

JON TESTER

Fighting for Farmers and Ranchers

As a third-generation Montana dirt farmer, Jon is taking on bureaucrats and multinational corporations to stand up for Montana's farmers and ranchers. Whether it's tackling consolidation in the meatpacking industry or challenging Biden administration rules that hurt rural America, Jon will always go to bat for Montana.

Fighting for a Fair Shake

Capitalism only works when there's competition, and with four multinational corporations controlling more than 80% of the meatpacking market, Jon is fighting to ensure that Montana's ranchers get a fair shake at the farm gate. Jon's *Meat Packing Special Investigator Act* will finally put some teeth in the *Packers and Stockyards Act* and level the playing field for Montana ranchers.

When a piece of equipment breaks down mid-harvest, Jon knows that Montana's producers can't afford to waste time waiting for an expensive, specialized technician to come and make repairs. That's why Jon is standing up to the largest equipment manufacturers and fighting for "right to repair" laws to ensure Montana's producers can repair their own equipment.

More transparency means better deals for Montana's producers, and Jon is working hard to shed light on consolidation in the meatpacking industry. Jon's *Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act* would give Montana's ranchers more negotiating power and market insights, helping ensure that they aren't being ripped off by corporate meatpackers.

Standing up for Montana

Too often, Washington bureaucrats don't have a clue what's going on in rural America – but Jon is leading the charge to bring Montana commonsense to Congress. That's why when the Biden administration announced a new *Waters of the United States*

"As a third-generation Montana dirt farmer, I know Montana's family farms and ranches are the backbone of our state's economy. They feed the world, and they keep our rural communities strong. I'll never stop fighting to ensure that Montana's producers get a fair shake..."

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(WOTUS) rule that could've hurt Montana's producers, Jon bucked his party and voted against it.

Jon knows that Montana's farmers and ranchers don't have time to waste when they're growing food, so when the Biden administration added burdensome "climate disclosure" paperwork for producers, Jon put a stop to it. Because of Jon's work, farmers can focus on feeding the world instead of jumping through bureaucratic hoops.

Whether it's flooded fields, or devastating drought, Jon knows that Montana's farmers need relief when



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on the market. So, when the Biden administration overturned a longstanding ban on potentially dangerous Paraguayan beef imports, Jon reached across the aisle and put a stop to it. Jon is also leading the bipartisan charge to re-ban Brazilian beef imports until they hold their animals to the same safety standards as Montana.

Jon knows that only meat that's born and raised in America should be labeled "Product of the USA." That's why Jon has teamed up with his Republican colleagues to try and reinstate Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling, so that Montanans know whether their beef is coming from Broadus or Brazil.

disaster strikes. Jon has secured billions of dollars in disaster relief funding for our farmers, and he'll continue fighting to ensure that Montana's producers receive the relief they need when hard times hit.

More Money in Montanans Pockets

Meat processing middlemen have been squeezing Montana's producers and consumers for far too long, which is why Jon is working to secure local meat processing options and keep money in Montana pockets. Through his *American Rescue Plan Act*, Jon secured resources to build and expand dozens of meat processing facilities in Montana and ensure that Montanans are receiving better deals at the farm gate and grocery store.

Jon knows that Montanans produce the best meat in the world, plain and simple. That's why he's fought to pass his *New Markets for State-Inspected Meat and Poultry Act*, which would allow Montana's producers and meat processors to sell Montana's state-inspected meats across state lines without additional bureaucratic red tape.

Champion for Montana-Made Beef

Montana's ranchers hold their beef to the highest standards possible and produce the safest meat

A Farm Bill for Montana

Jon always gets his best ideas from Montanans, which is why he held public, in-person Farm Bill Listening Sessions across Montana to hear directly from producers about what they want to see in the upcoming legislation. Jon's working hard in Washington to ensure that the new Farm Bill keeps family farms and ranches strong for generations to come.



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