

Problem:

Not having certification to Global Food Safety Initiatives (GFSI) and lacking the resources to fully implement compliant systems jeopardized existing sales and prevented expansion into new markets.

Partners:

- Pasta Montana, Great Falls, MT
- Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
- Montana State University College of Engineering

MMEC Fees: Under \$40,000

Benefits/Impact:

- Achieved the highest rating possible during certification (A rating)
- Completed project within a three month timeframe
- Retained **\$5 million** in sales annually
- Increased sales by **\$1.5 million** annually
- Cost savings in excess of **\$275,000**
- New investments of over **\$300,000**

Solution:

Developed a project plan to accommodate a tight timeline, identified and provided external expertise, coordinated internal and external resources in the development of systems to meet organizational and GFSI requirements, and participated in the certification process.



Pasta Montana pasta made from Montana Durum Wheat