

Investing in Montana's ranching community through leadership, education, and conservation.

The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation (MSF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, established to ensure the future of Montana's cattle industry through producer and public education, and promotion of Montana Stockgrowers Association programs.

MSF supports the next generation by offering educational programs, academic scholarships and providing leadership opportunities. Donations of all types are accepted, whether it be monetary or auction items to be used as fundraisers at MSGA events. All proceeds go to benefit MSF's endowment and scholarship funds. With these, MSF can help support the youth of Montana ranching as well as keep the great tradition of stewardship alive.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation (MSF) proudly continues to deliver on our mission of investing in Montana's ranching community through leadership, education, and conservation.

Thankfully, support for MSF continues to grow, allowing us the ability to expand funding to MSGA signature programs and grant funds to complementary organizations, events, and programs.

Please, take a few minutes to review the annual report that follows. Highlights of MSF activities and involvement this past year will further acquaint you with our footprint; I believe you will be pleased.

Jeri Delys, MSF Director, has been leading our team now for over a year and a half. She has done an amazing job and continues to excel and "raise the bar" for us.

The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation's ability to support the ranching industry through programs that support and offer leadership, education, and conservation have made a difference. We remain committed to fulfilling our mission.

We are appreciative of the MSGA staff and board of directors and sure want to send a shout out of thanks their direction and I, personally, offer my heartfelt appreciation to the MSF trustees and our Director, Jeri Delys.

And, to you wonderful donors and partners - THANK YOU! for embarking on this iourney with us!

If you haven't partnered with MSF before but believe in our mission, please accept my personal invitation to join our efforts by donating today. Together, we can continue to help ensure the future of Montana's cattle industry.

With Gratitude,

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Della Fhlke MSF Chairman B STUCKES

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022**

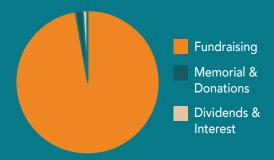
ASSETS	2022	2021
Cash	\$115,715	\$116,304
Investments	\$465,596	\$514,304
Other	\$1,450	\$1,000
Total Assets	\$582,761	\$631,608

REVENUE	2022	2021
Fudraising	\$307,108	\$208,062
Memorials & Donations	\$4,949	\$8,618
Dividends & Interest	\$3,367	\$3,166
Total Revenue	\$315,424	\$219,846

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	2022	2021
Deferred Revenue	\$34,650	\$66,200
Total Liabilities	\$34,650	\$66,200
Unrestricted Assets	\$332,849	\$332,849
Temporarily Restricted	\$36,331	\$15,331
Permanently Restricted	\$45,875	\$45,875
Retained Earnings	\$133,056	\$171,353
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$582,761	\$631,608

EXPENSES	2022	2021
Grants & Support Distributions	\$121,153	\$104,030
Fundraising & Event	\$129,100	\$43,837
Operating & Admin	\$61,261	\$56,096
Total Expenses	\$311,514	\$203,963

^{**} Based on Internally Prepared Financial Statements, CPA Review has not yet been performed









MSGA PROGRAM SUPPORT

The Foundation provides funding to support MSGA leadership, members, and staff to attend events nationwide to receive education and training that is shared with MSGA members at the state and local levels across Montana.

Providing educational opportunities for MSGA staff and board members allows for the organization's leadership to be up-to-date on current cattle industry issues and represent Montana's interests at cattle events. This year, MSF added support of MSGA's premier leadership program, the M Bar Academy. The M Bar Academy fosters and grows leaders in the Montana ranching industry and provides individuals the opportunity to improve leadership skills, gain and understanding of industry issues, and develop the expertise needed to provide leadership in Montana Stockgrowers, its partner organizations, public service, and in the cattle industry. Educational events included:

- Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Tradeshow
- Cattle Industry Summer Business Meeting
- Agency and NCBA Meetings in D.C.
- M Bar Academy
- MidYear Educational Seminar
- Educational field day

Top: M Bar Academy participants during their first session in Butte with Karen Eddington, discussing mental health in ag. **Middle Left:** Participants at a field day in Ennis. **Middle Top (right to left):** Lesley Robinson, 2nd VP; John Grande, 1st VP; Jim Steinbeisser, President; Jay Bodner, former EVP; and Chaley Harney, MT Beef Council serving as delegates at the Cattle Industry Convention. **Middle Bottom:** M Bar Academy participants group shot at the MT Capitol. **Bottom (right to left):** Wanda Pinnow, MSGA member, and Lesley Robinson, 2nd VP, at Summer Business Meeting.



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OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

Planned Giving

Foundation Board representatives are always available to discuss or meet with parties considering making impacts for future generations of Montana ranchers.

Although we realize there are many worthy causes, the Foundation is also a viable giving recipient for Planned Giving. Contact us for more information or to schedule a presentation at your affiliate meeting.

License Plates

License Plate Sales continue to climb - \$60,000 from license plate sales since inception in 2015. This custom design represents the values of Heritage, Integrity and Tradition in the Montana ranching communities.

\$20 donations from each plate purchase will help ensure the future of Montana's livestock community and businesses through producer and public education by supporting the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation. This plate CAN be personalized!

Educational Heritage Scholarship

Each year, the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation (MSF) awards college students, who are seeking a career beneficial to ranching, with a scholarship. In Fiscal Year 2022, the MSF board of trustees voted to increase the number of scholarships given from one to three. The trustees also increased the dollars given from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to benefit more students in more impactful ways.

"Being a fifth generation Montana cattle rancher, the Stockgrowers Heritage Scholarship is especially meaningful to me because it is helping me pursue a degree in agriculture so I will eventually be able to give back to the agricultural community that made me who I am today," said SAGE ZOOK.

SAGE ZOOK, MILES CITY

Sage Zook was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship and is attending Northwest College in Powell Wyoming. Sage is majoring in Animal Science and will graduate in May of 2023.

Sage has been involved in Livestock Judging at the FFA Chapter level as well as being an active member of the Livestock Judging team at Northwest College. She has worked as an intern at Miles City Veterinary Services as a veterinary technician over the summer months and during college breaks. In addition to attending Northwest College, Sage works at the Smith Sheep and Stuff ranch.

MACIE MARTINELL, DELL

Macie Martinell was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. Macie is attending Montana State University and is majoring in exercise science with an anticipated date of graduation in May 2023.

Macie plans on applying for Physical Therapy school to receive her Doctorate in physical therapy. Macie is the current Vice President of the Collegiate Stockgrowers at MSU. Recently, she represented Montana State Collegiate Stockgrowers at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) in Houston, Texas.

SAGE JACKSON, HOT SPRINGS

Sage Jackson was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. Sage is pursuing a degree in Animal Science - Livestock Management with a minor in Agriculture Business at Montana State University. Her anticipated date of graduation is May of 2024.

While growing up in Sanders County, Sage contributed to her community in various capacities including Sanders County Coalition for Families, Sanders County Cancer Network and Plan Bee Project as well as other notable community service organizations. Sage is a member of Collegiate Stockgrowers at MSU.





TBONE CLASSIC GALA DINNER & GOLF TOURNAMENT contributed baskets for the auction. The

The TBone Classic Gala Dinner and Golf Tournament provides an opportunity to foster new partnerships between Montana's ranching community and other businesses and industries essential to Montana's economy.

The event was held at the Briarwood Country Club in Billings on August 24 - 25, 2022. The tournament included 36 teams, and more than \$40,000 was raised through the event, sponsorships, and auction. Events at the TBone Classic included a fundraiser gala dinner and auction where TBone steaks provided by Open Prairie Natural Angus were enjoyed by dinner guests.

The auction was a huge success with some exciting auction items that were offered. Twenty-five tons of grass/alfalfa hay was donated by major tournament sponsor, The Producer Partnership. A half beef, cut and delivered, was donated by trustee Wayne Slaght. Holden Herefords and 100 Proof Distro each

Calcutta Auction raised just over \$24,000! A portion of the calcutta and TBone sponsorships benefit the Foundations programs which have a focus on education, leadership, and conservation.

First place team in the Calcutta went to PEDE & Associates, composed of Pat Davis, Jennifer Davis, Greg Seitz and Doug Van Dyken, second place went to Basin Angus/Berg Livestock, third place went to The Producer Partnership. Tenth place went to the WIPFLI team. First place for the tournament winning team went to Western Ranch Supply, second place, Whitetail Properties and third place was the Sean O'Daniel team.

Mark your calendar for the 13th Annual TBone Classic to be held August 23-24, 2023, at the Briarwood Country Club in Billings.



















































ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The national Environmental Stewardship Award program was established in 1991. The program provides an opportunity for the beef industry to showcase the stewardship and business practices that exist together on progressive farms and ranches. State winners selected by the Montana Stockgrowers Association along with the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation advance to the regional and national levels.

The Montana ranch selected exemplifies environmental stewardship and demonstrates a commitment toward improved sustainability within the beef industry. Environmental Stewardship Award winners are prime examples of how environmental management benefits both the rancher's bottom line and the resources in their care.





The Joe C King & Sons Ranch, in Winnett, Mont., was selected as one of seven regional honorees of the Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP). The award, announced during the 2022 Cattle Industry Convention and NBCA Trade Show, recognized the operation's outstanding stewardship and conservation efforts.

Regional and national award winners have been commended for their commitment to protecting the environment and improving fish and wildlife habitats while operating profitable cattle operations.

"I don't think there is anyone better suited to receive this award than Chris King and his family," said Jim Steinbeisser, MSGA President.

2021 REGIONAL AWARD WINNERS

JOE C KING & SONS RANCH

Joe C King & Sons Ranch is owned and operated by Chris & Gari King, their son, Jay King, and their daughter and son-inlaw, Kylie and MitchThompson. Together the family manages a BlackAngus cow/calf operation located just southwest of Winnett. Montana.

The King family has continued the strong tradition of the Joe C King & Sons Ranch by becoming an ever-evolving enterprise, willing to learn and adjust as the years pass. For the last 50 years, continuously improving grazing management has been a fundamental key in the ranch's sustainability efforts.

Their goals for success are built upon adapting to the unique local conditions and environment, while assessing the health of the land, water and forage, to make sound business decisions.



RAISING THE STEAKS **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP RANCH TOUR**

The Raising the Steaks Tour gathers an intimate group of thoughtful, creative individuals who represent chefs, food service professionals, students, wildlife advocates, ranchers, scientists, conservationists, story tellers, and water users and more to put their boots on the ground and their heads in the game in facilitated diverse and informative discussions that highlight current issues and solutions to challenges ranchers ad conservationists face when managing private and public lands for future generations.

The 2022 Tour was hosted in Winnett at the Joe C King & Sons Ranch, 2021 Montana Environmental Stewardship Award and 2021 Region V Environmental Stewardship Award winner.

Many thanks to Chris and Gari King and the rest of the King family for hosting the event, and to the ESAP Committee members, chaired by MSGA Northeastern board member Lon Reukauf.





















WINNETT **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



CHRIS KING

"The ranch is not a showplace with fancy fences, manicured lawns or shiny new pickup trucks. The ranch operation is not unlike its neighbors, we are just trying to find a way to manage the land and grass in a sustainable way so the ranch can be successfully passed on to the next generation."



Thank You 5 YEAR DONORS

MSF would like to recognize the following generous donors and say thank you for donating all five years to the Cattle Drive:

2016 Leadership ClassOrganized by Chisholm Christensen

Garrison Ranch/Chokecherry Ranch
Jim, Cheyenne and Bill Garrison

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Bobcat AngusBryan and Cathy Ratzburg

CATTLE DRIVE PROGRAM

A DONATION THAT KEEPS ON GROWING!

For the fifth year, MSF and MSGA held the Cattle Drive program to raise funds for the MSF. The program allows donors to contribute toward the efforts of MSF beyond more traditional cash donations. The program seeks donations of steer calves from ranches all over the state. The program also offers the option to donate the value of a full calf at \$1,200 or a half share at \$600. MSF then purchases a high-quality calf to feed in the donor's name. All the proceeds from the net sale of the calves go to MSF.

Donors are recognized at the Annual Convention in December in Billings and throughout the year in the MSGA Newsletter, website and social media posts. Prizes given to top calves in select categories. Donations are tax deductible. The net proceeds from the feeder calf program benefit MSF programs.

We'd like to thank Eric Moore of Solaris Feeders. Eric has graciously donated the yardage for the cattle. Eric has been a champion of the Cattle Drive program since the inception of the program in 2017. He has donated countless hours of his time, energy and effort to help make the program successful. We are grateful for Eric's commitment and contributions over the past five years.

200+
CALVES DONATED

\$150,000 RAISED SINCE 2017 2 Creek Monture Ranch

Wayne Slaght

2016 Leadership Series Class

Organized by Chisholm Christensen

21 Mile Creek Ranch

Rusty Ellis

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Chad & Lacey Sutherlin

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Watty & Lila Taylor

Western Aq Network

Russell Nemetz & Lane Nordlund

Willow Creek Cattle Company

Dan Moore

Willow Creek Ranch

Sue Moore

Woody Creek Cattle & Grain

Steve Uffelman

MSGA Member Donates Brand to Montana Stockgrowers Foundation

This past year, Ed Lord donated the "C hanging U" brand to the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation. The brand was auctioned off via online auction and the winner was announced at MSGA's 2021 Annual Convention & Trade Show in Billings. The funds from the auction were used for the Education Heritage Scholarship.

The History of the C Hanging U

The brand belonged to Ed's father, Howard Lord, who was an industrious, intelligent, hard-working man. At the age of 12, he became an orphan and lived with several aunts. He graduated from Geraldine High School and went to work for a sheep ranch, moving herder camps with a pack horse. Howard knew he would never get ahead working for \$40. a month, so he scraped together enough money to go to MSC (now MSU), eventually earning a masters degree in Economics.

Howard bought his first ranch in the 1930s near Shonkin. This is where Howard used the brand C hanging U. In 1949, he bought a ranch near Philipsburg. Howard later acquired another brand. Howard gave his son, Ed, the C hanging U brand. Ed gave the brand to his father-in-law, AC Brooks. After his passing, Ed acquired the brand again.



ED LORD

"We were not using the Brand and thought it would be a way to make a nice contribution to the MSF, because we think highly of the organization."

ONE MONTANA - MASTER HUNTER PROGRAM

The Montana Master Hunter Program provides advanced hunter education that increases skills, competence, ethical behavior, and knowledge of agriculture and stewardship. The Montana Master Hunter Program is a project of One Montana, a nonprofit working to promote a vibrant Montana by connecting rural and urban communities.

THE MONTANA CATTLEWOMEN'S RANCH RUN

The run was designed to introduce the beauty of Montana's farms and ranches as well as educate the running community about the importance of agriculture and land stewardship.

MONTANA WINTER FAIR

The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation was a sponsor of the Ag Ambassador contest. Junior High and High School youth competed to tell the story of agriculture through newspaper, radio, social media, interviews and prepared speech.

MONTANA AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Montana Ag in the Classroom was supported by Montana Stockgrowers Foundation and the Montana Stockgrowers Association at the Partnership Level, with a goal of engaging with teachers, providing resources and encouraging agricultural awareness.

REAL MONTANA

The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation supports up to three Montana Stockgrowers members in the amount of \$1,000 each if they are selected for the program. The Foundation has been a supporter of the program since inception in 2012. There have been 78 leaders that have graduated from the program.

GRASS RANGE FFA VETERINARY SCIENCES TEAM

The Foundation was proud to support the Grass Range FFA as they traveled to Indianapolis to compete and participate in the 94th National FFA Convention. There were over 60,000 people registered for the convention. Between the US, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico there are over 735,038 members and 8,817 FFA chapters. The small Grass Range Vet Science Team placed 7th in the Nation.

DENTON FIRE RELIEF FUND

The Foundation made a contribution to benefit ranching families who were victims and evacuees of the devastating fire in Denton.

COLLEGIATE STOCKGROWERS AT MSU

The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation helped support the MSU Collegiate Stockgrowers on a trip to the NCBA Trade Show held during the 2022 Cattle Industry Convention in Houston Texas.

