

# MONTANA & CANADA

## Partners in security & prosperity



### Quantum connections at Montana State University

**Quantum Singularity** is a startup that came out of the University of Toronto and is a developer of quantum-powered medical imaging platforms intended for rapid, non-invasive, and precise cardiovascular diagnostics. The company recently achieved remarkable success at the inaugural Mountain West Pitch Event hosted by **Montana Photonics** and **Quantum Alliance** in Bozeman, Montana in fall 2025. Competing against an impressive array of innovative startups, Quantum Singularity secured first place, earning a substantial funding award of \$100,000 from **Qubit Ventures**. This victory not only underscores the company’s potential but also reflects the strength of the photonics research ecosystem at Montana State University. The event showcased the advanced capabilities and collaborative spirit of this network, presenting significant opportunities for partnerships between Canadian quantum and photonics companies and their counterparts in Montana, fostering innovation and advancement in these cutting-edge fields.

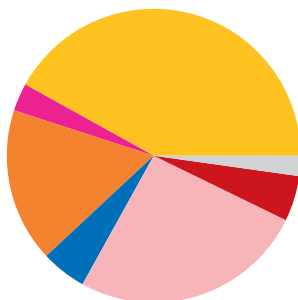


51 Canadian-owned companies employ 2,100 workers in Montana



Montana sells more goods to Canada (its #1 export market) than to its next 17 largest foreign markets combined

Montana exports **\$1.0 billion** in goods to Canada annually



**Goods exports by industry**

- Agriculture (42%)
- Chemicals (3%)
- Energy (17%)
- Equipment & machinery (5%)
- Minerals & metals (26%)
- Transportation (5%)
- Other (2%)

### Montana exports \$249 million in services to Canada, including

Transport.....	\$92 million
Travel (including for education).....	\$83 million
Business services.....	\$28 million
Financial services.....	\$24 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property.....	\$14 million

### Top Montana goods exports to Canada

Live animals.....	\$274 million
Ores, slag & ash.....	\$172 million
Fuel oil.....	\$154 million
Cereals.....	\$46 million
Salt, sulfur, earth & stone, lime & cement.....	\$44 million
Vegetables.....	\$39 million
Stone & cement products, abrasives.....	\$20 million
Agricultural machinery.....	\$17 million
Animal feed & food industry residues.....	\$12 million
Oil seeds.....	\$11 million



Photo: Bridger Aerospace

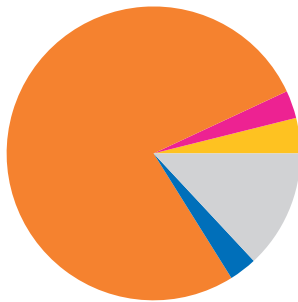
## Strengthening U.S. wildfire response

**Bridger Aerospace**, an American-owned, Montana-based aerial firefighting company, is enhancing wildfire suppression efforts across the U.S. With a specialized fleet, including the Canadian-built CL-415EAF “Super Scooper” aircraft and fixed-wing planes, the company provides rapid response and advanced firefighting capabilities to protect communities in high-risk areas like California and Alaska.

Bridger Aerospace’s commitment to U.S. wildfire management was reinforced in January 2025 when it secured a \$20.1 million, five-year contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. The contract includes deploying air attack and surveillance aircraft for the Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service, ensuring faster, more effective emergency response. Bridger Aerospace’s focus in Canada has primarily been on supporting wildfires in remote, forested areas, particularly in British Columbia and Quebec during the 2023 fires.

Many of Bridger’s pilots and mechanics are Canadian, having spent much of their careers supporting the Canadian aerial firefighting operations before joining Bridger to assist with both U.S. and Canadian wildfire seasons.

## Montana imports \$5.8 billion in goods from Canada annually



- Goods imports by industry**
- Agriculture (4%)
  - Chemicals (3%)
  - Energy (77%)
  - Equipment & machinery (3%)
  - Other (13%)

## Top Montana goods imports from Canada

■ Crude petroleum.....	\$4.3 billion
■ Animal or vegetable fats, oils & waxes.....	\$129 million
■ Natural gas & other gases.....	\$117 million
■ Fertilizers.....	\$102 million
■ Softwood lumber.....	\$81 million
■ Agricultural machinery.....	\$51 million
■ Pearls, gems, precious metals & jewelry.....	\$48 million
■ Wood & semi-finished wood products.....	\$47 million
■ Aircraft & parts.....	\$36 million
■ Cereals.....	\$34 million

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Sources: All figures are in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specified, all figures are based on 2025 data. **U.S. Census Bureau:** goods trade, Canada’s export ranking (2/2026 release). **Trade Partnership Worldwide:** 2024 services exports (2/2026 release). **Dun & Bradstreet:** Canadian-owned businesses operating in the U.S. (2/2026 release). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.

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