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**State of Montana**  
**Office of the Governor**



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**Executive Order No. 6-98**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE  
GOVERNOR'S VISION 2005 TASK FORCE ON AGRICULTURE

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WHEREAS, agriculture is Montana's leading industry and a major component of Montana's economy based on \$2.13 billion in annual cash receipts; and

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WHEREAS, agriculture accounts for over one-third of Montana's basic industry employment, labor income, and gross sales; and

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WHEREAS, agriculture will face many challenges and opportunities as it moves into the next century; and

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WHEREAS, it is important that new and innovative ways are developed to address the challenges and seize new opportunities facing Montana agriculture.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby establish the Vision 2005 Task Force.

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I. PURPOSE

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The Vision 2005 Task Force shall:

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A. Provide a forum within which to plan, coordinate

1 and develop economic development initiatives to  
2 address issues affecting agriculture, with the goal of  
3 doubling Montana's agricultural economy by the end of  
4 the year 2005;

5 B. meet periodically, completing its work in time to  
6 provide recommendations prior to the 1999 session of  
7 the Montana State Legislature; and

8 C. prepare a report to the Governor on the  
9 accomplishments and recommendations of the Vision 2005  
10 Task Force.

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12 **II. COMPOSITION**

13 The Task Force shall consist of not more than 30  
14 members, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the  
15 Governor. The Governor shall appoint the Chairman. The  
16 members shall include representatives of the following  
17 groups:

18 **A. Montana's Agricultural Organizations**

19 Montana Agricultural Business Association

20 Montana Cattlemen's Association

21 Montana Dairymen's Association

22 Montana Farm Bureau Federation

23 Montana Farmers Union

24 Montana Grain Growers Association

25 Montana Mint Growers Association

26 Montana Pork Producers Association

27 Montana State Grange

28 Montana Stockgrowers Association

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Montana Wool Growers Association  
Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

B. Lending Organizations

Montana Bankers Association  
Montana Independent Bankers Association

C. State Government

Governor's Office  
Montana Department of Agriculture  
Montana Department of Commerce

D. Montana Legislature

Two members, one each from the House of Representatives and the Senate, and not more than one from each of the major political parties.

E. Montana State University

F. Montana Chamber of Commerce

G. Members At Large

Five members representing interests associated with value-added business, farming, ranching and agribusiness.

The list of members will be submitted to the Secretary of States Office and the Montana Department of Agriculture. The Montana Department of Agriculture shall provide administrative coordination.

III. DURATION

This Task Force shall remain in existence until December 31, 1998, unless extended or terminated by subsequent Executive Order. This Order is effective

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GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT  
SEAL of the State of Montana,  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1998.

Marc Racicot  
MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

Mike Cooney  
MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State