the State of Montana for retail sales
- Assistance in on-farm planning
- Annual newsletter and updates



BECOME A MEMBER

Sign up now to become a member. Send this form and your \$50 annual membership dues to:

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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MONTANA POULTRY GROWER'S COOPERATIVE

FOUNDERS

- Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
- Farms for Families
- Mission Mountain Cooperative Development Center

FUNDERS

- Montana Department of Agriculture (GTA)
- The Toledo Community Foundation
- USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant Programs