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Lentils and Peas Create Opportunity in Montana

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Governor Schweitzer announced today that pulse crop processor and exporter company, American Pulses, is expanding their business in the Treasure State.

The company obtained contracts for 20,000 acres of lentils and peas and will create almost 60 new jobs – which is good news for local wheat farmers.

"If you just grow wheat, on wheat on wheat you get disease and insect problems. When you are able to break that up with wheat, lentils, peas, wheat then you are able to break up that disease and insect cycles, increases the yield of wheat, produces Nitrogen for the wheat crop and it's more dollars for more acres for more Montana farmers," says Schweitzer.

The expansion will boost Montana to number one in the nation for lentil production and second for peas to North Dakota.

These goods will be sent to consumers in India and American Pulses estimates next year there will be 100,000 acres of land available for these products.