

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

Montana Agritourism Association

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Montana, do hereby certify:

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Montana Agritourism Association.

Article II: Registered Office Address

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Bozeman, Gallatin County.

The name and address of this corporation's initial registered agent for service of process is:

Shannon Arnold
Montana State University, Department of Agricultural and Technology Education
230 Linfield Hall
Bozeman, MT 59717-2830

Article III: Purpose

A. This public benefit corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, advocacy, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

B. The purpose of the Montana Agritourism Association (hereinafter "MAA" or "Association") shall serve as a statewide proactive advocate for agritourism venues and shall act as a liaison between and among state-level organizations, field organizations, nonprofits and rural landowners to support, grow and facilitate agritourism

The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, nor shall any of the profits or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation.

Article IV: Initial Directors

The names and addresses of the persons appointed to act as the initial directors of this corporation are:

Chair: Carissa McNamara	39 Eagle Valley Lane, Plains, MT, 59859
Vice Chair: Tamara Robertson	92 Finch Rd., Forsyth, MT 59327
Secretary: Erin Turner	606 Stallion Lane, Missoula, MT 59804
Treasurer: Shannon Arnold	4580 E. Baseline Rd., Belgrade, MT 59714

Article V: Exemption Requirements

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

- A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article VI: Duration/Dissolution

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for the public purpose.

Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Date: January 24, 2025

We, the above-mentioned initial directors of this corporation, hereby declare that we are the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which instrument is our act and deed.

Board Signatures

Chair: Carissa McNamara DocuSigned by: Carissa McNamara 1A7850EC48EF496...

Vice Chair: Tamara Robertson DocuSigned by: Tamara Robertson 2BC699AA9589426...

Secretary: Erin Turner Signed by: Erin Turner 65636A3C5B6648B...

Treasurer: Shannon Arnold Signed by: Shannon Arnold CCE22ED1DC084C0...