

Montana Pulse Crop Production Leads National Supply

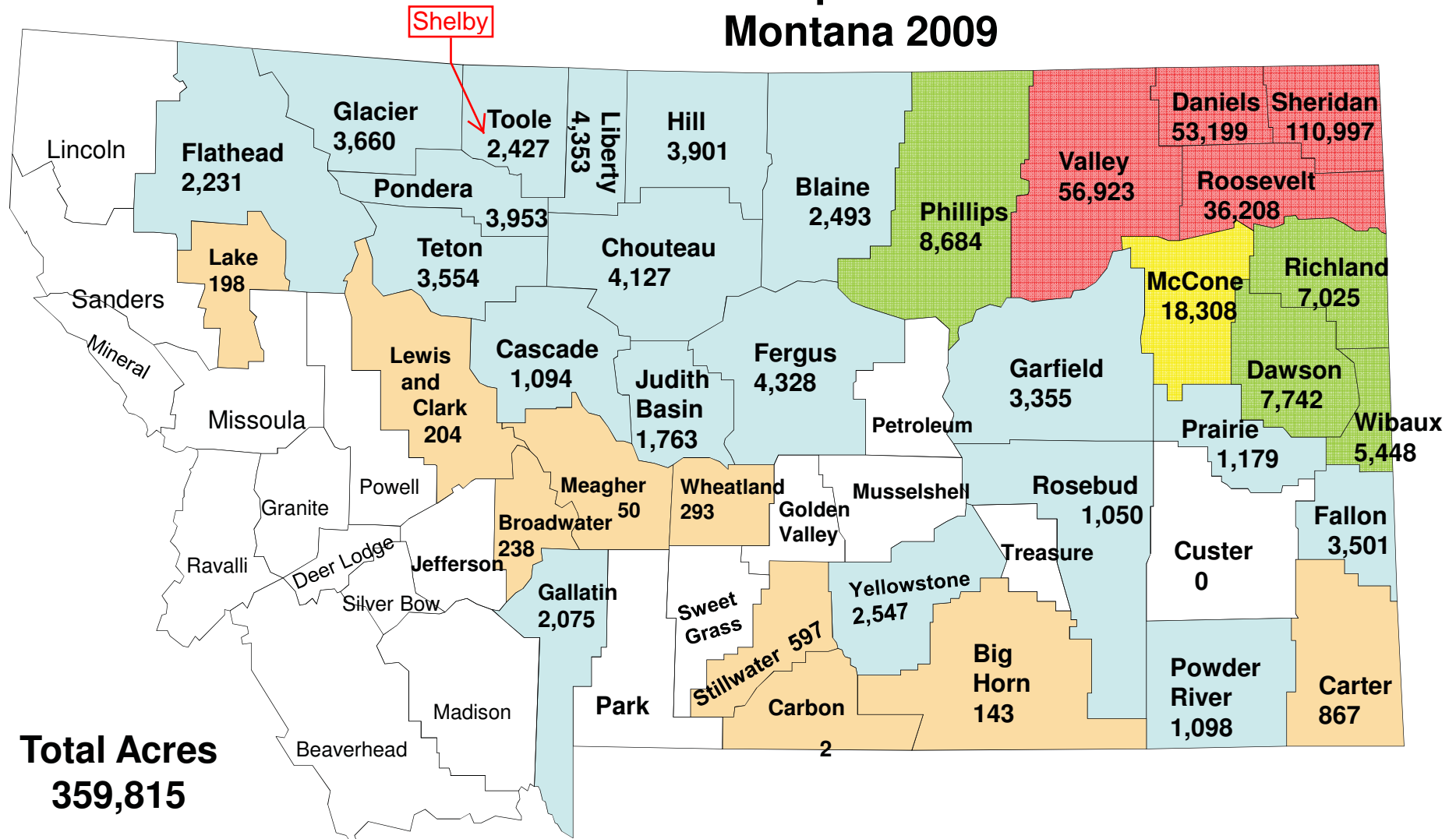
The people of India and China get 90% of their protein from peas and lentils. Processers of these products are rapidly developing grower bases and production facilities in Montana in an attempt to keep pace with demand. Pulse crops are the fastest growing segment of Montana's agriculture production. **Montana pulse crop production increased by 56% in 2010—enough to lead the nation.** See maps below.

The principle restraint to this rapidly developing export is the lack of a facility and transportation system to deliver commodities to West Coast ports as containerized cargo. Instead, commodities are trucked to West Coast ports where they are unloaded and reloaded into ocean containers for international shipment. With a growing global concern for food safety, this unsystematic approach is extremely detrimental to the competitiveness of Montana's agricultural products in the world market.

Construction of the Shelby inland port will allow the State of Montana to deliver exports in a global containerized intermodal freight transport system to ensure the safe, efficient and secure movement of goods to international markets.

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Pulse Crop Planted Acres Montana 2009



1 – 1,000 acres

1,001 – 5,000 acres

5,001 – 10,000 acres

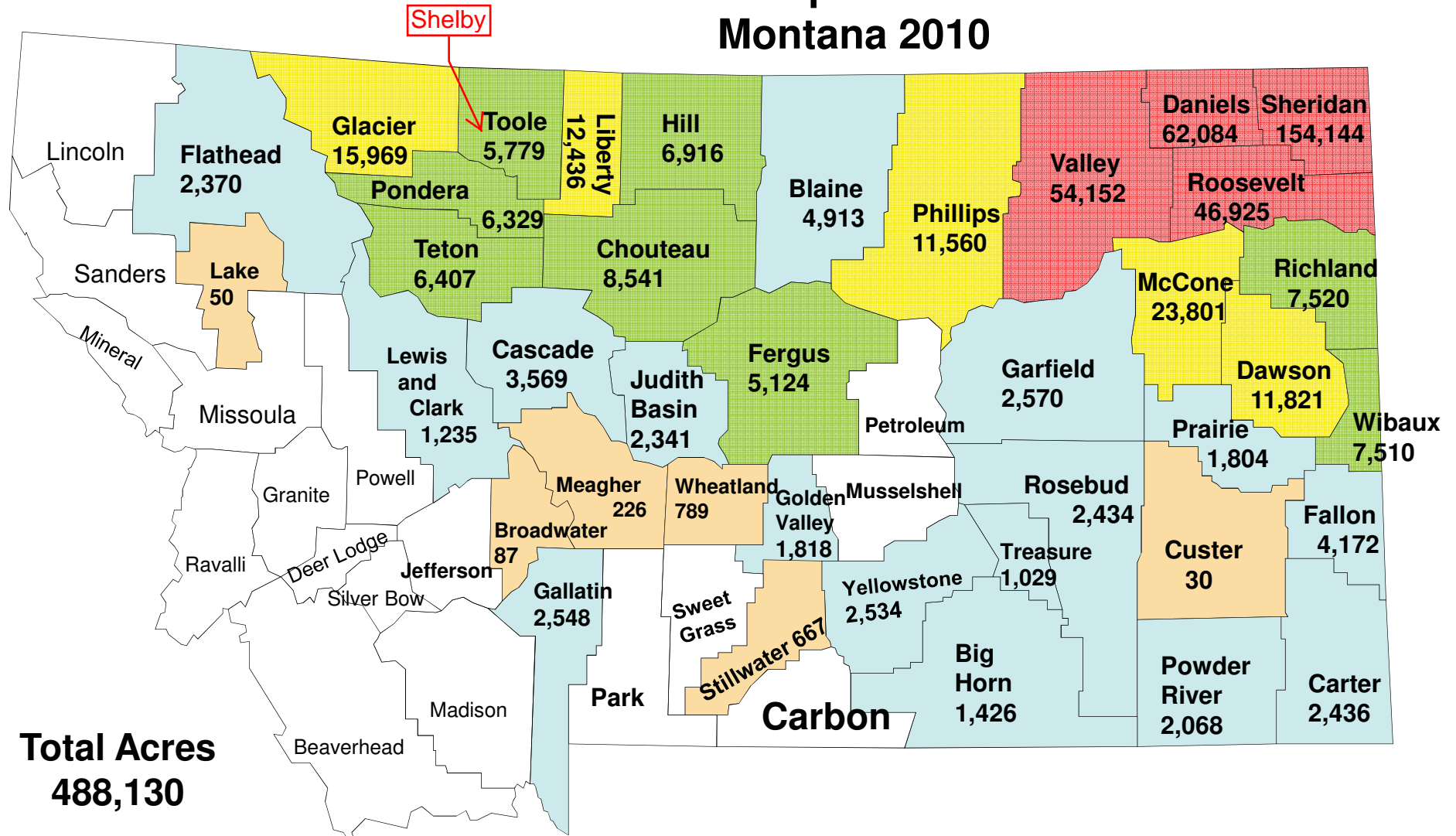
10,001 – 30,000 acres

30,000+ acres

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