

who are we?

The Northern Pulse Growers Association (NPGA) is the regional association that represents pulse crop producers from Montana and North Dakota.

what is a pulse crop?

Pulse—a Latin word meaning thick soup—is used to describe the edible seeds of legumes. Pulse crops grown in North Dakota and Montana include: peas, lentils, and chickpeas.



LEADERSHIP

The NPGA is led by an elected Board of Directors comprised of 10 North Dakota and Montana pulse producers.

FUNDING

The NPGA is funded by pulse check off dollars from the North Dakota Dry Pea & Lentil Council and Montana Pulse Advisory Committee.

MISSION

To promote dry peas, lentils and chickpeas through industry education, market development, research coordination and government affairs providing the highest quality food and feed products to the consumer.

MARKETING

Health & Nutrition

Pulses are high in fiber, low in fat and are packed with vitamins and minerals. With rising health issues and the increase in chronic diet-related diseases such as diabetes, obesity and heart diseases, consumers and health professionals are looking for solutions. Pulses can be an essential part of the solution.

Feed & Livestock

The same health advantages of pulses that benefit humans also benefit livestock. Peas can be used effectively and efficiently in several different types of livestock diets including beef and dairy cattle, sheep, bison, swine, and poultry. Used as a protein source or replacement concentrate grain, livestock producers have an opportunity to utilize this unique and beneficial feed ingredient. Also, pulses such as peas are becoming a more common ingredient in premium brand pet and fish foods.

EDUCATION

The NPGA serves as a valuable source of information for pulse producers. The NPGA conducts grower meetings and pulse tours as well as hosting an annual meeting to educate growers on the latest production, research and marketing information.

RESEARCH

The NPGA funds ongoing research aimed at finding better varieties and improving production practices. This continued investment over the long-term results in improved quality and production. Research funds are also directed at combating weeds, disease and insects which can cause severe economic hardships to producers across the region.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The NPGA is committed to improving and protecting the pulse industry by providing representation on both the state and national level. The NPGA provides valuable input on issues of importance to those who make decisions directly affecting the region's pulse industry.

BECOME A MEMBER

If you would like to be involved in shaping the future success of the region's pulse industry, become a member! To become a member, please visit the NPGA website at northernpulse.com or call the office at 701-222-0128.

pulses are

- low in fat, calories and sodium
- high in fiber, protein and complex carbohydrates
- great for gluten-free, diabetic and vegetarian diets