

MONTANA wheat & barley

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NASS SURVEYS INCOMING

The USDA will be contacting producers for several data collection surveys this month. The *Cash Rents and Leases Survey* starts in early February and the *Prospective Plantings* questionnaire will be mailed the middle of this month.

If you receive either survey, be sure to fill out and submit to NASS. More information about each of these can be found on our [news page](#).



WHEAT MARKETING CENTER TOUR

We only have a couple slots open for the March 17-20, 2025 Follow The Grain experience, Portland. Dates include travel.

This educational seminar is funded by MWBC to help growers better understand the importance of end-use qualities in the wheat you grow. Reach out to Lori today if you are interested in getting on the list: lori.wickett@mt.gov.



GLEANINGS for February

By Kent Kupfner, Executive Director

The largest single recipient of MWBC financial support is US Wheat Associates (USW), the group responsible for overseas promotion and market development. MWBC highly values the work done by USW and much of our focus and day-to-day activities revolve around supporting and aiding in the implementation of the USW mission.

The Tech Race: Opening the Door
for Transgenic Wheat Research 1.0

By Lori Wickett, Communications
Director

Over the last six months, there have been some positive developments since the news announcement of HB4, the transgenic trait created by BioCeres Crop Solutions. MWBC is keeping tight track of its emergence on the world scene.



Reminder: Golden Triangle Barley Seminar Feb. 13. [Register here.](#)

In other barley news, MWBC Director Lee Dahlman, MGGA Vice President Steve Sheffles and NBGA Vice Chair Mitch Konen are in Washington DC this week for National Barley Growers Assn. meetings.



Tariffs

TARIFFS -- JUST TRY AND KEEP UP

Each time we begin a brief on tariffs that might affect the grain trade, a day later the news changes. As of today (2-4-25), here are stories trending over the last few weeks:

[China strikes back at Trump, retaliating with new tariffs as it 'firmly opposes' US plan](#) 2-4-25

[China tariffs begin, Canada & Mexico tariffs paused](#) 2-4-25

[Grains Recover But Was it the Mexican Tariff Delay or China Hopes?](#) 2-3-25

[U.S. grain futures rise after U.S. pauses tariffs on Mexico, Canada](#) 2-3-25

[High-protein wheat expected to survive tariffs](#) 1-17-25

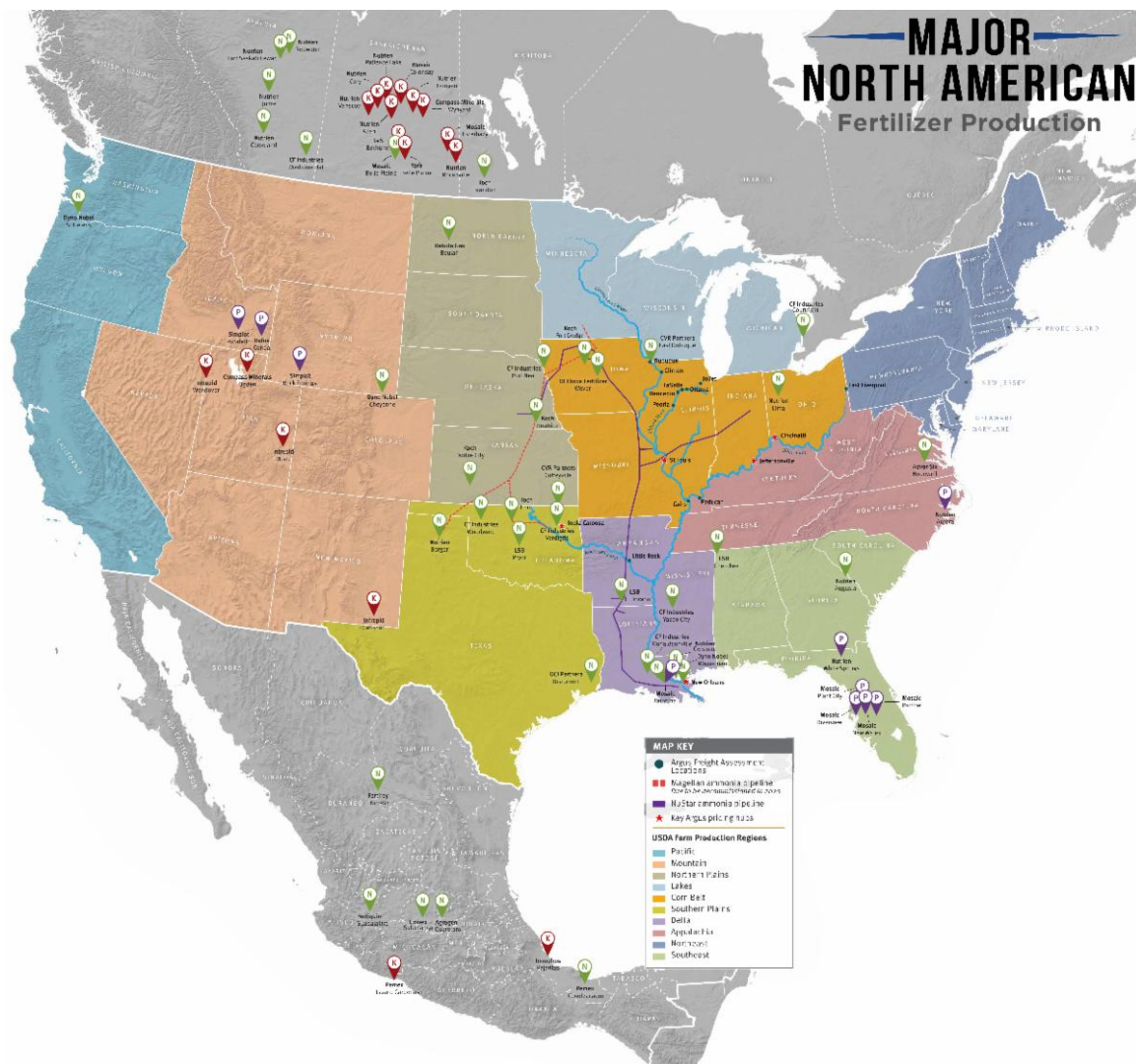
The Washington Grain Commission shared this map* showing fertilizer sources across North America with these highlights:

- Appr. 90% of the western US uses fertilizer sourced from Canada
- Canada is the world's largest producer of potash and holds 45% of the world's

reserves; 46% of their potash is exported to the US

- St. Helens, OR, is the western US sole source for nitrogen fertilizer production; this facility currently acquires 40% of its natural gas from the LNG pipeline, British Columbia

Click on the map below for a larger version.



*2019, Argus Fertilizer North America

Outside the Big Sky

US flour production climbs 1.2% in 2024

US farmers optimistic despite trade uncertainty

Rising U.S. dollar value is killing prices

Roots of Progress: The hybrid wheat journey continues



Recipe Harvest!



Happy Valentine's Day! Ideas for the perfect romantic menu, which MUST include pasta:

- [Baked Tortellini Alfredo With Mushrooms](#)
- [Creamy Lemon Butter Pasta](#)
- [Garlic Noodles & Shrimp](#)
- [Steakhouse Pasta](#)
- [Brown Butter Lobster Roll Pasta](#)
- [Chocolate Lasagna](#) (ok, this might not be pasta)



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