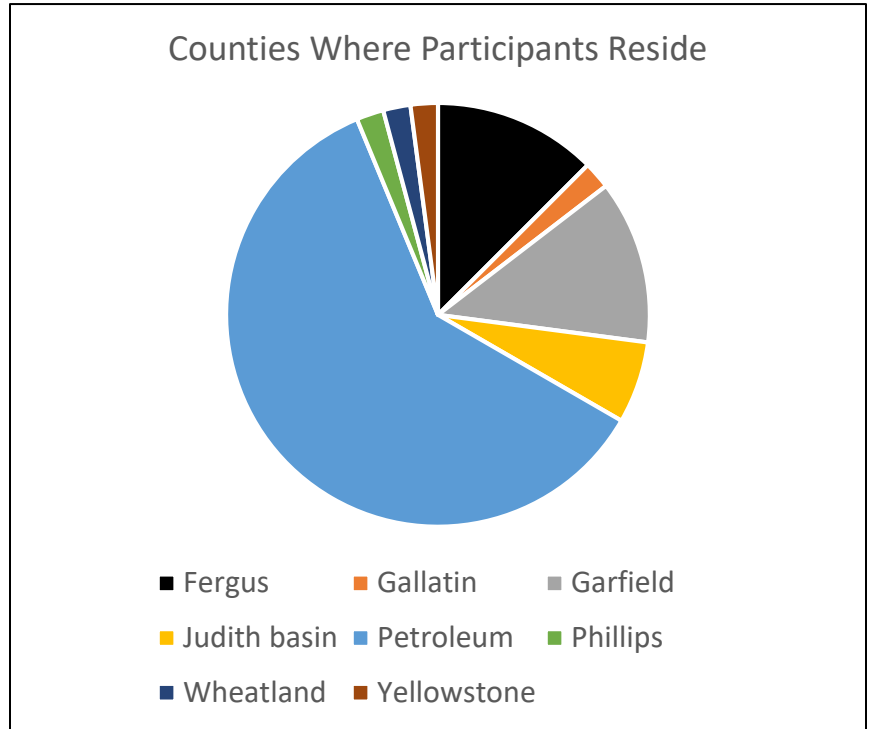
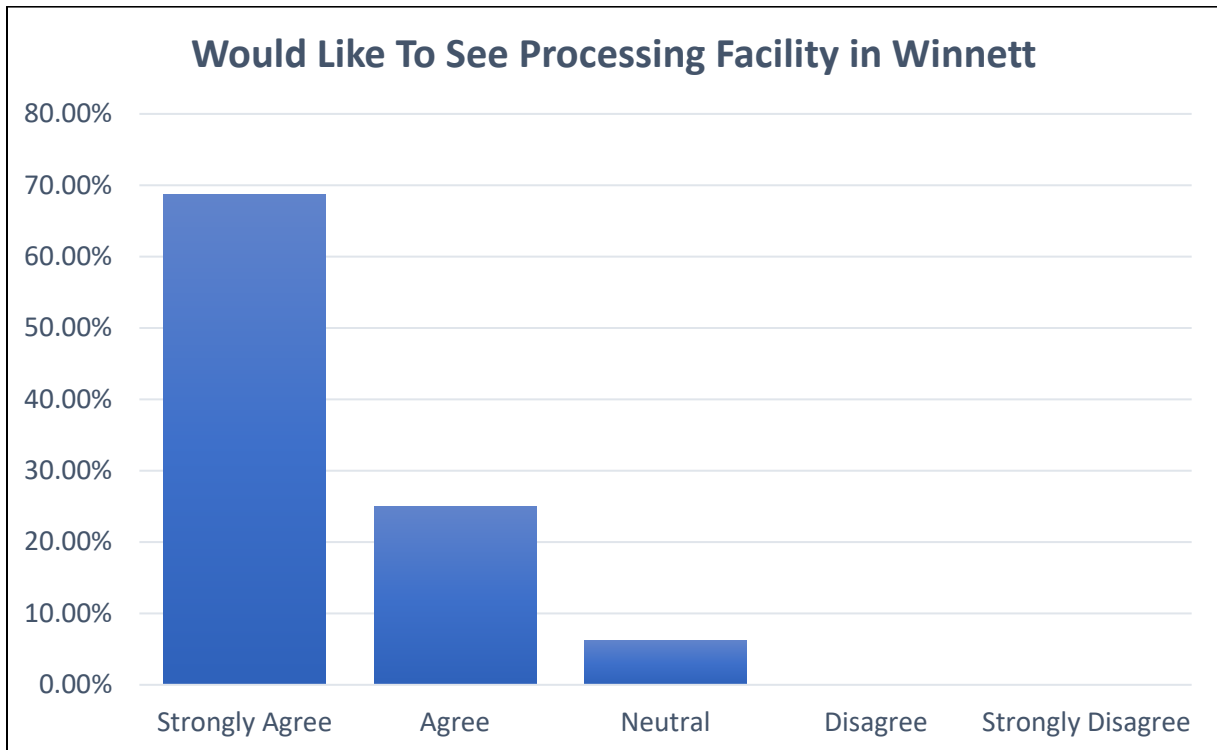


# Processing Survey Results

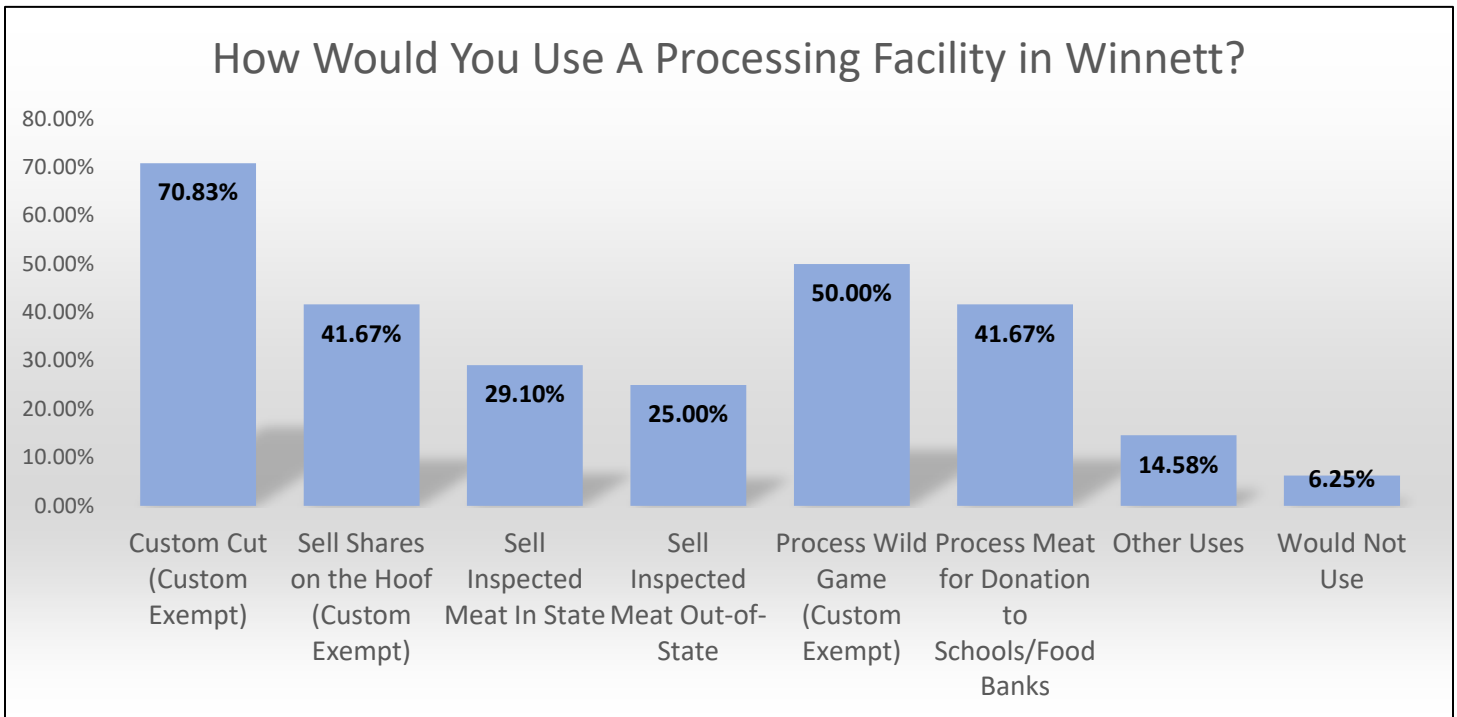
1. In which county do you primarily reside?



2a. I would like to see a meat processing facility established in Petroleum County



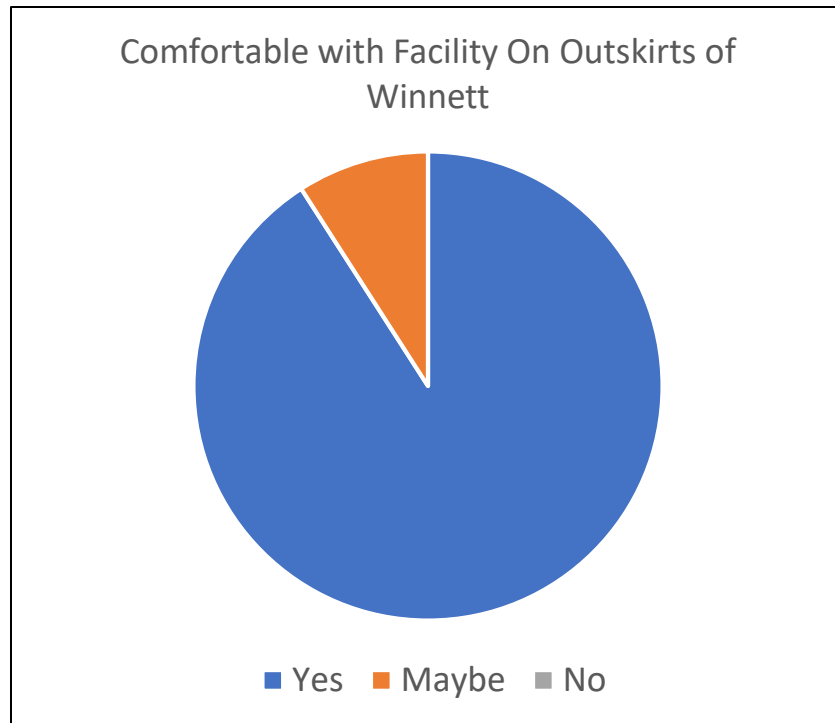
### 3. How would you personally use a meat processing facility?



#### # of Animals:

- Custom Cut: ranged from 1-10 (someone answered 100s)
- On the Hoof: ranged from 0-10 (someone answered 100s)
- In-State Sales: ranged from 0-20
- Out-of-State Sales: ranged from 0-70
- Wild Game: ranged from 0-50 (someone answered 100s)
- Donation: ranged from 1-40
- Other uses:
  - Life skills opportunity for local youth. Potential part time employment.
  - pig, smoked meats
  - Purchase fresh quality beef for myself.
  - We do not currently sell in-state retail but would like to.
  - would like a certified processing plant
  - yes local convenience would be great

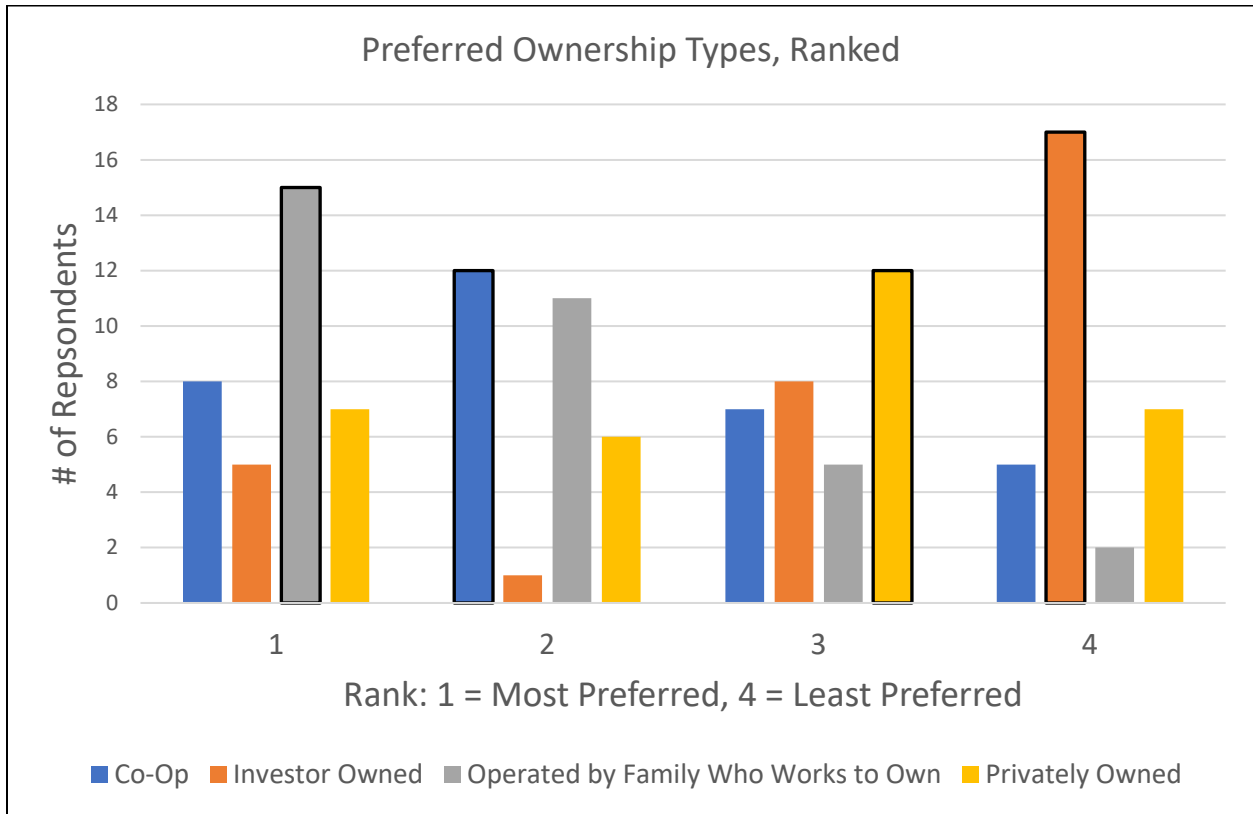
4a. Would you be comfortable with a meat processing facility on the outskirts of Winnett?



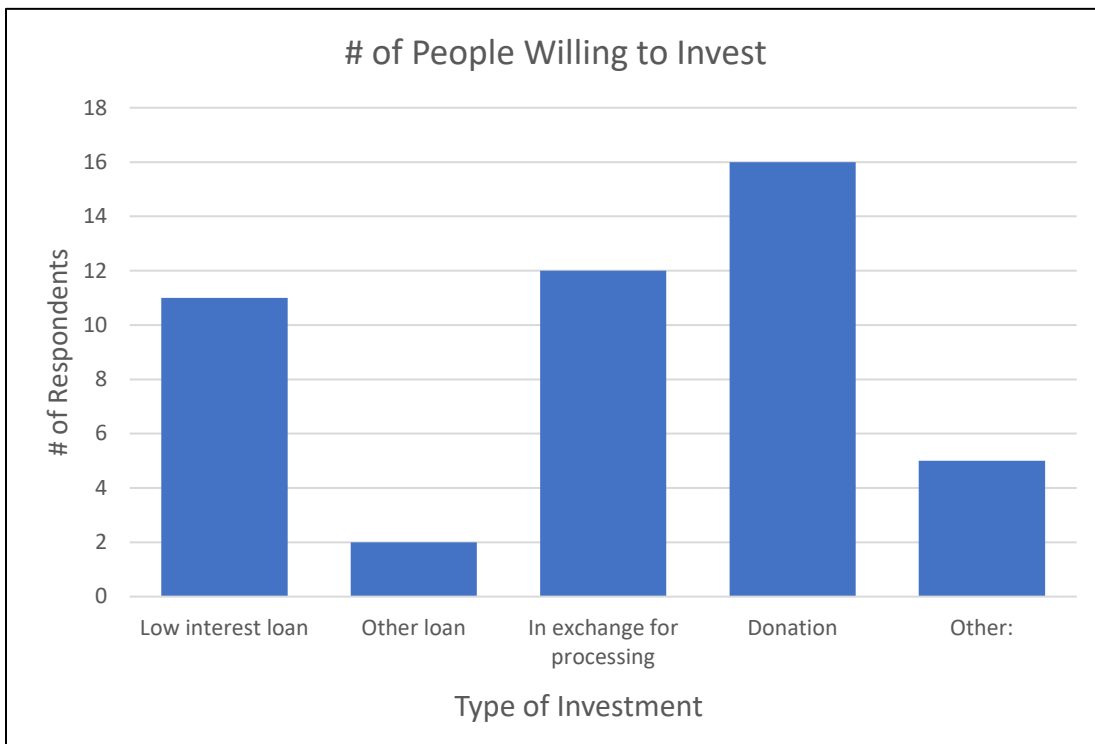
4b. Suggestions for Locations:

- Again, I am in favor of commerce, but would like more information such as how the waste will be taken care off, etc.
- Again, where would the workers come from?
- Close to the highway.
- I need to learn more about what that would entail regarding traffic, noise, smells, etc. :)
- maybe past Tin Can Hill
- Only suggestion would be to be removed from highway a little bit but with good advertisement.
- Petroleum County has land directly across Hwy 200 from the main intersection that turns in to Winnett that we would be more than willing to negotiate leasing and or sale options for this facility.
- State ground at rodeo grounds - ie. Hotel on state lands in Great Falls
- Stockgrowers land by the stockyards
- Teigen Ranch has land for sale.

5. What kind of business structure would you prefer?



6. Would you be interested in investing? How?



## 2b. Reasons for wanting/not wanting a processing facility:

- 8-12 months out for both of the butchers that I regularly use. That's too long. If we want food security in this country we need to be able to harvest what local ranchers are able to produce.
- Add value to our raised product.
- Allows for more local product options and brings some jobs to our community.
- Create opportunity to feed our own cattle
- Diversity of opportunities
- Expedite beef from country to table, local processors are busy
- Great for the ag community
- I believe a facility would be beneficial for producers as well as the community.
- I believe it would truly help this community in growth with employment, and having a local place to take meat to be processed would be nice.
- I believe there is a need, a market, and it would create jobs, and be more sustainable due to less driving/hauling livestock.
- I believe this is a missing component in all of Central MT. Currently folks are waiting up to 12 months to get beef and other livestock processed. A facility that could focus primarily on beef pork sheep and other livestock would benefit all producers and would possibly open up other options for selling and marketing custom production needs.
- I see the demand for locally grown and processed meat increasing. There is quite a waiting period to get meat processed at Ryan's processing plant. The time is right with grass finished beef becoming popular and common, also.
- I think it is critical to rural livelihoods to bring good jobs, create opportunity for local ranchers and create new opportunities for my children to come home.
- I wonder if it is feasible to build a facility in such a low population county. Where would the workforce come from? Generally speaking, however, Montana NEEDS more processing capacity so I would support most any project that was economical.
- I would need to see more information. While I am interested in bringing commerce to Petroleum County, I would like to see how it will effect businesses already in Petroleum County. I would like to see how it will effect jobs and the school.
- Increase of tax base.
- it would be a real boon to the community and provide a local important service that current residents have to go out of County to utilize
- It would be great to have another facility in the area, it would even be better if they had USDA certification. I do hope that if one is established that it is something that can be sustainable and not just a quick thing that came about because of the pandemic situation and the grants.
- It would help the sale of animals in the county and surrounding area and create new jobs
- Jobs mentioned 5 times, local economic benefits mentioned 3 times, convenience and needed mentioned 3 times
- More options, need cooler space that could age beef 25-30 days
- Need entrepreneurial endeavors
- Need is there, jobs, good economic impact for county
- Need more processing capacity, doesn't matter where it is located in central Montana.
- Something here would be great, but it doesn't need to be in this county.

- Strongly agree if it is for beef, elk, deer and antelope. Strongly disagree if any part of it is for pork processing. Our community doesn't need to be ground zero for a disease outbreak; i.e. swine fever/influenza, Erysipelas, leptospirosis, streptococcosis infections
- The county needs something to jump start it since they screwed up the visitors.center proposal.
- The local ag people need someplace close to process their meat. It would be great if the plan was to sell meat to the general public. You should also know why previous processing plants have closed.
- The more meat processing sites the better. Keeps the option of local beef more local. Keeps Montana ag industries alive. Keeps prices competitive. Keeps people employed. Yes all around!
- The more we can have our beef processed locally the better!
- There is only one processing plant in Judith Basin that we use but the capacity is exceeded by the number of people that want to use it. Also the colony doesn't always follow the directions provided for cuts and packaging. The next closest facility is Belt, MT and it is also too busy. It is within driving distance to Petroleum if space was available.
- This would be good for everyone involved. Lets bring more businesses and jobs to Petroleum County!
- We happily drive our beef to Lewistown to be processed but if there was a more local facility in Winnett we would surely support them. We supported Olson's and the Grass Range store when they were still cutting meat.

With the current climate it's difficult to schedule meat cutting too, another outlet for an already bottlenecked process is needed.

- We need 4-5 beef butchered yearly and currently I haul them to Jordan. That is almost 150 miles on way.
- We raise good beef, lamb, and game. Local interest and pride.
- would be a very big asset to our community  
Adding value to cull animals is needed and dollars made are often turned over multiple times within a small community
- Would create jobs and would be a convenience.
- Would use if properly staffed and operated.

## 9. Other comments:

- Cleanliness is very important
- Contact Jake Feddes with the Amsterdam Meat Shop. He has done some really great stuff with their meat shop that they just purchased. He's a friend of mine and wouldn't mind the name drop!
- Go ACES!
- Good idea
- I think this would be a great asset and would be a great addition to the communities. I hope i can help in any way possible.
- I would love to see MT as a leading state developing regional processing facilities invested in and controlled by the local community.

- There is a great deal of energy for change. The Western Meat School has over 580 participants, with the largest state represented being MT at 73.
- I have heard of the nightmares of trying to move something like forward: high cost, slim margins....but I guess my opinion is, “welcome to ranching.”
- Let’s do this thing! Amber
- Jobs and bring more people to existing businesses, tax base increase.
- Orders for local beef has grown beyond capabilities of local facilities and will continue.
- Thanks for starting this
- This is a great forward thinking idea. We need to invest in the sustainment and progress of this community to keep it thriving
- This would be a great facility to include in the Muss/Golden Valley fairs market animal processing list
- Very important project that could transform the county.