

# SENATOR STEVE DAINES TURNED HIS BACK on Montana Farmers and Ranchers

- Montana ranks 7th in the states with the number of beef cows at almost 1.5 million head and cattle ranked #1 in the state's cash receipts by commodity in 2017. 22.6 million pounds of red meat were produced in 2017. *Source: beef2live.com, USDA/NASS*
- Montana's 60 dairy farms are home to some 12,000 cows which produced 32 million gallons of milk in 2018, ranking the state 17th in milk output per cow. Dairy exports totaled \$9 million and cash receipts for milk sales by dairy farmers were \$50 million. There are seven milk processing plants in the state. *Source: USDA, dairymax.org*



Daines voted **against** the Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act of 2019, a measure intended to bring much needed accountability to the federal government's commodity check off programs. The legislation would bring much needed reforms by prohibiting conflicts of interest and anti-competitive practices, and requiring more transparency in these programs. *Source: H.R.2, 6/28/18, Roll call 142*



Daines voted **against** the Dairy Business Innovation Act, which provided \$7 million to establish regional initiatives to spur innovation in dairy businesses, foster the development of new and innovative dairy products, modernize existing dairy plants, and support new dairy entrepreneurs. These initiatives can help to add more value to the milk farmers produce and expand uses for milk to help address oversupply. *Source: H.R.6147, 8/1/18, Roll call 178*

## Flunking Ratings for Steve Daines

*The Cornucopia Institute – 2018: 0%*

*Food Policy Action – 2017: 0%*

*National Farmers Union – 2016: 0%*



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# SENATOR STEVE DAINES VOTES AGAINST OUR ENERGY FREEDOM

- 45% of Montana's energy is from renewables with 8.5% from wind energy. Montana ranks 23th in the nation for wind energy with 720MW. Montana is ranked 5th for estimated potential wind power. *Source: Montana State University, awea.org*
- Annual lease payments to landowner from Montana's 18 wind power projects were \$10.4 million in 2020 and are projected to rise to \$51 million by 2030. *Source: Montana State University*
- Montana ranks 44th in the nation for installed solar capacity and 49th in solar jobs. *Source: The Solar Foundation, 2019 Solar Jobs Census*



Daines voted **against** an amendment to restore funding for the Department of Energy's wind energy research to \$95.4 million which drives innovations that reduce the costs of wind energy and increases deployment and grid integration. *Source: H.R. 2028, 4/26/16, Roll call 61*



Daines voted **against** an amendment to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing 15% rebates to homeowners and businesses that install solar power for the purchase and installation of an additional 10 million photovoltaic systems by 2025. *Source: S.1, 1/28/15, Roll call 33*



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