



Food and Ag Development Centers

PCQI TRAINING

FLATHEAD VALLEY
SUCCESS STORY

The Project

With support from the Montana Department of Agriculture's Business Enhancement Program, Montana West Economic Development's Food and Ag Development Center partnered with Montana Manufacturing Extension Center (MMEC) to offer a Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training December 4th through 6th, 2024 in person in Kalispell.

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The training was led by Claude Smith from MMEC for food and beverage manufacturers to have a food safety plan in place that includes an analysis of hazards and risk-based preventive controls to minimize or prevent the identified hazards.

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Every human food manufacturer, except for the very smallest who have modified requirements, must have a PCQI develop and implement their facility's food safety plan. After two and a half intense training days filled with information, we now have 12 new PCQI certified individuals in Montana. The participating organizations included Western Montana brewers, food distributors, food banks, and food manufacturers working with ice cream, coffee beans, creamers, and fermented foods.

