



# MONTANA & FRANCE

A deep and mutually beneficial relationship

JOBS



FRENCH FIRMS  
ACCOUNT FOR  
**12.6%**  
OF JOBS CREATED  
BY FOREIGN  
COMPANIES

**1,200**  
JOBS CREATED  
BY FRENCH  
COMPANIES

**#2**  
FRANCE'S RANK  
FOR JOB CREATION

**+33.3%**  
GROWTH  
OVER 10 YEARS

A SUCCESS STORY IN  
**MONTANA**

## Nature's Fynd

Nature's Fynd is a U.S.-based company that develops fungus-based proteins for meat substitutes. The company was founded in 2012 and based its R&D activities in Bozeman, Montana. Thomas Jonas, a former officer in the French Air Force and currently the CEO of Nature's Fynd, teamed up with Mark Kozubal, Chief Science Officer, to develop a research lab in Bozeman, Montana in order to create a product drawing on a fermentation process linked to unique microbes that live in the geothermal hot springs of Yellowstone National Park. The fermentation process was catalyzed by NASA-supported research as well as three other U.S. agencies which also backed the research: the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Agriculture. The company aims to serve a range of consumer and industrial applications with its protein production platform, including microbial manufacturing needs as well as other space travel uses for NASA.

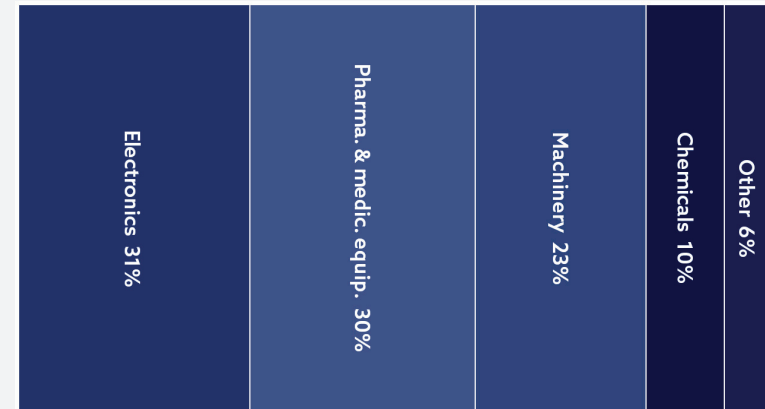
In March 2020, Nature's Fynd closed an \$ 80 M round that enabled it to move its production into a 35,000-square-foot plant and begin production of its geothermal springs sourced microbe-based product in Chicago. This new production facility was built out with the aim of producing branded consumer products such as animal-free cream cheese, chicken nuggets, beef sliders, pork dumplings and chocolate mousse.

**\$51 MILLION**  
TRADED ANNUALLY

2012-2022  
TRADE INCREASE  
**+180%**

TRADE

### EXPORTS TO FRANCE **\$32 MILLION**



### IMPORTS FROM FRANCE **\$18 MILLION**

